

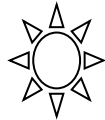
# Safari

## Lesson 4 – The Roar of the Lion

- In today's lesson the children will learn that respect, repentance and reverence are necessary to have a close relationship with the *LORD*.
- This month's Life Point: *When I seek the Lord I will not lack anything.*

### Scripture Study

Jesus Anointed by a Sinful Woman  
Luke 7:36-50  
Hosea 11:10



### Prayer:

*Father, forgive us of our sins.  
Give the children and myself a  
true spirit of repentance, respect  
and reverence that we may come  
close to You. Lord we desire Your  
presence. In Jesus name, amen.*

### Memory Verse

Psalm 34:10  
"Even strong young lions sometimes  
go hungry, but those who seek the  
Lord will lack no good thing."



### Memory Verse Song:

The Rizers – Psalm 34:10  
"The Good Song"

### You Tube Link

<https://youtu.be/X1ndN62TbyA>

### The Redemption Story

(10-15 min.)

*The point of this activity is to present the salvation message in brief at each lesson.*

**Instructions:** Follow the pictures on the board or Power Point slide to tell the children about God's plan to restore our relationship with Him. Invite children who are familiar with the pictures to describe the images to the class. Always have someone ready in the classroom to pray with a child who desires to accept Jesus as his Savior or to be available to pray for any needs a child may have.

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### Object Lesson

(15 minutes)

(Wear the Safari hat, vest and binoculars)

Hi kids! Who can tell me, who is the most feared animal if you were going on a Safari? (wait for responses) Well most people would say a lion.

One of the things that makes the lion terrifying is his **roar**. (*insert your roar*)

Who thinks they can beat my *lion roar*? (choose three volunteers)

All right! When I say your name, roar as loud as you can. (Call on volunteer #1, then #2, then #3)

Now class, I want you to judge their roars by clapping your hands. (say the name of volunteer #1, then #2, then #3)

Great! They all did pretty good. But I think the class has their winner. (announce winner and hand each a prize)

Now let me read to you a verse from the Bible. (Read Hosea 11:10)

Wow! When our GOD roars like a lion, his people (*that is you and me*) will come trembling (*with godly fear*) back to Him.

A lion roars to show his authority and to help his pride (*other lions, lionesses and cubs under his protection*) who has strayed find him.

**God uses the image of a lion to remind us that He is concerned when we are lost. He wants us to seek Him and come to Him with RRReverence, RRRespect and RRRepentance.**

#### Supplies:

Safari Hat

Binoculars

Vest

Lion stuffed animal or PowerPoint slide of roaring lion.

Surprise bag

#### **In preparation for the class:**

research “Why do Lions Roar?”

#### *Teaching Tips:*

- Have fun with the children. Participate in the games and activities. Your participation with the children helps build confidence and trust with the students.
- The children become better listeners when they see that you are excited about the lesson.
- Do not be afraid of making mistakes. Do however accept your errors before the class and make the appropriate corrections. (2 Timothy 2:15)

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### *The Message*

#### **Supplies:**

\*After the *Message* play a worship song.

Have children turn toward a wall or face the front of the classroom. Away from facing each other.

Lead them in worship of God.

Seek after God.  
Do not give up

*Where two or three are gathered in His name, He is there!*

Storytelling tip:

*\*Make frightening roaring sounds whenever you mention the word roar.*

If you were going on a Safari, it is likely that you would see a lion. The lion is known as the king of the animal kingdom. Lions are fearless, frightening and dangerous.

But did you know that a lion will mostly roar at night time? He does this to guide any member of his pride who has strayed, back to him. The roar helps them find the lion king in the darkness.

In the book of Hosea God uses the lion as a symbol to express something about Himself. God reveals to us that He is our King, He cares for us when we have lost our way and He will not stop roaring until we have found our way back to Him.

I want to read to you a story from the Bible, of a woman that followed the voice of God and found her way to Him. **Read Luke 7:36-50**

This woman recognized that she was lost. At some point in her life she strayed from the 'pride'. She recognized that she was so removed from God, that she was no longer under the authority or the protection of her King.

But when she heard about Jesus, when she heard His words, she searched for Him. She followed His 'roar' and found Him. She came to Him trembling. She gave Jesus the best that she had. She knelt behind Him. With her tears and hair, she wiped His feet. Then she kept kissing His feet and pouring her expensive perfume on them. She came to Him with **RRReverence, RRRespect and RRRepentance.**

Jesus welcomed her. He loved her. He forgave her sins. He forgave her for straying away. He allowed her to come so close to Him, that she even kissed His feet. He did not push her away. He received her **Reverence, Respect and Repentance.** He even recognized her before the others around Him.

Kids, it is so very important to seek the Lord. When you seek Him you will not lack anything. He is a lion that roars for you. He wants to be found by you. He wants you to come close to Him. His presence is real and He wants you to seek after Him. ***He wants you under His authority, His presence, His protection and His love. Join the Pride!***

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### A Roaring Lion

**You will need:** Paper plates. (1 per child). Strips of brown, orange and yellow construction paper. Glue. Stapler. Tape. Scissors. Craft wood sticks.

**Instructions:** *(If you are short on time, have these premade to give to the children.)* Glue or tape a wood stick to the back of the finished craft for the children to hold mask.

**\*You can also add the words “RRReverence” “RRRespect” “RRRepentance” with a black marker to some of the strips to help the children remember the lesson.**



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### ADDITIONAL GAMES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THIS MONTH

(These activities are to be used when you have spare time after a lesson)

#### Find the Coin (week 1)

**Items:** one quarter

**Presentation:** What GOD is able to give you is worth a lot more than money. Search after GOD. Go after Him. He is much, much more valuable than any treasure.

**Instructions:** Hide the quarter in the classroom. Have the kids search for the missing coin. Review the story of the 'Lost Coin' with the children.

#### Monkey See Monkey Do (week 2)

**Items:** none

**Presentation:** Monkeys are very curious creatures. They tend to mimic everything they see. Good or bad. We as God's children are to imitate Jesus Christ, not the world. In John 5:19 Jesus said: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does."

**Instructions:** This game is played like 'Simon Says' but the key is to encourage children to only use animals they would likely spot if they were in a Safari.

#### Wild Elephant Races (week 3)

**Items:** Peanuts, use construction paper and tape to create tubes aka 'elephant noses'.

**Presentation:** An African bush elephant can run up to 24 mph. That is pretty fast when you take in their size! In 2 Timothy 4:7 Paul says "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful." Elephants run away from danger. But our race is to live a life faithful to God until we meet Him in heaven.

**Instructions:** Mark a start and finish line. Line three kids side by side at the starting point and place a peanut on the starting line in front of each kid. The object of the game is to see who can push the peanut to the finish line first... But the kids can only use their noses! (use tape to attach an 'elephant nose' to each kid)

#### The Lion is King (week 4)

**Items:** 12 pieces of construction paper. On two write: Elephant. On two write: Zebra. On two write: Giraffe. On two write: Rhino. On two write: Lion. On two write: Cheetah.

**Presentation:** In Hosea 11:10 God says: "For someday the people will follow me. I, the LORD will roar like a lion. And when I roar, my people will return trembling..." In the wild, the lion is feared. Considered the king of the animals. Our GOD is our KING and he is to be feared by all.

**Instructions:** This game is played as the 'Memory Game'. Choose two children. Turn all cards upside down. Each child turns two cards. Children take one turn each. The child with most pairs wins. Here is the twist... If a child finds the LION pair, he wins the game immediately!