

ASSEMBLY:

Peer pressure. What's important to me?

Daniel and the Lions Den

HWB link: Peer pressure can lead to us making good or bad choices. We can think through what is important to us, what we will hang on tight to even if everyone else is pushing us to do something else?

Key learning: Peer pressure can be a strong influence on us and make us do things we really don't want to. In the story of Daniel and the lions, Daniel didn't change his mind even when everyone else was doing something different and even when it meant he would get thrown to the lions. Christians believe God helped Daniel and he will help us when we feel pressured to do the wrong thing.

Content: After Sue pressures Dave to jump from too high a wall and he ends up injured we discuss how peer pressure affects us all. We consider some examples of when we might feel pressured by our peers. We hear the story of Daniel and the Lions and learn how Daniel was able to resist peer pressure because God helped him. We're challenged to reflect on what is important to us that we will stick with it no matter who is pressuring us.

Challenge issued: To read or retell the story of Daniel and the Lions and as you do to remember all we've learnt about peer pressure.

Next steps:

1. Complete the challenge
2. Discuss together if peer pressure is a big problem in your class and what you could do about it.
3. Use the 10 Must Know Bible Story resources to further explore the story of Daniel and the Lions. <https://tenbiblestories.org/resources/daniel-and-the-lions-den/>