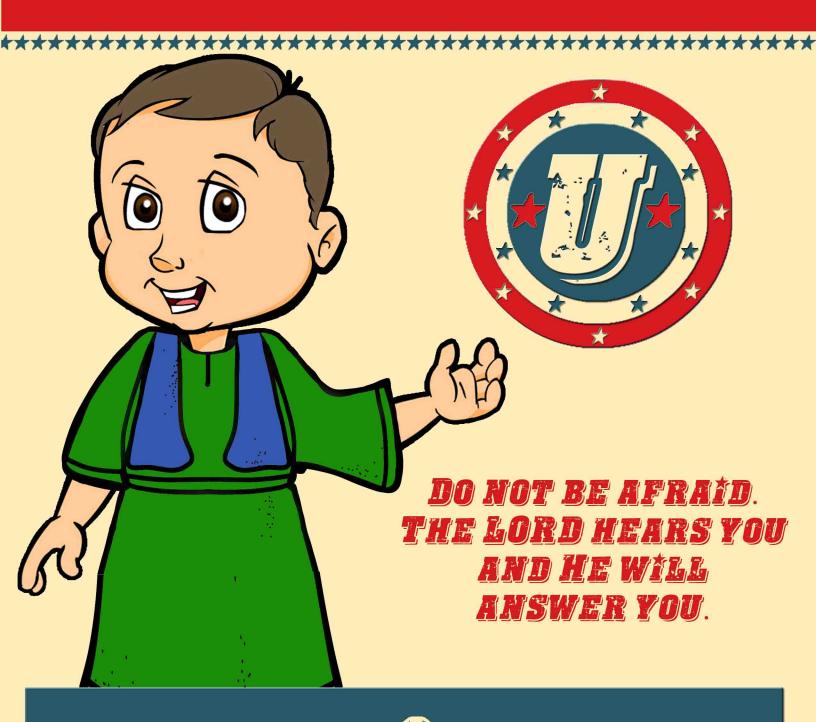
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# \*GOD OF THE UNDERDOSS\*

Vacation Bible School



# DO NOT BE AFRAID THE LORD HEARS YOU AND HE WILL ANSWER YOU

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BANTEL 10.12

# **Overview**

Day 5 Theme - Do not be afraid. The LORD hears you and He will answer you. **Scripture Focus - Daniel 10:12** 

Memory Verse - Daniel 10:12a,c - Do not be afriad... You decided to get more understanding... Since the first day you did those things, your words were heard. I have come to give you an answer.

Gally Gator Games - Lions, Daniels, and Angels Freeze Tag **Snack in Lennie Lion Lounge - FATCAT Snacks** Callie Cat Crafts - A Brave Face & A Mighty ROAR for Jesus Pennie Penguin Missions Focus - Mango Tree Center - Tonga **Doc Duck Discipleship - Dare to Be a Daniel** 



# **Opening Session**

Welcome - A very effective way to signal to the children that it is time to begin, is by opening with a song. Based on the music you determine to use for your VBS, select a song or two that you will use as your opening music. As the week moves on, children will pick up on the fact that when they hear this music, it is time to get things started.

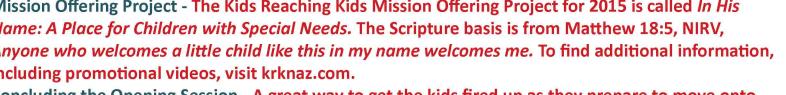
Greetings - Take a moment to welcome the children, expressing how excited you are that they have come to VBS. Introduce yourself and your rotation leaders again, along with the other volunteer or staff members that the kids will be interacting with during Day 5 of VBS.

Opening Prayer - Invite Christ into your VBS by opening each night with a prayer. You might consider asking someone different each night to offer this prayer.

