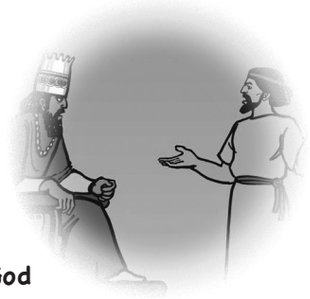
LESSON 14

DANIEL AND THE KING OF BABYLON



Aim: **To show the children how Daniel and his friends walked close to God in a hostile situation, and God gave them great power and responsibility.**

Scripture Reading: **Daniel 2:1-49**
This passage is too long to tell the children all the details; it is enough if they know what the dreams were about.

Memory Verse: **Exodus 2:11**
(the Ten Commandments)
"For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day."

Presenting the Lesson

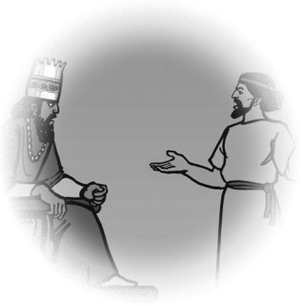
Starting point

What does it feel like if you are worried about something? Give the children time to respond. You probably can't sleep, and you may not want to eat. It's a good idea to go and talk to someone about what is worrying you.

Main Points of the Lesson

1. Nebuchadnezzar, the powerful king of Babylon, was very worried. He had had upsetting dreams that he could not understand. He sent for all his magicians and stargazers, and decided to test their abilities. They had to tell him not only what his dreams meant, but also what he had dreamed about (Dan 1:1-9)! Nebuchadnezzar was very angry when they could not do it and ordered all his wise men to be killed. This included Daniel and his three friends (2:10-13).
2. Daniel and his friends prayed to God, who revealed the dream to Daniel (2:14-19).
3. Daniel explained to King Nebuchadnezzar that it was only the God of heaven who could reveal what the dreams meant that he had sent to the king (2:24-29). **Show Picture 14.** Notice how very humble Daniel was, but what courage God gave him to speak out to a powerful earthly king.
4. God was telling Nebuchadnezzar about the future. Many kingdoms would come and go in the history of the world, but a greater kingdom was coming that would destroy them all. This was the kingdom of God, which would last for ever (2:36-39, 44-45).
5. The king was pleased with Daniel. He spared all the other wise men and made Daniel governor over all of Babylon (2:46-49).

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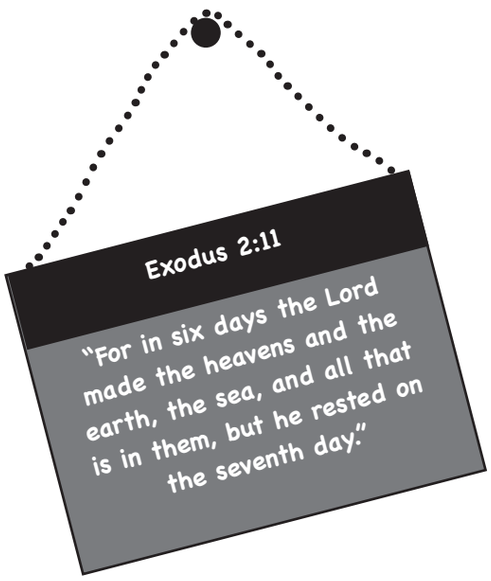
Our Response to the Story

The president and government of Albania, a country in Europe, said, "There is no God." They closed the churches and forbade the Albanian Christians even to pray. But people in the rest of the world prayed for that country. In 1991 their prayers were answered and that government fell. Now churches are opening again and thousands of people are asking for Bibles and Christian literature in this very poor country. Our God is the supreme Ruler over the whole world, even if earthly rulers think they can ignore him.

Instil the Memory Verse

This verse shows the power of God as Creator of the whole world.

Recite all the commandments learnt so far.



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