

“Daniel in the Lions’ Den” Paper Plate Lion Mask Craft

God protects us when we trust Him (Daniel 6)

Supplies Needed:

- **White Paper Plate:** 1 per child (for the lion’s face)
- **Construction Paper (yellow, orange, brown):** For the lion’s mane strips
- **Glue Stick:** Quick + kid-friendly
- **Scissors:** Adult help for littles
- **Markers/Crayons:** Black + brown work best for facial features
- **Craft Stick (Popsicle Stick) or Straw:** For a handle (optional)
- **Hole Punch + Yarn/Elastic (Optional):** If you want it to be a wearable mask
- **Optional:** Googly eyes, pom-pom nose, yarn “whiskers,” stickers



Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Prep the Lion Face Base and Cut the Mane Strips

- Give each child **one paper plate** (front side up).
- Cut construction paper into strips.
 - **Suggested size:** about **1 inch wide x 4–6 inches long**
- Use a mix of **yellow, orange, and brown** for a full mane.

Time-Saver: Pre-cut strips for preschool classes.

2. Create the Mane Fringe

- Glue the strips **around the outer edge** of the paper plate like a sunburst mane.
- Alternate colors for a “layered mane” look.

3. Add the Lion’s Face

- Draw the lion’s features in the center of the plate:
 - **Eyes:** Two circles (or glue googly eyes)
 - **Nose:** Small triangle or oval
 - **Mouth:** A simple “W” shape or smile
 - **Whiskers:** 3 lines on each side

Preschool Option: Provide a simple face template to trace.

5. Turn It into a Mask

Choose **one** option:

Option A: Handheld Mask (easiest)

- Glue or tape a **craft stick** to the back bottom of the plate.

Option B: Wearable Mask

- Hole punch **two holes** on the left and right sides.
- Tie on yarn or elastic to fit the child's head.

6. Add the Bible Point

On the bottom or back of the plate, write one of these:

- **“God Shut the Lions’ Mouths!”** (Daniel 6:22)
- **“God Protects Me.”**
- **“Be Brave. Trust God.”**
- **“Daniel 6”** (simple reference for little ones)

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