Opening Skit - Take a moment to introduce the skit by reading the following: All this week, we have been introduced to a number of friends who have been helping us learn about God and His love for us. This includes those who are sometimes called underdogs. An underdog is someone who may feel that the whole world is against them. They may think that they are not important, and that nothing they do makes a difference. As we have already learned during the first four days of VBS, when someone puts their trust in God, they are never really underdogs. When you feel like an underdog, remember that God is always their for you. Our Day 4 Underdog, Callie Cat is back with us today, and he has brought with him our Day 5 Underdog, Lennie Lion.

Mission Offering Project - The Kids Reaching Kids Mission Offering Project for 2015 is called In His Name: A Place for Children with Special Needs. The Scripture basis is from Matthew 18:5, NIRV, Anyone who welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me. To find additional information, including promotional videos, visit krknaz.com.

Concluding the Opening Session - A great way to get the kids fired up as they prepare to move onto the VBS rotations that you have planned is to have the children sing another song. The song you use as you close the opening session can also be used at the end of the night to open the closing session.







# Day 5 Opening Skit

As the skit opens, we find the Day 4 Underdog, Callie Cat, sitting at a table with a sign reading "Welcome New Recruits." Callie is busy shuffling through some paperwork and does not notice Lennie Lion, who sheepishly walks into the room and slowly approaches Callie's table.

OPENING SKIT

Lennie Lion: Excuse me, ma'am. Is this where I register for classes?

Callie Cat: Well, hello! Are you a new student here at FATCAT?

**Lennie Lion: FATCAT?** 

Callie Cat: Yes, FATCAT. The Feline Academy of Teaching Cat-like Attitude & Toughness.

Lennie Lion: Oh, yeah, I guess this is the right place. And, yes, I am a new student here.

Callie Cat: Well con- "cat" -ulations on your decision to join us here at FATCAT. Are you excited to get started on enhancing and developing your cat-like attitude & toughness.

Lennie Lion: I guess so. (Lennie says in a quiet and shy voice.)

Callie Cat: YOU GUESS SO! (Callie shouts back, startling Lennie and causing him to duck down under the table in fear.)

Lennie Lion: Yyyyyeaaaahhhh, I gggggguesssss sssssooooo. (Lennie responds in a obviously frightened state.)

Callie Cat: (Realizing that she has gone a little too far with her boisterous reply, she decides to pull back her level of excitement.) Oh, my. Are you alright? I did not mean to startle you.

Lennie Lion: (Slowly Lennie climbs out from under the table and regains his composure.) That's okay. I guess I should have mentioned that I am not what you might call brave. In fact, I don't think I possess an ouce of cat-like attitude or toughness.

Callie Cat: Well, it sounds like you have definitely come to the right place. How about we just start with some easy questions. What is your name?

Lennie Lion: My name is Lennie, Lennie Lion.

Callie Cat: (Callie looks down at the papers on the table in front of her. She appears to be looking through a list of names until she finally comes to the name she is seeking.) Is this you? Leonardo Longstocking Lion.

Lennie Lion: Please, just call me Lennie.

Callie Cat: Ok, Lennie. You have come a long way to be here with us at FATCAT.

Lennie Lion: Yes. I am a long way from home. I don't know anyone here; and if you had not noticed, I am a little anxious about being here.

Callie Cat: I think I may have sensed that. (Callie responds with a big smile across her face.) My guess is you are feeling a little out of place. You may even be wondering if FATCAT is the place for you. Am I correct?

Lennie Lion: Yes, you are correct. This place is so different from what I am use to. As a lion, I know that it is important for me to become more cat-like; and I also understand that it probably would not hurt me to work on my attitude and toughness, but...

Callie Cat: What is it Lennie?

Lennie Lion: I am afraid that I may be asked to do things here as a part of my training that might go against what I believe. I want to be a strong lion, but I don't want to be the kind of lion that people run away from when they see me.

Callie Cat: Have you ever the story of Daniel from the Bible?

Lennie Lion: Wasn't he the one a king had thrown into a pit of lions, the kind of lions that I don't want to become like?



