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STUDENT DEVOTIONAL
UNIT 16

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UNIT 16: HOPE FOR CAPTIVES

Session 1: Daniel Obeyed God Daniel 1



Sunday, November 30

How can we glorify God?

We can glorify God by loving Him and obeying Him.

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 10:31

"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."

Monday,
December 1

SESSION 1



Before you read...

- ▶ The book of Daniel was written while God's people were in exile in Babylon. The prophet Daniel was one of the many people who had to leave Jerusalem and live in Babylon under the rule of King Nebuchadnezzar.



Read Daniel 1:3-5

- ▶ Look at verse 4. List three of the features the king wanted to see in the young Israelite men.

- ▶ Where did the food for the men come from?

- ▶ What kind of food do you think would be at a king's table?



Before you read...

- ▶ Remember, Daniel and his friends were God's people who were living in exile in Babylon.
- ▶ The king's chief official chose Daniel and his three friends as some of the young men who were to be trained to serve the king of Babylon.
- ▶ God had very specific rules about what His people could eat. The food from the king's table did not follow God's rules.



Read Daniel 1:8-10

- ▶ Look at verse 8. What did Daniel decide NOT to do?

- ▶ Why do you think Daniel made that decision?

- ▶ Look at verse 9. What did God do for Daniel?

Wednesday,
December 3

SESSION 1



Before you read...

- ▶ Daniel decided not to eat the food from the king's table because it was against God's rules.
- ▶ God was with Daniel and caused the king's chief official to show favor and compassion to Daniel.
- ▶ But the chief official was afraid that the king would kill him if Daniel did not eat the king's food.



Read Daniel 1:11-14

- ▶ What did Daniel suggest he and his friends should eat for 10 days?

- ▶ Look at verse 13. What would they do at the end of the 10 days?

- ▶ What is your favorite vegetable? Would you like to eat only that vegetable and drink only water for 10 days?



Before you read...

- ▶ Daniel and his three friends were eating only vegetables and drinking only water for 10 days.
- ▶ The other young men were eating food from the king's table for those 10 days.



Read Daniel 1:15-17

- ▶ How did Daniel and his three friends look after the 10 days?

- ▶ What did God give to Daniel and his three friends?

- ▶ Why do you think God gave them those gifts?

Friday,
December 5

SESSION 1



Before you read...

- ▶ Daniel and his friends were healthier than the other men who ate the king's food.
- ▶ God blessed them with knowledge and understanding because they obeyed Him. Remember, all of the men were supposed to train for three years to serve the king.



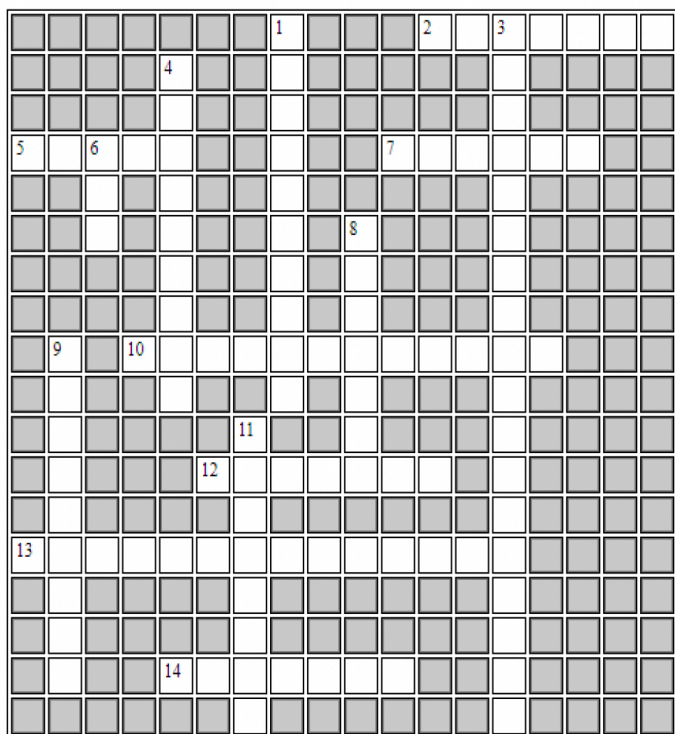
Read Daniel 1:18-20

- ▶ At the end of the three years of training, the king said Daniel and his three friends were 10 times better than who...?

