

Title – Lions

Main Burden – Lions are large, powerful cats, but are also patient. The female lions wait patiently for their prey to come close. Daniel waited patiently in the lions' den for God's help.

I Introduction

1. Welcome the children, check any new ones or visitors, and learn their names.
2. Make sure the children know the teachers' names.

II Notebook & Memory Verse

1. Ask the children who can say their memory verse from last week.
2. Allow those who know the verse to say it one by one.
3. Put sticker on their lesson next to the memory verse.

III Review previous lessons

1. God is the Creator.
2. God created light and the sky.
3. He made dry land appear, and there grew grass and trees.
4. God created the sun, the moon, and the stars.
5. Then God created a higher life – the living creatures in the sea and in the air – that can breathe, move, and think.
6. Then on the sixth day, God brought forth living animals.
7. There are many different kinds of animals.

IV Lesson

1. Today we are going to talk about the lions.
2. Can any one tell me something about lions?
3. "Roar!!!" That's right, lions can roar very loud. Actually, in order to communicate with each other, lions make all kinds of sounds, they purr, growl, hiss, and roar.
4. Lions are like big cats.
5. Lions are the largest, most powerful cats.
6. The male lion has a mane around his head and chest. This thick fur makes him look larger than he really is, and helps him frighten away enemies.
7. Lions are expert hunters. They have powerful legs for chasing, and strong jaws and sharp teeth for biting.
8. Female lions usually do most of the hunting for their family.
9. A hunting female lion is very patient. Much of the time that she spends hunting is actually spent stalking – hiding in the grass, waiting for her prey to come close. She waits because although she can run very fast, she cannot run at top speed for very long. So the lion understands that to catch a fast animal such as a zebra, she needs to wait for

it to move near before she attacks. A female lion patiently waits until the prey comes closer.

10. Sometimes it is easy to be patient with others, but other times, it is hard to be patient. When mother is baking cookies, and the whole house smell so good, but mother said you have to wait until after dinner to have some. It is hard to wait patiently.

11. To be patient is to be able to wait calmly and not be anxious.

12. (Daniel 6) Daniel and his friends were being captive to Babylon. God gave him wisdom to the king about his strange dream. The evil people made a law with the king that for 30 days no one was allowed to pray to any god or man except the king, and anyone who disobeyed this law shall be thrown into the lions' den. Daniel loved the Lord, and he would not stop praying. When Daniel was praying to God by his window, they caught him and brought him to the king. They put Daniel into the lions' den and a big stone was rolled over the opening of the den. All night the king was troubled and couldn't sleep because he was sad and worried about Daniel. Early the next morning, he went to the den and found that the lions did not hurt Daniel. Daniel knew that God would keep him safe from the lions. He waited patiently until morning, and he heard the king's voice calling his name. God has delivered Daniel from the lions.

13. A female lion uses patience to catch the food for her family. Sometimes it is hard to be patient, but being patient is usually worth the wait. Daniel waited patiently in the lions' den, and God delivered him from the lions.

V Give each child his/her lesson sheet.

Read the lines on the lesson with the children, and have them repeat after you.

You may want to repeat each line at least twice.

VI Memory Verse: (Say it to the children and then have them repeat with you several times)

"I waited patiently for the Lord." Psalm 40:1

VII Song (These are suggested songs, you may sing other songs that the children like.)

Lord, today, keep my heart (Hymnal.net – Children Songs)

VIII Coloring Page

Today we are going to color this picture of a lion.

IX Craft – Paper Plate Lion

X Preparation –

Read and pray over Psalm 40:1 and Dan 6.

Make copies of the lesson and the coloring page for the children.