Callie Cat: Yes, that is the Daniel I am talking about. But before that King had him thrown into that pit of lions, the kind of lions that you don't want to become like, he also found himself far from home. He was taken to be trained to serve a foreign king. Daniel had a strong



faith in God; and he believed that no matter where he was, he wanted to do his best to serve God. Daniel appeared to be in a bad situation. People may have even thought he was an underdog.

Lennie Lion: Did they make him do things he did not want to do?

Callie Cat: They tried. They wanted Daniel to eat certain foods and drink certain drinks that Daniel felt were wrong. Daniel did not want to disobey those who were training him, but he also felt that the food and drink they wanted him to have would not honor God.

Lennie Lion: What did he do?

Callie Cat: He went to the head instructor and asked the instructor to let him and his friends eat only vegetables and drink only water for ten days. He told the instructor that after the ten days, he could test Daniel and his friends to see how they were doing?

Lennie Lion: Did the instructor agree to let Daniel and his friends do this?

Callie Cat: It took some convincing, but he finally allowed them to try it for ten days.

Lennie Lion: And what happened?

Callie Cat: When the ten days were up, he tested Daniel and his friends. He found that not only were they doing as well as the others who were being trained, but they were actually at the top of the class.

Lennie Lion: Sounds like Daniel was a pretty smart guy.

Callie Cat: Daniel did have a lot of wisdom, but Daniel always gave all the honor and priase to God. Daniel knew that if he honored God, God would always be there for him. Daniel was not an underdog, and neither is anyone who puts their trust in God.

Lennie Lion: That is what I want to do. I want to become cat-like; and I want to have a great cat attitude; and I want a lot of cat toughness; but I want to do it in a way that will honor God too.

Callie Cat: I think that is a great idea, Lennie. If you will trust God, and if you will never forget that it is from God where all of your strength and wisdom comes from, you will become the best lion that you can be.

Lennie Lion: I think I am beginning to feel a lot better about coming here. I think I am ready to join the FATCAT team. Where do I sign up? (Lennie picks up a pen as Callie points out to him where he is to sign his name.)

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# **Closing Session**

Greetings - Take a moment to greet the children to the closing session. This is a perfect opportunity to review with the children what they learned during the Day 5 - Bible Story about Daniel. Take some time to review the story and ask the children some key questions from the lesson. You may also choose to ask one of the children to recite the Day 5 - Memory Verse from Daniel 10: 12a,c.

Closing Skit - There is no closing skit for Day 5.

Mission Offering Project - Remind the children of the Kids Reaching Kids Mission Offering Project, In His Name: A Place for Children with Special Needs. Announce the total of the offering collected in the opening session. Encourage the children to share with their friends and family about Kids Reaching Kids, and this year's Mission Offering Project..

Concluding the Closing Session - A great way to wrap up each night of VBS is by closing with a final song. Following the song, take a moment to once again review with the children the key insights and lessons that were taught during VBS that day. Make important announcements for both the children and your leaders. Close the evening in prayer.

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Day 5 - Bible Story

Leader - Read the following summary of the story of Daniel. This summary includes three accounts from the life of Daniel from Daniel chapters 1,2, & 6. Each of these stories shows how Daniel, who may have been in the position of an underdog, never waivered in his fiath toward his God. At the conclusion of each chapter summary, ask the children these three questions: 1) Whose actions caused Daniel to be in the position he found himself in? 2) What did Daniel do when he found himself in that position? 3) How do we know that God listened and anwered Daniel's prayers?

