



LWML Sunday 2018

## 2018 LWML Sunday Children's Message

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Based upon the Old Testament Reading—  
Daniel 6:12–27

Have you ever been afraid? (*acknowledge answers*) I have, too.

What kinds of things make you afraid? (*acknowledge answers*)

Some of you are afraid of the dark. Some of you are afraid of dogs. Some of you are afraid of being up really high or afraid of water-deep enough to swim. There are so many things that we can be afraid of in this world.

In our Old Testament reading, Daniel was thrown into a pit full of lions because he would only worship the one true God. He did not know whether he would be killed by the lions or whether God would rescue him, but he did know that God loved him and would be with him. God did rescue Daniel from the lion's den by shutting the mouths of the lions so that they couldn't harm Daniel.

Just as Daniel trusted God, we can trust God. God loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die for our sins and to rise on the third day so that we can live in His love no matter what is going on around us. God wants us, as His baptized children, to have this same kind of courage that Daniel had when we're afraid and even when we're not afraid. God is always with us and always loves us.

Dear Jesus, Thank you for showing us how to trust and believe You love and protect us. Give us courage when we are afraid and thankfulness when we are not afraid. Amen.