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-THE STORY OF DANIEL-



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The next day Daniel appeared before the mighty King Nebuchadnezzar. He said to the king, "I can't tell you your dream or what it means...."

"WHAT!" screamed the king, "then what are you doing here?!"

"No magician, sorcerer or wiseman can tell you your dream or what it means," Daniel continued, "But there IS a God in heaven who can. And he has told me what to tell you.

"In your dream you saw a great statue. Its head was made of gold, its Chest was made of silver, its waist of bronze, its legs of iron, and its feet were made of iron and Clay mixed together. Then you saw a stone Cut from a mountain by a hand that no one could see. The stone smashed the statue, and from the stone grew a great mountain."

"That's it!" cried the king.

"Now I will tell you what it means," said Daniel. "The statue with its head of gold, chest of silver, waist of bronze, legs of iron, and feet of iron and Clay - these are all the kingdoms of the people on earth. Your kingdom is the head of gold. It is a great and glorious kingdom. But it won't last forever. Another kingdom will come. It won't be as great as yours. That is the statue's chest of silver. After that will come the kingdom of bronze, after that, the kingdom of iron, and finally, the kingdom of iron and Clay.

"But one day, God is going to put an end to all the kingdoms on earth. God will put his Holy Mountain in their place, and from there God will rule, and his kingdom will have no end."

King Nebuchadnezzar fell to the ground.

He knew that this was a message from God. He said to Daniel, "Now I know that your God is the one, true God, the one who knows all mysteries, and the King who rules over all the kings of the earth."

King Nebuchadnezzar rewarded Daniel with many wonderful gifts, and he made Daniel the head of all the royal advisers. Daniel asked that his friends, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah be rewarded also, and so King Nebuchadnezzar put them in Charge of all the affairs of Babylon.

Even though they were surrounded by people who didn't follow God, Daniel and his friends were faithful.

And God was with them.

It was a good thing, because of what was going to happen next!