Day 5 - Bible Story - God Listens and God Answers

# **Daniel Chapter 1**

When Daniel was a young man, the Babylonians placed Judah and its people, the Israelites, under captivity. Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon took a number of the best young Israelites to serve him and his kingdom. Daniel was among those chosen. However, Daniel did not want to defile himself by eating the rich foods and drink that was to be provided these men. God was good to Daniel, and He helped Daniel persuade the king's chief official to let him and his close friends – Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego – eat only vegetables and water for ten days. At the conclusion of those ten days, Daniel and his three friends were found to be healthier than those who had the rich food and drink. When the king's official saw how healthy they were, he allowed them to continue to eat only vegatables and drink water. God blessed these men; and upon the completion of their time of training, King Nebuchadnezzar could not find any that equalled them.

# Daniel Chapter 2

Some time later, King Nebuchadnezzar had a disturbing dream. When he called his wise men to interpret the dream, none of them could do it. The king became very upset and ordered all the wise men to be put to death. Daniel and his friends were among the king's wise men, but they had not been present at the time of the kings dream. When Daniel learned that they were to be put to death along with the other wise men, he returned home and asked his three friends to pray to God for help. That night, God gave Daniel a vision. Through the vision, Daniel was able to interpret the king's dream, thus saving the lives of all of the wise men. Daniel did not claim any glory or praise; instead, he gave all the glory to God.

"The Great God has shown you what will take place in the days to come. The dream is true. And you can trust the meaning of it that I have explained to you" (Daniel 2:45c).

The king was so pleased that he placed Daniel in a place of authority and appointed his friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, to help him govern Babylon and the towns around it.



Daniel Chapter 6

Some time later, King Nebuchadnezzar died, and a new King, Darius, came to rule Babylon. He too valued Daniel for his wisdom and leadership, and he placed him

BIBLE STORY

in a high place of authority. Daniel was one of three such men who helped the king rule over his kingdom. When Daniel's service showed to be far superior to that of the other two men, King Daius began to make plans to put Daniel in charge of the entire kingdom. The two other men became very jealous of Daniel, and they tried to find something against Daniel that might cause the king to change his mind. When they could find nothing wrong in how Daniel served the king, they decided to come up with a plot of their own.

The two men went to King Darius. They convinced the king to issue a decree that anyone who worshipped anyone but the king for a period of 30 days would be thrown into the lion's den. They convinced Darius to put it into writing so that it could not be changed, not even by the king himself. These men knew that Daniel, who worshipped the one true God, would voilate this order. The men caught Daniel worshipping his God, and they went and reported this to King Darius. The king thought very hightly of Daniel, and was very upset. But since he had put the order into writing, he knew it must be obeyed.

Daniel was taken and thrown into the lion's den. When this happened, the king said to Daniel, "You always serve your God faithfully. So may he save you!" (Daniel 6: 16b).

The next morning, the king rushed to the lion's den to see if the lions had eaten Daniel. "He said, 'Daniel! You serve the living God. You always serve him faithfully. So has he been able to save you from the lions?' Daniel answered, 'Your Majesty, may you live forever! My God sent his angel. And his angel shut the mouths of the lions. They haven't hurt me at all" (Daniel 6:20b-21a).

Daniel was once again saved by God; and as he always had done, he gave all the glory to the one true God.

### Conclusion

Daniel may have looked like an underdog at times. He was taken from his home to live in a foreign land to serve a foreign king. He faced death because of the actions of others. But through it all, Daniel never stopped honoring his God in Heaven. Despite his situation, Daniel always gave God the glory. And when Daniel needed God, God always listened to Daniel's prayers and answered him by blessing Daniel for his faithfulness.

"Do not be afraid, Daniel. You decided to get more understanding. You made your-self humble as you worshiped your God. Since the first day you did those things, your words were heard. I have come to give you an answer" (Daniel 10:12).



# **Day 5 - Memory Verse**

Leader - Depending on the educational level or age of the children, you may choose to have them memorize only a portion of the Scripture. In the case of the Day 5 - Memory Verse, the memory portion of Daniel 10:12 has already been shortened. Here is the memory portion:



### Daniel 10:12a,c

"Do not be afraid... You decided to get more understanding... Since the first day you did those things, your words were heard. I have come to give you an answer."