- ▶ Who made Daniel and his friends so great?
Why did He make them great?

- ▶ Daniel and his friends chose to obey God no matter what.
How can you choose to obey God this week?

Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego asked
to have vegetables and water. Daniel 1:12



Word Bank

Azariah
Babylon
Belteshazzar
Daniel
Hananiah
Jerusalem
knowledge
Mishael
Nebuchadnezzar
seventy,
ten
vegetables
visions and dreams
water

Across

Down

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| 2. The number of years God punished the people | 1. He asked for this food |
| 5. He asked for this to drink | 3. God blessed Daniel with this understanding |
| 7. He spoke for himself and his friends | 4. Where they were taken captive |
| 10. Daniel's new name | 6. He asked to try it for this many days |
| 12. Where they were taken to | 8. Meshach's old name |
| 13. The king of Babylon | 9. God blessed them with this |
| 14. Abed-Nego's old name | 11. Shadrach's old name |

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Session 2: Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego Daniel 3



Sunday, December 7

How can we glorify God?

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Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 10:31

"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."



Before you read...

- ▶ Last week, we learned that Daniel and his three friends obeyed God by refusing to eat the king's food, and God blessed them with wisdom.
- ▶ Those three friends were Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. You may remember them more from the true story we will read this week. The same king, Nebuchadnezzar, made an image of gold in Babylon, ninety feet high and nine feet wide.



Read Daniel 3:4-6

- ▶ What did the king's herald command everyone to do?

- ▶ What happens if you do not follow this command?

- ▶ Why do you think King Nebuchadnezzar built this gold statue?

Tuesday,
December 9

SESSION 2



Before you read...

- ▶ King Nebuchadnezzar commanded everyone to bow down and worship his giant gold statue. If the people did not follow this command, they would be thrown into a blazing furnace.
- ▶ Some of the people of Babylon knew that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego did not worship the golden statue. They told King Nebuchadnezzar, and he became very angry.



Read Daniel 3:16-18

- ▶ What did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego say about God in these verses?

- ▶ Why did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refuse to worship the statue?

- ▶ This was a very scary situation for these three men!! Yet they chose to obey God no matter what. How does this Bible story give you courage to obey in your own hard or scary situations?



Before you read...

- ▶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to worship the gold statue because they only worshiped the One True God. They knew God was powerful enough to rescue them from this scary situation.
- ▶ We can also glorify God by loving Him and obeying Him, even in hard or scary situations.



Read Daniel 3:19-25

- ▶ What happened to the soldiers who threw Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego into the fire?

- ▶ What did the king see in the fire?

- ▶ Who was in the fire with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?

Thursday,
December 11

SESSION 2



Before you read...

- ▶ Even though the fire was so hot it killed the soldiers who threw in the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were not hurt.
- ▶ Many Bible scholars believe the fourth man in the fire was God the Son—Jesus. God allowed the three friends to be thrown into the fire, but He was protecting them.



Read Daniel 3:26-27

- ▶ Who did the king say Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were servants of?

- ▶ Who saw that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were not harmed by the fire?

- ▶ God saved Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from any harm that would come to them in the fire. We might not be facing death from a fire like they did, but the Bible tells us that we deserve death for our sin. How can we be saved from our sin?



Before you read...

- ▶ King Nebuchadnezzar and his royal officials all saw the power of the Most High God when he rescued the 3 men from the blazing furnace.
- ▶ When we trust Jesus to save us from our sins and live in ways that show we love God and demonstrate obedience, we can point others to God and His power to save.



