



hint, then maybe I'll see some more hands up. Both of these animals. Start with the letter L. And both of these animals. Have only four letters. In their name. All right. So who thinks they know what these animals are? OK, how about you? Yeah, OK. Alliance, he thinks. A lion. Now let's see what's under here. You got it. A line. Now who thinks they know what the other animal is? That was a girl. How about a boy, Noah? Not sure. Would anybody? No, I'm talking animals. Anybody else have any idea what the other animal might be? It starts with an L. Would you? A lamb? You think it's slam? Let's check out. Then you got it very good. Now there's a big difference between a lion and a lamb. And I also brought. Something in this little. Bag here. Let's take a look at what we've got here, OK? Alright, you see him. So there's our lion. I wonder if I have a lamb in here. You know, I had a hard time finding a lamb. But he's in here somewhere. I think he got lost. You ever hear about a lamb that got lost? We sing a song about that, don't we? Like a little wandering lamb lost upon the hills. I am like a shepherd. Jesus stands holding out.

His busted hands. Well, here's my lamb. It's pretty small. Anyway, I'll put him right there. OK, so now we got a lion and a lamb. Well, what are we going to say next? You know you read very much about lions in the Bible. And I suppose. Of all the wild beasts are undomesticated beasts. The lion is perhaps spoken of more than any other animal. In the Bible. And lions are very interesting animals. You know, you look into the face. Of a lion. And a lion seems to be. Calm and collected and. Even when a lion is fighting. It doesn't seem to be particularly. Unnerved because. It just doesn't seem to be afraid. The lion is a mighty animal, and we're gonna talk about a lion in a story. But before we do. I would like to say this. And I looked into first Kings, the 1st. Book of the Kings and I saw how that. There were lions in the temple where God lived. And there was a throne that was made and it was raised up quite high because there was 6 steps going up to the throne. And the throne was made out of gold. And it was super fine gold. I think it was the very best gold that could be found in all of the world. And this was in Solomon's temple, of course. It was God's temple. It was the House of God. But there was this throng with arms on either side. And guess what was beside the arms? Lions There was 2 Lions one on this side. And one on this side. Of course they weren't alive. They were statutes. But you know what? There was lions on the steps. Going up to the throne there was 6 steps and it tells us that there was 12 lions on either side, which I suppose means there was 6 lions on this side of the steps and six lions on this side of the steps. So that makes me. Think lions are important to God? And he made those lines for a purpose, see. Now. We know. That most of the time, I suppose in the Bible we find that the lion. Is used for. Perhaps a destructive purpose? And even Satan is referred to as a roaring lion going about. Seeking whom he may devour. But I think the Lion would speak to us of strength. You see this lion here? He's got big paws and I understand that. A lion. With just one swipe of his paw, he could knock over a young cow. And perhaps even kill it. Of course the lion has claws. In his pause. And he can bring these claws in or out. That's what he can do with his claws. Other animals can't do that, like a dog or a bear or a wolf. But a lion is special in that regard. But his paws?

