



## Nebuchadnezzar's 1<sup>st</sup> Dream Story

### Supplies Needed

You will need the following:

- 11 Sheets of Cardstock (8.5" x 11")
- 11 3 mil Laminating Film

### Directions

- Print pages 2-23 two-sided on cardstock. Laminate the pages.
- Hold up the pictures while you read the story.



Black Sea

Caspian  
Sea

Mediterranean  
Sea

Jerusalem

Babylon

**BABYLONIAN EMPIRE**  
**606-536 BC**

***Before holding up the picture:***

Who did we learn about in our last lesson? *(Daniel and his 3 friends)*

What was the name of the Babylonian king that conquered Jerusalem? *(Nebuchadnezzar)*

What did the Babylonians bring back from Jerusalem? *(gold from the temple, noble young men)*

What did Daniel ask to eat instead of the king's food? *(vegetables and water)*

After 10 days, were Daniel and his friends stronger or weaker? *(stronger)*

***Hold up picture:***

When the Babylonian army conquered Jerusalem, they brought back captives. Daniel and his three friends, were chosen to serve King Nebuchadnezzar.





***Hold up picture:***

One night, Nebuchadnezzar had a strange dream. He was so disturbed by his dream that he couldn't get back to sleep.





***Hold up picture:***

So King Nebuchadnezzar called all his magicians, astronomers, and sorcerers to come before him to tell him about his dream. The king's wise men said, "Tell us your dream and we will tell you what it means."







***Hold up picture:***

But King Nebuchadnezzar said, “No, you must tell me what I dreamt, and then I will know that you can interpret the dream. If you don’t tell me what I dreamt, then I will have you all executed.”

***Ask:***

Why do you think the king wouldn’t tell his wise men the dream? *(The wise men could just make up an interpretation for the dream, and the king wouldn’t know if it was true or not.)*





***Hold up picture:***

The king's wise men begged him to tell them the dream. They said, "There is no one except the gods, who can tell the king his dream." King Nebuchadnezzar was furious and commanded all the wise men of Babylon to be killed.

***Ask:***

Who would have been included in all the king's wise men? *(Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego)*





***Hold up picture:***

When Daniel found out what had happened, he went in to ask the king for more time. Daniel knew that his life was at risk, but King Nebuchadnezzar gave Daniel time to discover what the king had dreamt and its meaning.





***Hold up picture:***

Daniel went home and told his friends Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah to pray to God to reveal the king's dream to them so that they would not be executed. That night, God revealed the king's dream and interpretation to Daniel in a vision, so Daniel praised and thanked God.





***Hold up picture:***

Then Arioch, the captain of the king's guard, took Daniel to King Nebuchadnezzar. Daniel told the king, "There are no wise men who can reveal the king's dream, but there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets. Now I will tell you your dream and its meaning."





***Hold up picture:***

In your dream, you saw a huge, awesome statue. The head was made of fine gold. Its chest and arms were made of silver. The belly and thighs were made of bronze. Its legs were made of iron, and its feet were a combination of iron and clay. As you watched, a rock struck the feet made of iron and clay and broke them into pieces. Then the whole statue of iron, clay, bronze, silver and gold was crushed together and the wind blew it all away without leaving a trace behind. And the rock that had struck the statue became a great mountain that filled the earth.





### ***Hold up picture:***

Then Daniel explained to King Nebuchadnezzar what the dream meant. Daniel said, “You, O King, are the head of gold. God has given you power, strength, and glory and has made you ruler over all the inhabited world. The silver chest and arms represent an inferior kingdom that will come after you. Then a third kingdom, represented by the bronze belly and thighs, will rule the world. Then there will be a fourth kingdom as strong as iron, but as the feet were mixed with clay, this kingdom will be divided and be partly strong and partly fragile. The rock that crushed the statue, represents the kingdom that the God of heaven will establish. God’s kingdom will crush all other kingdoms and it will never be destroyed.

### ***Ask:***

What is God’s kingdom? (*The church*)





### ***Hold up picture:***

After hearing all this, King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face and said to Daniel, “Truly, your God is the God of gods, the Lord of kings, and the revealer of secrets, for you were able to reveal this secret to me.” Then the king promoted Daniel to be ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief over all the king’s wise men. And at Daniel’s request, the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to be head over the affairs of the province of Babylon.

### ***Explain / Ask:***

So, the statue in Nebuchadnezzar’s dream represented four different kingdoms in history: the Babylonians, the Persians, the Greeks, and the Romans. And what did the rock in King Nebuchadnezzar’s dream represent? **(The church)** God’s kingdom, the church, is stronger than any earthly kingdom and it can never be destroyed.

What was the first thing Daniel did when the king ordered all the wise men to be killed? **(He prayed to God for help)** Just like Daniel, we should always pray to God when we are confronted with problems in our lives.