Read Daniel 3:28-30

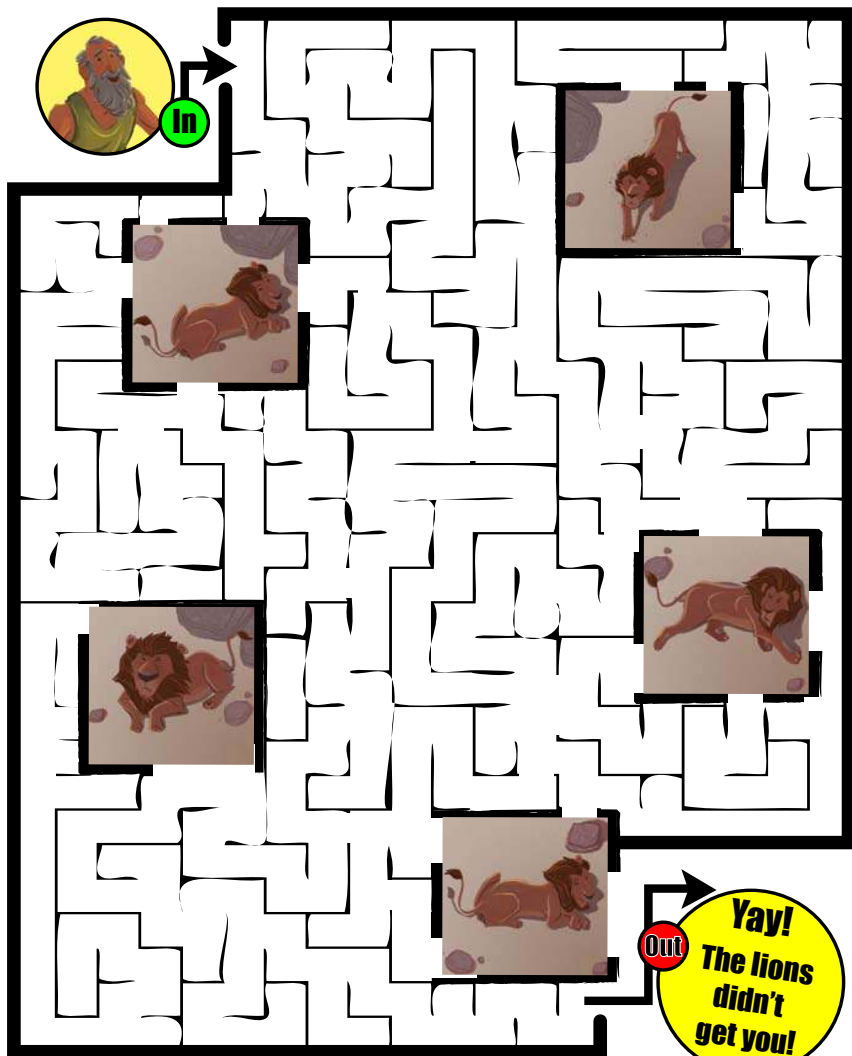
- ▶ What were Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego willing to give up rather than worship the gold statue?

- ▶ What did King Nebuchadnezzar decree?

- ▶ What can you do this week to show that you love God above all things?

The Lions' Den

Can you be as successful with the lions as Daniel was?
Find your way through the maze without going through any lion cages.



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Session 3: Daniel in the Lions Den Daniel 6



Sunday, December 14

How can we glorify God?

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Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 10:31

"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."

Monday,
December 15

SESSION 3



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we will read about another time God protected Daniel in a scary situation. Daniel shows yet again that he trusts and obeys God no matter what.
- ▶ King Darius is now in charge of God's people who are in exile. He really liked Daniel and wanted to put him in charge of the whole kingdom.



Read Daniel 6:3-9

- ▶ How does the end of verse 4 describe Daniel?

- ▶ What law did the leaders want the king to make people obey in verse 7?

- ▶ Why was Daniel an honorable man?



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday we read that King Darius made a law that people could only pray to him or they would be thrown into a den of lions.
- ▶ Some of his rulers tricked him into making this law because they did not like Daniel and didn't want Daniel to rule the kingdom.



