

[HOMEPAGE]

For families of junior soldiers

THIS WEEK'S TOPIC:

You Are Not Alone

MEMORY VERSE:

Romans 8:28 (NIV)

"We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him. He appointed them to be saved in keeping with his purpose."

The memory verse for the week is included on each HOMEPAGE. Help your child review it during the week. The portion of the memory verse printed in *italics* is the portion of the verse for younger junior soldiers to memorize.

PARENT POINT:

Talk to your child about the importance of remaining faithful to God.



TODAY IN JUNIOR SOLDIERS the children learned about God's faithfulness to Daniel. By the 6th chapter of Daniel many years had passed. Daniel had advanced politically and had been a high officer of the Babylonian Empire for 60 years. Darius, the Mede, was now king of Babylon.

Daniel was the first of the three rulers who supervised 120 princes in carrying out government policies. The other two rulers and 120 princes were looking for ways to disgrace Daniel, but were unable to do so because he was trustworthy. They were jealous of his high position, and because he was Judean. King Darius planned to promote Daniel to be in charge of the entire kingdom. Daniel's foes developed a plot to destroy him.

The other leaders of Babylon knew the only way they could destroy Daniel was to involve the law of his God. They approached King Darius with a decree in recognition of the king's power. They told the king that, because he was so important, he should make a decree that for 30 days the people of Babylon should only pray to him for their needs. If anyone was caught praying to anyone else, they'd be placed in the lions' den.

Daniel knew about the decree, but he still prayed to God. The Babylonian leaders went as a group to Daniel's window and witnessed him praying to his God. Immediately they went to the king. King Darius ordered that Daniel be placed in the lions' den.

God protected Daniel while he was in the lions' den. When King Darius saw that Daniel was safe, he ordered the men who accused Daniel be thrown in the lions' den.

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOME

This lesson helped junior soldiers understand that God is always with them. Junior soldiers developed confidence in God's power and presence in times of triumph and trouble.