**Materials Needed for the Paper Plate Lion:** Paper Plate, Yellow & Black Felt, Orange Washable Paint, and Googly eyes.

## **Lesson 41      GOD'S CREATION – LIONS**

**God created lions.**

**Lions are powerful.**

**Lions hunt for food.**

**Lions wait patiently for their prey.**

**Lord, help us to be patient.**

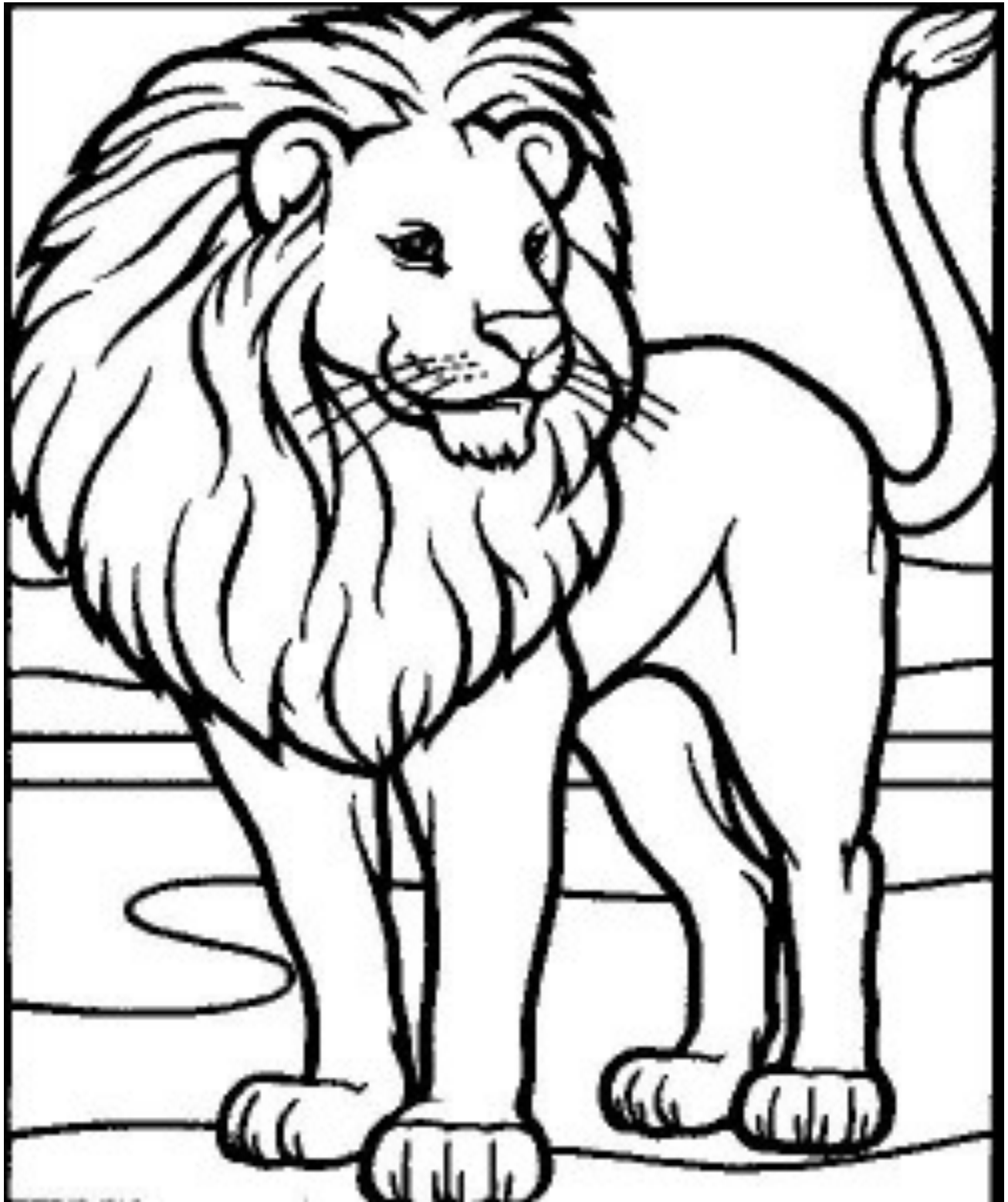


**Bible Verse:**

**I waited patiently for the Lord.  
Psalm 40:1**



**Lord, today, keep my heart,  
Keep it all the day.  
While I'm young, keep my heart  
Soft, dear Lord, I pray;  
Lord, I would keep my heart through everyday  
Soft and open to You.**



I waited patiently for the Lord.  
Psalm 40:1



## Paper Plate Lion Craft

### Materials Needed:

Paper Plate  
Yellow & Black Felt  
Orange Washable Paint  
Googly Eyes

### Instructions:

1. Paint the paper plate orange.
2. Cut the yellow felt sheet to match the inner circle of the paper plate.
3. Cut around the paper plate to make the lion's mane.
4. Glue the yellow felt circle to the middle of the paper plate.
5. Cut the nose/mouth piece out of the black felt then glue it onto the lion's face.
6. Glue on the eyes.