Read Daniel 6:10-14

- ▶ What did Daniel do when he heard about the law?

- ▶ How did the king feel when he heard Daniel was still praying only to the One True God? Look at verse 14.

- ▶ Why do you think the king wanted to save Daniel?

Wednesday,
December 17

SESSION 3



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday we read that Daniel still prayed to the One True God even though it was against the law.
- ▶ We read that the king was greatly distressed and wanted to rescue Daniel. But, the other rulers really wanted to get rid of Daniel.



Read Daniel 6:15-18

- ▶ Look at verse 16. What did the king say to Daniel after he threw him into the lion's den?

- ▶ King Darius did not worship the One True God, but he still thought God might rescue Daniel. Do you think King Darius might decide to worship God after this?

- ▶ Read verse 17 again. Can you think of another time when a stone was rolled in front of a tomb and sealed?



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday we read that Daniel was thrown into the lion's den as a punishment for praying to the One True God.
- ▶ We also read that King Darius thought God might rescue Daniel.



Read Daniel 6:19-23

- ▶ Who came to check on Daniel in the lion's den in the morning?

- ▶ Why did the lions not hurt Daniel?

- ▶ God shows that He has the power to do anything, even shut the mouths of lions. Who do you think learned about God's power when Daniel was rescued?

Friday,
December 19

SESSION 3



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday we read that the lions did not hurt Daniel because he was innocent.
- ▶ The king was overjoyed that Daniel was saved. He was also mad at the rulers who tricked him into making the law.
- ▶ Just like God rescued Daniel from the lions, God rescued us from our sins by sending Jesus to die and raise to life again.



Read Daniel 6:24-27

- ▶ What happened to the men who tricked the king?

- ▶ What did King Darius do in verse 26?

- ▶ List three things King Darius said about the God of Daniel.

Three in the Fire Coded Words

Each number stands for a letter of the alphabet. Write the correct letter in the blank to find the coded words and phrase.

Code key

A 1	J 10	S 19
B 2	K 11	T 20
C 3	L 12	U 21
D 4	M 13	V 22
E 5	N 14	W 23
F 6	O 15	X 24
G 7	P 16	Y 25
H 8	Q 17	Z 26
I 9	R 18	

7 15 12 4

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8 9 19 16 5 15 16 12 5 .

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Bonus Session: Jesus is Our Rescuer Luke 2



Sunday, December 21

How can we
glorify God?

We can glorify God by loving
Him and obeying Him.

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 10:31

"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever
you do, do everything for the glory of God."

BONUS SESSION

Monday,
December 22



Before you read...

- ▶ We've been reading from the book of Daniel. We read how God RESCUED Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from the fiery furnace and how God RESCUED Daniel from the den of lions.
- ▶ This week, we are going to read about how God RESCUED all of us from our sins by sending Jesus as our Savior!



Read Luke 2:4-7

- ▶ Where did Mary place Jesus after He was born?

- ▶ I bet you have read or heard these verses before. This is the birth of Jesus—yet the verses are short and simple. What makes you think, “WOW!” in these verses?

- ▶ Deep thinking question: Why do you think Jesus had such a quiet, humble beginning to His life on earth?

Tuesday,
December 23

BONUS SESSION



Before you read...

- ▶ Throughout the Old Testament, God repeated His promise to send the Messiah into the world. From Genesis to Malachi, God's prophets wrote down God's promise and told the people to hope in the coming Messiah.
- ▶ Now in Luke, we read that the Messiah has come, but He was placed in a manger instead of in a palace. Even though He is the Son of God, He was born in a lowly place, showing that He would be a humble King. Jesus did not come as a rich or powerful Ruler, but as a King who would give His life to save people from sin.



Read Luke 2:8-10

- ▶ What did the angel say to the shepherds?

- ▶ Who is the good news for?

- ▶ How does Jesus' birth bring joy to all people?

BONUS SESSION

Wednesday,
December 24



Before you read...

