

Daniel and the Lions

CHARACTERS: 3, Vontrice, Leon and Lionella (two lions)

RUN TIME: 4-5 minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Daniel 6, Rev. 5:5, Genesis 1 & 9

FK Reading level: 5.2

VONTRICE: Welcome to Animal World. I'm Vontrice Veterinarian the host of this show. On every show we examine the wonders of God creation in the world of animals. As you know, on my show, animals are able to speak with human voices like Balaam's donkey did. We will be interviewing two lions who met the prophet Daniel. Lions are symbols of courage and strength. Welcome to the show.

LEON: That's us, courageous and strong lions. Did you know Jesus is referred to as the Lion of Judah?

VONTRICE: True. What are your names?

LEON: Leon the lion.

LIONELLA: I'm Lionella the lioness.

VONTRICE: How did you meet Daniel?

LIONELLA: He came for lunch one day, that is; we thought he was going to be our lunch.

LEON: He got tossed in our den.

VONTRICE: Explain to our audience what a den is.

LEON: It is our living room.

LEON: Daniel was a really great guy. King Nebuchadnezzar was planning to make him the number 2 guy in all of Babylon so some of the other officials tried to get rid of him.

LIONELLA: But Daniel did his job so well, they could find no fault with him.

LEON: Long story short, the bad guys talked the king into outlawing prayer to God.

LIONELLA: But Daniel prayed three times a day as he always had and the bad guys told the king.

VONTRICE: How did the king react?

LIONELLA: He was greatly distressed and determined to rescue Daniel.

LEON: He made every effort until sundown to save hi but the bad guys insisted the law be followed and Daniel thrown into our den.

LIONELLA: We were terribly hungry but an angel shut our mouths so we couldn't eat Daniel, the man who trusted his God.

VONTRICE: What happened the next morning?

LEON: The king called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?"

LIONELLA: Daniel answered, "O king, live forever! My God sent his angel and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, O king.

LEON: The king gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

LIONELLA: At the king's command, we finally had breakfast.

VONTRICE: Tony the Tiger frosted flakes?

LIONELLA: No. The men who had falsely accused Daniel were thrown in.

LEON: We were so hungry, we grabbed them before they reached the floor of the den. God gave us very sharp claws and the ability to leap 36 feet, the length of a school bus.

VONTRICE: (*sounding a bit frightened*) You ate before you came on the show, right?

LEON: Sure thing.

LIONELLA: No worries; we won't eat you or the viewers. When we're hungry, we can eat up to 10 to 15 pounds of meat.

VONTRICE: That's like 40 to 50 quarter pounders!

LEON: But in a pinch, like during World War II, lions in zoos survived on plants since meat was rationed.

VONTRICE: That's like back in the Garden of Eden when God gave every green plant for food to all the animals of the earth.

LEON: Right. It wasn't until Genesis 9, after the flood, God allowed animals to be carnivores.

VONTRICE: Carnivores are meat eaters.

LIONELLA: God made lions very special. Did you know we are the only members of the cat family that live in groups?

LEON: The groups are called prides. Not to be confused with the pride that goes before a fall.

LIONELLA: Female lions are the pride's hunters. When we work together, we can prey upon antelopes, zebras, wildebeest, and other animals that might be faster than us.

VONTRICE: Teamwork is a good thing. Why do males have manes?

LEON: God provided them for our protection. Sometimes males get in fights and the mane protects our necks.

VONTRICE: God certainly made lions special. Thanks for being on our show!

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