And something else he has. Jaws. And the strength. Of those jaws. It's amazing. I really didn't know that much about lions, but I got interested. And I was asked for this little talk to find out a little bit more of a lions. And you know, a lion has powerful muscles throughout its body. And it's got a long tail and it's got a tuft of hair right on the end of its tail. It's the only cat that has a tuft of hair on the end of its tail. And the baby lions, they like to play with that tuft. The mother swishes their tail around, and the baby lions are jumping around and trying to catch the end of her tail well. A muscular animal. It's got a mane. You see this hair? This grows out around the head of the lion. And its long hair, thick hair, and it makes the lion. Look a lot bigger than he really is. With that name, that's what it's called, a mane, and it also helps to protect the lion if he finds himself in some kind of a fight. And he takes a blow to the head, while this mane is going to help pad the blow. So that's interesting. So the lion would speak to us, I believe, of strength. A force, whether it be used for good or bad and. I read a story one time about two boys. They went to a zoo. And I don't think they were thinking, but they had a little dog and they went into the Big Lion house and. Maybe it was, uh, surface. I think it was a surface, I'm sorry. And there was a cage with a big lion. And they took the little dog. And they put it. Into the cage. Of the big Lion. You know the little dog, he was pretty scared. He sensed there was danger, so he ran over to the corner of the cage, the far corner. You know the Big Lion King. Prancing over and. Very majestically went over there. He sniffed a little dog. The boys went away and they were walking around and they came back sometime later in the day. You know what? They saw the big lion was sleeping. In the middle of the cage. And. The little dog was sleeping too. He was all rolled up between the paws of the big lion and he was sleeping. And the boys looked and he said, Sir, that's my dog over there. That's my thought. And you know what the zookeeper said? Or the I guess it was the circus, circus man, he said. Uh. Oh, is he your dog? All right, Well, I'll open the door and you can just go get him. And you know what? The boy said no. Don't want to do that. Well, why? You know that? Dog. Was there and that line hadn't hurt that dog and I believe that. In a sense, he was protecting that dog. It was interesting to me how that worked at that time. And in order to get the dog back, the boy is going to have to deal with the lion. So, you know, sometimes in the Word of God, we find that lions are truly.

Animals that. They're not always bad. OK, doing bad things. But now I want to talk to you about another side of the line. And this is where we come out to the Word of God, because really, we're here today to talk about the Lord Jesus. And this story happens back in First Samuel. So if you got a Bible, let's look that up. Let's look up First Samuel chapter 17. And I might ask somebody to read a verse if they can find it in their Bible. First Samuel chapter 17. Now this is about a. A man whose name David young man and you know David, he kept sheep, and one day David's father asked him to go and to. Find out how his brothers were doing and bring him some food. Some cheeses and so on. Parched corn red and find out how they're doing. So David he went. At his father's fitting. He was a shepherd, took care of sheep. And what he got where his brother and where he found that there was a huge giant. Would anybody know the name of this giant? Yes, Goliath. Exactly. He was like 9 1/2 feet tall. He was. He probably touched that chandelier up there. He was so huge. And you know what? He was challenging. The armies of Israel to send out a man to fight with him. He said give me a man that I might fight with him. He was huge. And you know, everybody in Israel was scared. They were just shaking. Even the king. But when David went there, he found out this giant. He is defying the armies of Israel, which are the armies of the living God. How is it that this Goliath, who I think is a picture of Satan? Is. Ruling the situation here and David said I'm going to go fight because David, he loved the Lord and David knew. That the Lord was for him, and he didn't like to see the Lord's. Arm Honor. Traveled upon. So he said he would go, but Saul said no, you're just a boy, how can you go fight this giant? Well, you know what? David then told a story, and that's the story that I had before me. It's in First Samuel chapter. 17. And verse 34, is there anybody that thinks they could read that verse for us? It's in First Samuel chapter 17 and verse 34. OK, I'm gonna give you the mic, right? Can you read it? Of course. And David said unto Saul, thy servant keep his father's sheep. And there came a lion and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock. That's very good. How about #35 Anybody? OK, we'll do it, girl, shall we? All right, see you. And I went out after him, and mowed him, and delivered it out of his mouth. And. When he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and smelt him and flew him. Thank you, that was very good. Now we find the story. That David told. The king saw and. David had won victories. Perhaps victories that no one else knew about. In private now, he was ready to win a victory out in public. And what victories had he won? Well, it tells us that while he was watching the sheep.

