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VOLUME 2

BIBLE STORY PERCUSSION GROOVES AND DRUM CIRCLE ACTIVITIES

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• COMPLEMENTARY WORSHIP AND HYMN IDEAS
• DRUMMING TECHNIQUE AND IMPROVISATION ACTIVITIES
• PRAYER AND DEVOTIONAL IDEAS FOR DRUM CIRCLES

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**Glossary of Instruments and Techniques** .................................................................

- ![Easy](image) = Easy
- ![Intermediate](image) = Intermediate
- ![Advanced](image) = Advanced
Daniel in the Lions’ Den is such a favorite with children. It reinforces an important message that, while we all have to face difficult times in our lives, we don’t face them alone. God is always with us, and God’s love never leaves us.

Here is how to utilize the Groove for a rhythmic retelling of the Bible story. Divide the players into five groups and assign instruments to each group. Read a portion of the Bible story, then pause to layer in a part as indicated. Allow each part multiple repetitions before continuing with the story. When you’re ready to read the next part of the story, indicate for the Groove to get softer. Continue this process until all parts have entered.
The Groove

\[ \text{Cowbell} \]

\[ \text{Tambourine} \]

\[ \text{Bongos} \]

\[ \text{Guiro} \]

\[ \text{Congas} \]

\[ \text{God’s own angel stopped the lions.} \]

\[ \text{The tambourine rhythm includes a pickup note (“King”).} \]

\[ \text{Dar-ius had to honor his decree. King} \]

\[ \text{Daniel loved God, and he prayed to God each day.} \]

\[ \text{Daniel was hated by jealous men.} \]

\[ \text{God’s faithful love endures forever.} \]

\[ \text{They had him thrown in a lions’ den.} \]

\[ \text{God’s own angel stopped the lions.} \]

\[ \text{Daniel loved God, and he prayed to God each day.} \]
Reader: King Darius appointed many men to be leaders in his kingdom. One of these leaders was Daniel. King Darius liked Daniel so much that he planned to have him oversee the whole kingdom.

Congas: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Reader: This angered some jealous men. Who did Daniel think he was?! The jealous men tried to get Daniel in trouble, but he always behaved righteously. Eventually they came up with a plan. They went to King Darius and convinced him to sign a decree forbidding anyone to pray to any god or human other than King Darius. Anyone disobeying the decree would be thrown into a den of lions.

Guiro: Daniel was hated by jealous men.

Reader: But Daniel was always true to God and bowed down in prayer three times each day. Sure enough, the jealous men caught him and brought him before King Darius.

Bongos: Daniel loved God, and he prayed to God each day.

Reader: King Darius liked Daniel very much, but what could he do? He couldn’t go against his own decree. So Daniel was thrown into a den of lions.

Tambourine: King Darius had to honor his decree.

Reader: But Daniel wasn’t all alone with those lions. God’s love never left his side, and God even sent an angel to be with Daniel.

Cowbell: God’s own angel stopped the lions.

Reader: The next day King Darius rushed to the den. Daniel was okay! He hadn’t even been touched by the lions. The jealous men had not won. From that day on, King Darius decreed that throughout the kingdom, everyone must worship the God of Daniel.

All continue the Groove for four measures, ending on a strong downbeat.

--- Worship Integration ---

Consider utilizing this retelling of the Bible story during the Children’s Message, even inviting the children to join their favorite Groove rhythm using body percussion.