



Stand Up - October 18

Parents: When we walk in obedience to God, love Him, and serve Him with all of our heart and soul, there will be times when we have to stand up for God before others. Let's take a look at the powerful lesson of Daniel and the Lion's Den. Daniel loved God with all of his heart and was willing to die before he gave up praying, thanking, and asking God for help.

Read: (Be sure to have the Bingo card(s) ready. Listen for the designated words in the worship message or as you read the following verses.)

Deuteronomy 10:12-22 **12** And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, **13** and to observe the Lord's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

14 To the Lord your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. **15** Yet the Lord set his affection on your ancestors and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations—as it is today. **16** Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. **17** For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. **18** He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. **19** And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt.

Discuss: Looking at Deuteronomy 10:12, do you think fearing God, walking in obedience to Him, loving Him, serving Him with all your heart and with all your soul was something God asked only of the people in the Bible, like Daniel, or for us to follow as well. *Yes, He asks us to do these things, too.* Do you think we can do it all on our own? *No, we can't do it by our strength alone. Our mighty God gives us power through the Holy Spirit.* How? *When we pray, read God's Word, fellowship with other believers, just to name a few, the Holy Spirit does the work on our hearts and souls.*

Read: Daniel 6:10-16 **10** Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. **11** Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. **12** So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: "Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions' den?" The king answered, "The decree stands—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed." **13** Then they said to the king, "Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, Your Majesty, or to the decree you put in writing. He still prays three times a day." **14** When the king heard this, he was greatly distressed; he was determined to rescue Daniel and made every effort until sundown to save him. **15** Then the men went as a group to King Darius and said to him, "Remember, Your Majesty, that according to the law of the Medes and Persians no decree or edict that the king issues can be changed." **16** So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!"

Discuss: Even though a decree, or law, was made stating that anyone found praying to anyone other than the King would be thrown into the lion's den, Daniel still prayed to God. Why do you think he did that? *He loved God more than anyone or anything else.* What do you think you would have done in Daniel's shoes? Would you have risked your life to pray to God?



The king liked Daniel and didn't want his life to end. What did the king say to Daniel before he was thrown in the lion's den? *"May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!"* What do you think happened next, did God rescue Daniel? *Yes, He did! God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions and they did not hurt Daniel.*

Key Point: Love the Lord with All Your Heart

Love the Lord (Make a heart with your fingers, Point to heaven)

With All Your Heart (Take both hands and place on your heart)

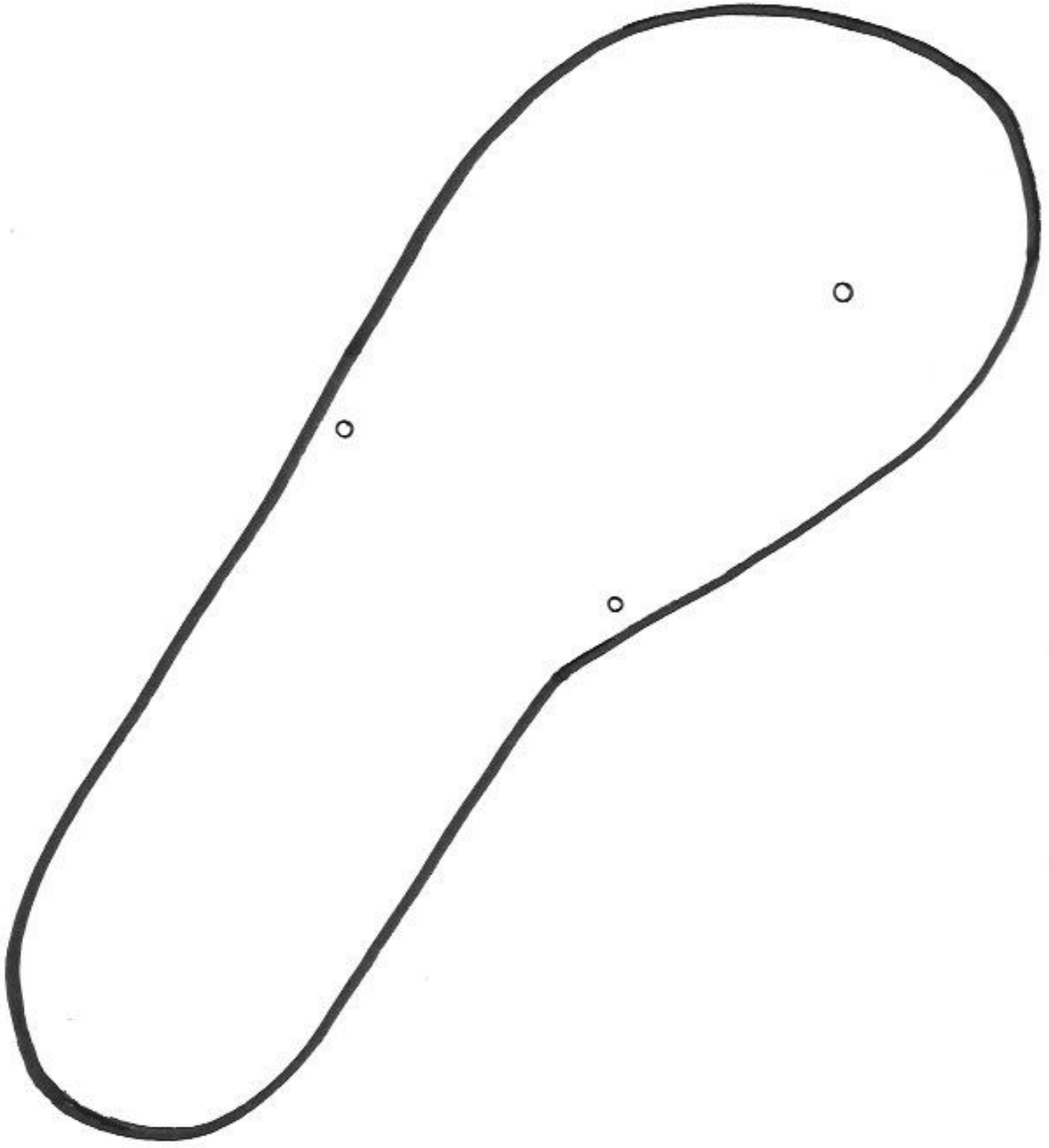
Family Activity: Let's make a visual reminder to walk in love and obedience to the Lord. Using a pencil draw an outline of your foot on card stock or use the template below. Cut it out. Take one pipe cleaner, bend it in half, twist the bent half about 1 ½ inches down. Poke three holes in the foot outline. String buttons on the pipe cleaner and fasten the pipe cleaner to the card stock by bending and taping the ends on the backside of the project. Finish the flip flop by writing how you plan to love serve, and be obedient to God this week.

Prayer: Dear God, I praise You for being great and mighty! You can even close the mouths of lions. I'm sorry for putting other people or things before You. Thanks for forgiving me. Give me the courage and strength to walk in obedience to You. Help me love You with all of my heart. Amen.

Next Steps: Memorize Deuteronomy 10:12 "...what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul."



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Deuteronomy 10:12-22 BINGO

Heart	Mighty	Love
God	Serve	Walk
Chose	Soul	Lord