- ▶ The angel announced good news of great joy to all people because Jesus, the Savior, had been born. This was an incredible message—Jesus is the promised Messiah who came from heaven to rescue us from sin!



Read Luke 2:11-12

- ▶ Verse 11 gives Jesus three names. What are they? (Look at the words with capital letters.)

- ▶ In these verses, the angel was speaking to the shepherds. But the words are for you, too. A Savior was born FOR YOU! Do you believe that Jesus was born for you?

- ▶ How can you praise Jesus right now for coming from heaven to rescue you from your sin?

Thursday,
December 25

BONUS SESSION



Before you read...

- ▶ Merry Christmas! Jesus is the Savior—the one who rescues people from sin. He is the Messiah, the anointed one of God who came to lead God's people into God's kingdom. Finally, He is the Lord, the ruler of all the universe.



Read Luke 2:13-15

- ▶ What did the angels say to praise God?

- ▶ What did the shepherds decide to do once the angels went back to heaven?

- ▶ How are you celebrating Jesus' birth today?



Before you read...

- ▶ The angels gave glory to God because Jesus, the Savior, had come. God deserves all glory, and the birth of the Savior, reminds us of how we can glorify God for the salvation He provided.



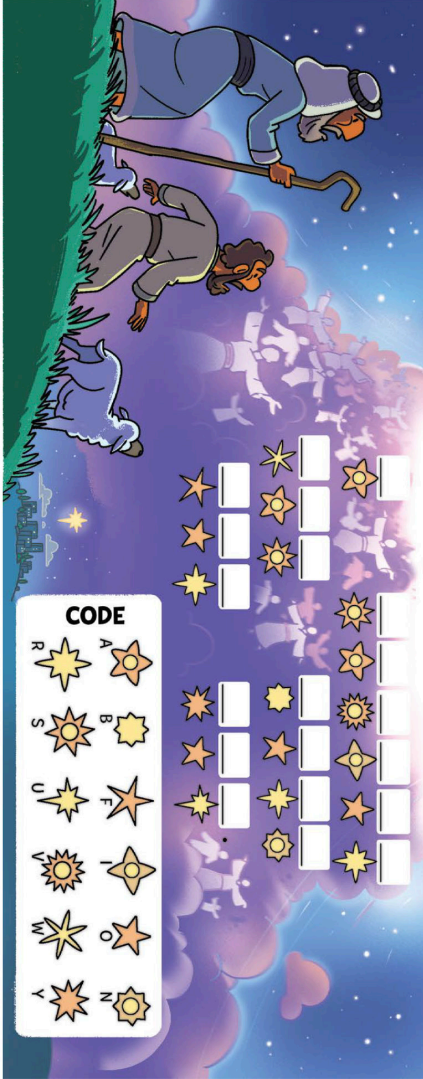
Read Luke 2:16-20

- ▶ What did the shepherds do once they had seen Jesus?

- ▶ What makes Jesus' birth such good news?

- ▶ Who is someone in your life that you can share the good news of Jesus with this week?

The Announcement | Decode the message to learn what the angels announced to the shepherds.

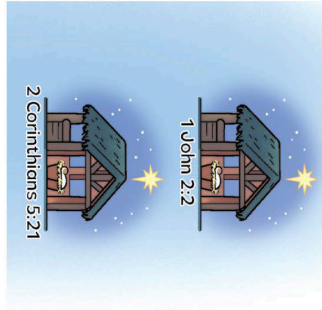


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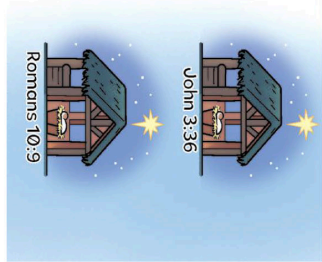
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Our Rescuer

Look up each Bible verse and match it to the correct description to learn more about how Jesus rescues us from sin.



1 John 2:2



John 3:36

Jesus died for our sin.

Those who believe in Jesus receive eternal life.

Those who confess with their mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in their heart that God raised Him from the dead will be saved.

