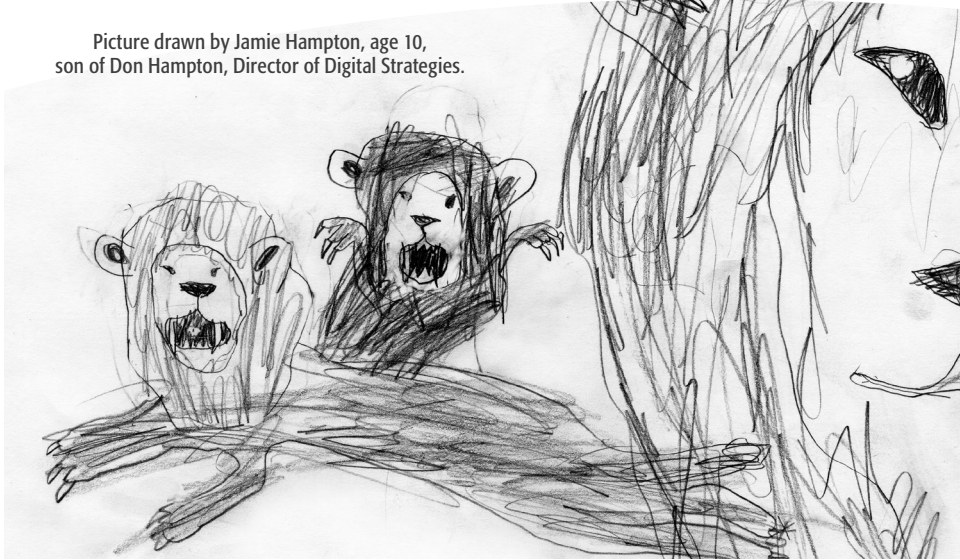


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Picture drawn by Jamie Hampton, age 10,
son of Don Hampton, Director of Digital Strategies.



SUMMER IS HERE!

LIONS LYING AROUND

READ: Daniel 1-2, 4-6

You know the story of Daniel and the lions' den, right? Even if you do, you need to read the chapters listed above. Just to help you remember all the details, you know.

Anyhow, maybe you've had some questions about the whole Daniel biography. Questions like the following:

Q: God kept the lions from eating Daniel. That's easy to understand. But what I don't understand is why the lions were there in the first place? Was this place a zoo?

A: We're not told in the Bible, but archeologists have uncovered statues that show the king and others hunting. So it seems the lions were there for the king to hunt.

Q: Wait a minute — he hunted in the lions' den?

A: No, the lions would be let out, and the king would chase them.

Q: Were these tame lions?

A: No, wild lions. Some were captured and presented to the king. Others were raised for the purpose of hunting, but they were still wild.

Q: These are lions we're talking about, right? Great big cats that eat things — like people?

A: Lions. The Asian lion was (and is) a bit smaller than the African lion we see in zoos and circuses, but it's still dangerous.

Q: And this was before high-powered rifles were invented, right? Wouldn't they go through a lot of kings that way, what with being eaten and all?

A: Actually, the king probably wasn't in too much danger. Evidence shows

that he hunted in a chariot with large numbers (hundreds even) of servants and huntsmen.

Q: So what would the king do?

A: Probably a bunch of guys carrying spears would go into the lions' cage and get them all riled up and angry. The door would then be opened, and the lions would rush out, only to be surrounded by more guys with spears who drove them toward the king in his chariot. The king would then ride up to the lion and spear it. A lot of guys with spears and bows and arrows would be gathered around to make sure the king was safe.

Q: So was dumping somebody in with the lions a common form of punishment?

A: Not sure, but it's likely.

Q: I can see why quiet, lying-around-lions was truly something only God could control.

A: Right. No wonder that after King Darius saw Daniel safe from a night in the den, he wrote about Daniel's God: ... *For He is the living God, and steadfast forever; His kingdom is the one which shall not be destroyed, and His dominion shall endure to the end. He delivers and rescues, and He works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions* (Daniel 6:26-27, NKJV).

Cool to think this is the same God who cares about us.

(Daniel interview taken from the Journey™ Bible Study: *Men and Women of God*. Journey is the Awana® high school ministry.)