### **Bible Memory Activity**

The Bible Memory activity for Day 5 - Daniel features a simple but effective game we have named **Daniel In the Lion's Den**. The story of Daniel in the Lion's Den from Daniel chapter six is one of the most well-known stories from the Old Testament.

# **What You Will Need To Play**

- 1) A white board or large piece of paper where you can display the memory verse.
- 2) A medium-sized lightweight ball, such as a Nerf ball, works best.

# **How To Play**

- 1. Have the children form a circle at least 10 feet in diameter. The children who form the circle will be the lions.
- 2. Select one child to be Daniel. Daniel will be inside the circle, or in the lion's den.
- 3. Start by giving one of the lions the ball. That lion says the first word of the memory verse and attempts to pass the ball to another lion of their choice.
- 4. As the lion passes the ball, Daniel will try to intercept the pass. If Daniel intercepts the pass, then Daniel will trade places with the lion who threw the pass, and that lion now becomes Daniel.
- 5. The new lion says the next word of the memory verse and attempts to pass the ball to another lion .
- 6. If the pass is not intercepted by Daniel, the lion who catches the ball will say the next word of the memory verse and attempt to pass the ball to different lion.
- 7. There is no set time limit for the game. Have the children play the game until the verse has been said in its entirety two to three times.

# **Challenge Option**

To add a level of difficulty or challenge to the game, consider removing the memory verse from sight after the verse has been said in its entirety one or two times. In this version, if the lion who has the ball cannot remember the next word of the verse, they must switch places with Daniel in the lion's den.



# DAY 5 - ERAFTS

The craft idea included on this page was chosen with the goal of giving churches a simple, fun, and effective way to enhance what the children will be learning during Day 5 and all week during VBS.

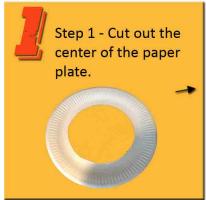
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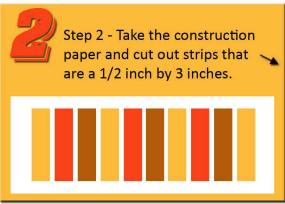


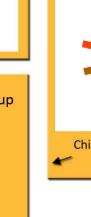
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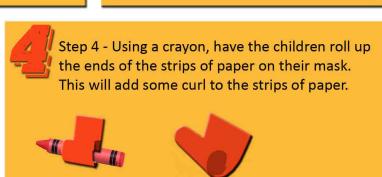
The craft Idea for Day 5 is a simple and fun lion mask that will provide children with a colorful reminder of their week at Vacation Bible School. As the children leave this week of Vacation Bible School behind them, it is our hope that what they have learned this week will go with them. We pray that they will bravely face their world with a mighty "ROAR" for Jesus.

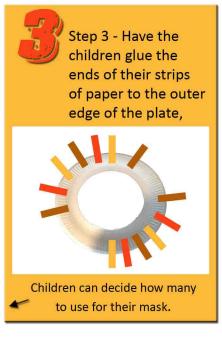
What is needed: Paper plates (1 per child), construction paper (brown, yellow & orange), scissors, crayons or markers, and glue. (Depending on the amount of time you have, you may want to have steps one and two completed before the children arrive.)













If you choose, you can have the children write the Day 5 memory verse, theme, or spiritual truth on their mask.

Either way, the children will be prepared to give a mighty "ROAR" for Jesus.



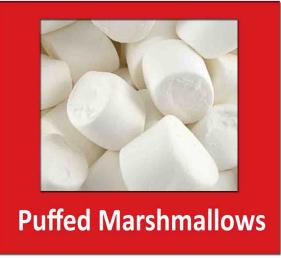
# DAY 5 - SNACKS

On this page you will find a snack idea that you may choose to incorporate into your Vacation Bible School.