Your team. A lion. And took a lamb out of the flock. And so I suppose this line came from his den, wherever he was living, and he's looking around. He wants something to eat. You know, lions have big appetite. I understand a lion can eat 75 lbs of meat. In one meal. That's a big deal. That's a lot of quarter pounders. Yeah, but The thing is they don't then eat for quite a while, you know, their stomach gets all filled up and then maybe it's 2-3 days before they have another meal. But anyway, they eat. And this lion, I believe, saw this flock of sheep. And what did he do? He didn't go pick out a big ram or a big adult sheep. That's really tough. But you pick out a tender lamb. And it tells us here that. He took a lamb, you know, boys and girls. Now I want to tell you something about the lion. In the Bible. We read about how Satan the Devil is like a roaring lion. And he's going about seeking whom he may devour, and he wants to get the children. The children. You notice that children. They believe what they're told. They're very trusting, and the fact is that most, I believe come to Jesus and get saved. When they're just young, their hearts are tender, but Satan wants to. Keep a grip on you. You know this line, he picked up that lamb and he was going with the lamb. I thought he probably gonna take it back to his den, maybe. And and and just kill it and and eat it. And that's what it's thought no doubt was. But what's it tell us here? The lion came, took the lamb, and David went out after him. I got something on the board. Can you tell me? What, David? Did before. He went to after the lion. Anybody see that I got it right written down here? Yes. What? Oh, you prayed? Well, that's. Yeah, I would think he did pray. Yeah. You know, this isn't actually written right here what he did, but I put it up there anyway. But. Yeah, he prayed. Can anybody see what I wrote up there? I don't know if you can read that before David went after. You saw it, You saw what was happening. And he didn't turn away. Sometimes people, they turn a blind eye because they don't want to get involved in any kind of difficulty. But notice David saw, David went after and then David he smoked. Smoked, which means he hit the lion hard. And I suppose maybe knocked him over and he delivered the lamb out of the mouth of that beast that was wanting to destroy it. And you know that Lion then, I believe, just reared up and tried to overcome. David tells us here that he rose against him. But he just caught him by his beard. And he slew him. That means he killed him, all right. Well, that little lamb must have been so thankful to be free from the lion. And I'm gonna ask you a question now. What did the lamb do? Alright, here we go. What did the lamb do?

In order to save itself from the lion. What did it do? Anybody have any idea? Well, the lamb is in the mouth of the lion, He. Yeah, you can't run the Lion's running within. All right. Anybody have an idea? I see my time ran out. And hard for me to see that there. You probably tried to. Yeah, you tried to try to get free. Well, here's what he did. Alright, see you. What does that mean? The lamb didn't do anything. Zero, The lamb could not do anything. To help itself to free itself from that lion. You know, boys and girls, what have we learned from this story? You and I are like the lamb, alright, Satan. It's like the lion. He has a grip on you, boys and girls. He wants to drag us down to hell. That's where he's going to spend eternity. He wants you to be there with him. That's an awful thought. But Jesus saw. The situation and you know the Lord Jesus came into this world and it tells us in Hebrews 2 That through death He destroyed Him who has the power of death. And he has delivered them, who through fear of death, through all their lifetimes, subject to \*\*\*\*\*. In other words, the Lord Jesus, by dying on the cross. And giving his life as the Good Shepherd give his life for the sheep. He rose again. He made Satan weak. And I'm thankful to say. That many in this hall can, with assurance, say, yeah, Jesus. He forgave my sin, He saved my soul, cleansed my heart and made me whole. And. You know, I'm sure David must have picked up that little lamb, probably put it on his shoulders, bring it back to the flock. David a wonderful picture of the Lord Jesus. David could have run for his life. He could have said, well, I don't really care that much about the lamb. I got all these other sheep. Or he might have run home to his father and said, dad, there's a lion took a sheep, let's go get him. But no, David went and he risked his life in order to do it. And that's. The story boys and girls. David didn't have to give up his life, but Jesus, the Good Shepherd. He did give up his life for the sheep and we got one more word. Anybody know what this word is here? No. I got one more word under here. You want a hint starts with T and ends with T. What do you think? Starts with the D and ends with the D Davis. That's good, I think. Check it out. Yeah. David OK boys and girls, David became between the lion and the lamb and save the lamb in the lion's mouth. And Jesus wants to save you from the destroyer who is Satan. Well, we could have said more about the story, but our time is gone. So let's pray. And boys and girls, as we pray, if you want to be saved from the destroyer who is Satan, who has a grip on you, who just asked the Lord? To save you. To come into your life and wash your sins away in this precious blood. Call upon the Lord. Whosoever shall call upon the Lord, the name of the Lord shall be saved.

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