



## MUST KNOW BIBLE STORIES

## DANIEL & THE LION'S DEN

Health and Wellbeing topic: Peer Pressure/Values

These assembly scripts can work for one or two “hosts” – it is formatted so that you can either read the lines solo, or assign lines to two people... and feel free to reword the lines in ways that suit you. There are suggestions in blue dotted through the script of setting, tone and ways to film, but these are only suggestions – the most important things are that you are confident and relaxed as you film.

If you are having a hard time visualizing the script, please watch our video and read along to give you a clearer idea.



### SCENE 1

*Opener: If you have a co-host, you can open with a quick scene where one peer pressures the other and they get injured. If you are filming solo, you could tell a quick story about a time when you were peer pressured.*

*Oh no ... your wrist! Is that from yesterday? I'm sooo sorry!*

*That's okay... I should've stood up for myself, and now my wrist is hurt! I guess I just let you peer pressure me.*

*... but what's peer pressure?*

***(Professor gives definition of peer pressure)***

Ah, so peer pressure is when the people around you try to get you to do what they're doing... or even think the way they think! Sometimes peer pressure may be good... if everyone around you is influencing you to do good things... but it can also be bad.

Sometimes we go along with our friends, or people at school, even when we shouldn't. Maybe they want us to do something unsafe, or even something we know is wrong. It can be hard to stand up for ourselves and say no if it feels like everyone is doing it.

But how will I know when I'm being peer pressured? And when to stand up for myself?

We've already seen one example... I was peer pressured to do something unsafe. Let's think through a few more...



## SCENE 2

*For this section you can film a series of short clips where you get peer pressured, or you could just give a few examples or stories in general, or from your experience.*

- ◆ *Changing the way you look! (clip of pressuring the other to look cool or wear expensive clothes)*
- ◆ *Doing something you know is wrong (clip of pressuring someone cheating on a test)*
- ◆ *Even thinking a different way (clip of pressuring to like a certain kind of music)*

I remember all of those things happening when I was at school. And it was so hard to stand up for myself sometimes, because it always felt like I was on my own.

You know, there's a great Bible story about this, someone who didn't give in even when there was MASSIVE peer pressure! But in the end, He realised He wasn't alone at all.



## SCENE 3

**Bible Story: Daniel and the Lions Den / Daniel 6** – *tell the Bible story in a creative way: with a children's storybook bible, using pictures or graphics, drawing the story with a voiceover, acting it out, or using puppets. You could read directly from Daniel or retell the account in your own words. Whatever you do, make it dynamic, and try to tell the story in under five minutes. Feel free to cut and use our storytelling clip if you like it.*

Wow! That story was inspiring! Daniel didn't give into peer pressure even when there were hungry lions involved... even when he knew he could be arrested and killed!



## SCENE 4

Daniel believed that believing in God and praying to God was the right thing to do and he was determined to do that even when no-one else was. Even when they threatened to kill him to change his mind! He must have felt like he was on his own, but he wasn't, was he? God was listening to him and giving him the strength to stay true to his beliefs.

And then God sent the angel to rescue him. Wow! Daniel stayed true to God even when everyone was against him.. he hung on tight to what was most important to him - His faith in God.

I wonder what's important to us? What will we stand up for even if everyone around us seems to be doing something different?

**Invite a short reflection time here, where the kids can write and reflect on their own values.**

If you're feeling brave, maybe you can share some of those things with your friends or teacher... or even together as a whole class.

And if you wanted to take it a step further, maybe you could make a peer pressure agreement with your friends, or even everyone in your year, that everyone will respect each other's values, and try hard not to peer pressure each other. Wouldn't that make life at school better for everyone?

I know it would've made my school better when I was growing up. But, even if you DO get peer pressured... Remember that when you stand up for what's right, you can always ask God to be with you. To give you strength! So you'll never be alone.

There will be times ahead when you might feel like Daniel... like you're going to be thrown to the lions! But as a Christian, I believe that when you ask Him, God will help you just like he helped Daniel.