BRAIN DRAIN

Fill in the blanks with the missing words. (This is done in NKJV™ – but you can probably figure it even if you don't have a New King James Version® of the Bible. Or you can look at the BibleGateway.com on the Internet. BibleGateway has the Bible in several different versions.)

John 3:16: For _____ so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Romans 13:8: Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who _____ another has fulfilled the law.

Ephesians 4:32: And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave _____.

Philippians 1:6: Being confident of this _____ thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.

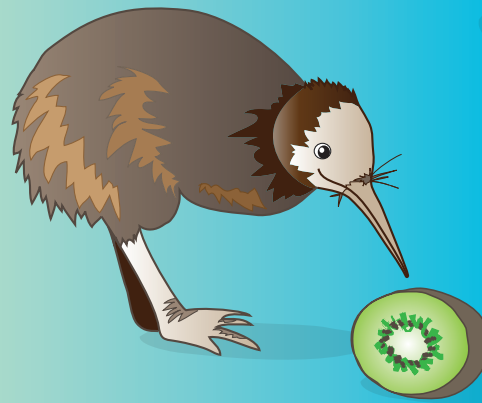
Romans 5:9: _____ more than, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

Write the missing words in the blanks below. Find the message!

DID YOU KNOW?

ROSES AND APPLES ARE FROM THE SAME FAMILY.

A BANANA IS A FRUIT, NOT AN HERB.



THE KIWI FRUIT IS NAMED AFTER A BIRD (CALLED A KIWI, DUH!).

THE PINEAPPLE IS ACTUALLY A BERRY - WELL, ACTUALLY MANY LITTLE BERRIES.



A LONG TIME AGO BEFORE CANTEENS, EXPLORERS USED TO CARRY THEIR WATER IN WATERMELONS.



APPLES COME IN MORE THAN 7,000 VARIETIES.

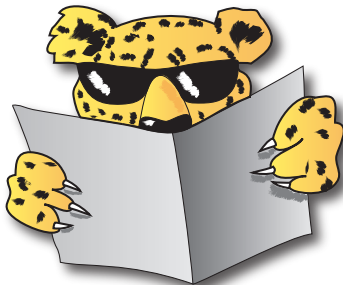


WHAT DOES A TIGER WEAR TO BED?

Striped pj's

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PERSON TELLING THIS JOKE AND A SHEEP?

One is me and the other is ewe.



WHY CAN'T A LEOPARD HIDE?

He's always spotted.

WHAT IS A LION'S FAVORITE FOOD?
Human beans.

WHY DO LIONS EAT RAW MEAT?

They never learned to cook.



FROM HERE AND THERE



We asked the T&T™ fifth-graders at Portage Free Methodist Church in Portage, Michigan, what they liked best about living in their state. Here's what they said.

Michigan is the only state shaped like a mitten.

Michigan is the only state with two geographically separate parts, the lower and upper peninsula.

Michigan is the automobile state.

Michigan is the cereal state. (Think Kellogg's®.)

Michigan is a leader in cherry production.

R&R

AS YOU START a new year at Awana, plan out how many sections you need to say each club night to finish your book by the end of the year.

Here are some facts to help you.

Each T&T book has eight Discoveries or Challenges.

Most clubs have approximately eight months in a club year.

That's one Discovery or Challenge a month.

Each Discovery or Challenge has seven sections.

That's two sections most weeks.

And that should do it!

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CLUB NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS






WHAT DID YOU SAY?

We really would like to know. Ask your leader to send us an email at kidsprint@awana.org so that your club can answer a question for *KidsPrint*. We might ask you for some riddles or to tell us about your state or simply give you a fun, random question for you to answer. Come on, tell your leaders you want your club's name in *KidsPrint*!

CELEBRATE AUGUST!

(Lots of food days in August.)

- 1 – Raspberry Cream Pie Day
- 2 – Ice Cream Sandwich Day
- 3 – Watermelon Day
- 6 – Wiggle Your Toes Day
- 10 – S'mores Day
- 12 – Middle Child's Day
- 13 – Left-Hander's Day
- 20 – Lemonade Day
- 25 – Banana Split Day
- 28 – Race Your Mouse Day

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