

## December 21



**BIBLE PASSAGE** 

Daniel 6 and Luke 1:32

## STORY

"The Miraculous Catnap" (Chapter 46)

## **GOSPEL CONNECTION**

Daniel had such courageous faith. He prayed to the Lord even though he knew he would be tossed into the lions' den. And like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, he had no guarantee from God that he would survive. He chose to worship God no matter what. He chose to worship God because he loved and trusted God with his life.

In the book of Hebrews, some people with great faith are listed. "Through faith," we are told, these heroes of faith "stopped the mouths of lions" and "quenched the power of fire" (Heb. 11:33–34). The author is writing about Daniel and his friends! Later in Hebrews, we are told that others, because of their faith, were mistreated, mocked, tortured, imprisoned, and killed. We also read that Jesus, who is called "the founder and perfecter of our faith, . . . endured the cross" (Heb. 12:2). If we are to keep the faith like Daniel, we need to follow Jesus, who trusted God even though it led to death. And just like God delivered Jesus by raising him from the dead, he will deliver us if we keep trusting him.

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