Jesus became sin for us, so we can become righteous.

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Session 4: Daniel's Prophecies Daniel 7



Sunday, December 28

How can we glorify God?

We can glorify God by loving Him and obeying Him.

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 10:31

"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."

Monday,
December 29

SESSION 4



Before you read...

- ▶ We are returning to the book of Daniel. Remember, Daniel remained faithful to God even when he faced troubles. God protected Daniel and blessed him with great wisdom.
- ▶ This week, we are going to read about a vision God gave Daniel in a dream. This vision was a prophecy of the future. Prophecy passages in Scripture are the most difficult to understand. It is okay if you feel very confused when you read this week. Daniel was, too! The most important thing to remember about prophecy is that God is working in ways we may never be able to understand to bring about His good plan. He is always in absolute control of everything!



Read Daniel 7:1-6

- ▶ What did the first beast look like?

- ▶ What did the second beast look like?

- ▶ What did the third beast look like?



Before you read...

- ▶ Daniel had a vision of four great beasts, a lion with eagle's wings, a bear, and a leopard with four heads and wings. That is so weird!! While these beasts sound strange and even scary, God had a purpose for showing them to Daniel.
- ▶ However, most adults don't really know what each beast represents. We are not going to focus on their meaning. We are going to remember that God is in control and we may never be able to understand the ways He brings about His good plan.



Read Daniel 7:7-10

- ▶ How did Daniel describe the fourth beast?

- ▶ The Ancient of Days is God. How does Daniel describe Him?

- ▶ After seeing the four strange beasts and the Ancient of Days, how do you think Daniel felt? How would you feel if you had a dream like that?

Wednesday,
December 31

SESSION 4



Before you read...

- ▶ Daniel saw a vision of four very strange beasts and the Ancient of Days, which is God. If you are curious, look at Revelation 1:14. It gives a similar description of God.
- ▶ Remember, God had an important point for Daniel to learn with this crazy vision. He is always in control.



Read Daniel 7:11-14

- ▶ What happened to the four beasts?

- ▶ Who is more powerful than the beasts?

- ▶ In the vision, Daniel saw “one like a son of man,” that is Jesus. What did the Ancient of Days give to him?



Before you read...

- ▶ Happy New Year! In the vision, Daniel saw God give Jesus authority, glory, and sovereign power. The kingdom that Jesus rules will never end.
- ▶ This is the main thing we need to remember when we read these strange prophecies: God's kingdom will last forever. Nothing can defeat God!



Read Daniel 7:15-18

- ▶ How did Daniel feel about the visions?

- ▶ What did the four beasts represent?

- ▶ What would the "saints of the Most High" receive?

Friday,
January 2

SESSION 4



Before you read...

- ▶ Daniel's visions pointed to the truth that God is more powerful than all earthly kingdoms. Jesus, the Son of Man, rules over the kings of the earth, and His kingdom will never end. One day, all who trust in Him will be with God forever.
- ▶ Daniel and God's people lived in Babylonian captivity (or exile). They were waiting for God to rescue them. We are also waiting for Jesus to come again. God gave Daniel visions to help him have hope, even in exile. God has given us His Word so believers can have hope while they wait for Jesus to return.



Read Colossians 3:1-4

- ▶ Where should we set our hearts and minds?

- ▶ What do you think it means to "set your hearts and minds on things above?"

- ▶ What will happen to believers when Jesus appears again?

Dream It!

Daniel had a dream with some strange creatures. Draw something you have dreamed or something you would like to dream.



A Forever Kingdom!

Jesus' kingdom will last forever, unlike the kingdoms of this world. Look up each Bible reference and match it to the sentence that describes it to learn more about Jesus' kingdom.

John 3:3

Romans 14:17

Daniel 7:27

Matthew 13:44

Jesus' kingdom is like a treasure; it is priceless.

You must be born again to enter Jesus' kingdom.

Jesus' kingdom is full of righteousness, peace, and joy.

God's people will be given the kingdom.





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