# SNACK TDEA - FATGAT SNACKS

In honor of Lennie Lion's entrance into FATCAT, the Feline Academy of Teaching Cat-like Attitude & Toughness, consider serving the children a FATCAT snack. A FATCAT snack is any snack item that comes in a "puffed" form. Below are some examples of "puffed" snacks.











On this page, you will find a game idea that you may choose to incorporate into your Vacation Bible School.



# LIONS, DANIELS, & ANGELS FREEZE TAG

### What You Will Need To Play

All you need for this game are four cones (pylons) to designate the playing area. The size of your playing area will depend on the space you have available and the age of the children.

### **How To Play**

Divide the children into three groups: lions, Daniels, and angels. The number of children playing the game will help you determine how many children to designate into each group. Below are some suggested examples:

Group Size = 10
Daniels = 8
Lions = 1
Angels = 1

Group Size = 15
Daniels = 12
Lions = 2
Angels = 1

Group Size = 20 Daniels = 15 Lions = 3 Angels = 2

The game is played like traditional freeze tag, with the lions chasing and trying to tag the Daniels. If a lion tags a Daniel, that Daniel is frozen. The frozen Daniel must kneel down on one knee with one hand reaching up toward Heaven for help. A frozen Daniel must remain frozen in the position described above until an angel comes to their aid. The angel unfreezes a frozen Daniel by tagging their raised hand. An angel cannot be frozen.

This game has no natural ending point. The game only ends when the leader chooses to stop the game. Consider allowing each game last about 3-5 minutes. This will allow children the opportunity to play the game several times, while also providing them the opportunity to play more than one role.



To be shared with the children following the game.

When you are afraid or feel like you are all alone, you can always pray to God in Heaven. God is listening, and He will answer your prayer.



# Dog Dugk Discipleship Lesson Plan - Day 5



The following is a lesson plan that you can use with the **DOG DUCK DISCIPLESHIP** section on page 2 of the Day 5 Student Activity Sheet. Below is the same content that is found on the Student Activity Sheet. Read the information provided, and lead the children through the discussion aids that have been included below to help you guide them through this activity.

Daniel, the Underdog for Day 5, faced a number of difficult challenges in his life. But through it all, he never stopped living a humble life in service to his God. Even when Daniel was taken to a foreign land and forced to serve a foreign king, his life was a testimony to the power of God. People who saw Daniel's life also saw the God Daniel served. Disciples of Jesus Christ are also called to live their lives like Daniel did. When disciples lives a humble life in service of Jesus, they help others come to know Jesus. Their lives reflect the **Good News** of Jesus Christ. This **Good News** is that Jesus Christ died for their sins; and by putting their faith in Jesus, they can live with Him for eternity. Disciples of Jesus Christ are called to humbly share this message with their world. And just like Daniel did, disciples should never forget to give all the praise and glory to Jesus Christ. Who do you know who needs to hear the **Good News** of Jesus Christ? Take some time to think of three people with whom you can share the **Good News** of Jesus Christ.

(Ask) How many of you know someone who has never accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior? (Keep in mind that there will most likely be children attending your Vacation Bible School who have never accepted Christ as their Savior. If you sense that a child wants to know more about how to accept Christ as their Savior, consider having a member of the pastoral staff of your church available to speak with the child.)

(Say) When we tell others how Jesus died for our sins so that we can live with Him for eternity, we are sharing the **Good News** of Jesus Christ. (Ask) Can you think of some people you know who would like to hear the **Good News** of Jesus Christ? (It is not necessary to have the children share their responses out loud.) (Say) Take a few minutes to think about people who you know who you would like to share the **Good News** of Jesus Christ with. You can write their names in the space provided on the **Dare to Be a Daniel** activity page. (You can find this activity page in the **Additoinal Resources** section of the **Day 5 - Daniel** webpage at **www.gotuvbs.com**.)

