

## LIVING FAITH: Chapter 18

*Living Faith is a family activity that helps drive home the point from this week's chapter from The Story.*

Daniel was forced to have a sleepover with some hairy, scary friends. Follow his example—sort of—by planning a family sleepover. You can do it in your bedroom, or in a living or family room. Pick either a Friday or Saturday night and plan ahead to make it fun. At the beginning you can pray, “God you protected Daniel during his sleepover with the lions, and we know you’ll be with us tonight, too. Amen.” Try these ideas or make up some of your own to create some family memories.

- Play “Simon Says.”
- Play one of your kids’ favorite board games.
- Put together a puzzle.
- Rent a kids’ video and make popcorn.
- Have everybody write down a tongue twister (or make one up). Fold up each paper and put it in a hat. Take turns drawing one and trying to say the tongue twister five times fast.
- Play charades. Have family members act out the title to a favorite song, movie or TV show.
- Hide the thimble. Take turns hiding a thimble (or other small object) in the room with nobody looking. As everybody searches, the “hider” gives clues by saying, “You’re getting warmer” (if a person is close to finding it) or “You’re getting colder” (if a person is going the wrong direction).
- Share characteristics of each person that you appreciate.
- Make a yummy dessert or snack as a family.

Go to bed a little later than normal (for younger kids); then wake up in the morning, cook breakfast and clean up as a family.

### Extra Mile

God’s protecting angels show up a couple of times during this chapter of *The Story*. First, when Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego are thrown into the fiery furnace, King Nebuchadnezzar sees four people in the flames—instead of three. He exclaims, “The fourth man looks like a son of the gods” (Daniel 3:25). Then when Daniel is thrown into the lions’ den, he tells King Darius, “My God sent his angel. And his angel shut the mouths of the lions” (Daniel 6:21).

- Do you think God sends his protecting angels today?

Watch “The Divine Protector” video at [www.tangle.com](http://www.tangle.com)

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Angels are specially created beings by God. They serve the wishes of their heavenly father. Look at these other verses about angels: Exodus 14:19-20 (with Moses and Israelites fleeing Egypt); Judges 6:12-22 (with Gideon); Matthew 2:13-20 (with Joseph, to help protect the baby Jesus). God’s angels are mentioned throughout the Bible!