(Say) The most common way that people share the **Good News** of Jesus Christ with others is by telling them about Jesus. However, did you know that sometimes you don't have to use words? Today's Underdog from the Bible, Daniel, used words to tell others about his God, but he also showed people who God was by how he lived his life. It did not matter what situation Daniel faced; he always did what He knew God wanted him to do. Through his actions, people were able to learn about the God he served. (Ask) Can you think of some ways, other than using words, that you can show people who Jesus Christ is? (Allow children the opportuninty to share their ideas with the group.) (Say) Take a few minutes to write down some ways you can share the **Good News** of Jesus Christ with your actions. You can write your ideas in the space provided on the **Dare to Be a Daniel** activity page.



The Dare to Be A Daniel student activity page can be found in the Additional Resources section on the Day 5 - Daniel web page

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# PENNIE PENGUIN MISSIONS LESSON PLAN - DAY 5

Helping children become mission-minded Christians is important. Including a missions-focused activity as a part of your Vacation Bible School rotation will help you begin to make this a reality. The Student Activity sheet for each day includes a Pennie Penguin missions focus. On page 2 of the Day 5 - Student Activity sheet, you will find the information briefly describing a ministry that Kids Reaching Kids has recently supported. Take a few moments to read over the information about the Mango Tree Center in Tonga with the children. In addition to the information found on the Student Activity sheet, you can also find the fund distribution informational page on the Day 5 - Daniel webpage. This page provides additional information about this ministry that you can share with the children of your local church.



Fund Distribution Page







In addition to the information describing the missions effort by Kids Reaching Kids, a special **In His Name** coloring page is available in the **Additional Resources** section of the **Day 5** - **Daniel** webpage. Children can color this page and take it home with them. Encourage children to place their picture on their bedroom wall, the family refridgerator, or any location where it can serve as a reminder of the 2015 Mission Offering Project

and the importance of reaching out and doing their part to help children with special needs.





# Pennie Penguin Missions

# The Mango Tree Center - Tonga - Asia-Pacific

Tonga is a small country in the South Pacific. In Tonga, the parents of disabled and special needs children believe the disabilities are punishments from God for the parents' sin. But to God, the disabled and special needs children in Tonga are "hidden treasures." To serve these hidden treasures, the Church of the Nazarene started the Mango Tree Center ministry. By demonstrating the love of Jesus, the Mango Tree Center for People with Disabilities serves the disabled and special needs children who are isolated by their community. The center also serves their families who are suffering under shame and guilt. Families are provided holistic and family-centered rehabilitation services like home visit care, rehabilitative therapy, computer classes, Braille courses, mobility aids, house renovation, annual camps, and sponsorship programs for their families. Thanks to the efforts of the children who gave to the Hope Project, Kids Reaching Kids was able to contributed \$10,000 toward this ministry effort.

The 2015 Kids Reaching Kids Mission Offering Project, **In His Name**, is raising money for ministries like Caring for Children with Disabilities that specialize in ministering to children with special needs. When you visit the Kids Reaching Kids website at www.krknaz.com, you can find resources you can use to further inform the children about the types of ministries and children the





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Day 5 🖈 Daniel

DANTEL 10:12



Name





# PRAYER

Dear Jesus,

When I pray, I know that you are listening. I know that you hear me, and I trust that you will answer my prayer.

Amen

y prayer.

Help Daniel find his way out of the Lion's Den below. Make sure you avoid the lions.

# Exit Here

THE WORD

# DANTEL 10:12

12 He continued, "Do not be afraid,
Daniel. You decided to get more
understanding. You made yourself
humble as you worshiped your God.
Since the first day you did those things,
your words were heard. I have come
to give you an answer.

Unscramble the blocks of letters to reveal the Day 5 Theme.
Write the letters in the correct order in the blank boxes.

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★ The Day 5 Animal Underdog is \_\_\_\_\_\_

The Day 5 Memory Verse is from Daniel 10:12a,c. Share this verse with a friend or family member.

