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DANIEL AND THE LIONS DEN



A long time ago in the land of Babylon, there was a man named Daniel. He loved and trusted God with all his heart. Daniel was so wise and faithful that King Darius chose him to be one of his top leaders. This made some of the other leaders jealous, and they plotted to get rid of Daniel.

READ DANIEL 6:1-28



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But guess what? Daniel loved God so much that he continued to pray three times a day, just like he always did.

Luke 10:27 And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

When the
jealous leaders
found out, they
told the king
about Daniel's
disobedience.

Even though
King Darius liked
Daniel, he had to
follow his own
law. So, with a
heavy heart, he
ordered Daniel
to be thrown
into a den of
hungry lions.



Now, here comes the exciting part! Daniel wasn't scared. He trusted God completely.

That night, in the lion's den, something amazing happened.

God sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths so they couldn't hurt Daniel.



Psalm 91:11-12 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

In the morning, when King Darius rushed to the den, he was overjoyed to find Daniel unharmed. The king realized the power of Daniel's God and praised Him. Daniel's faith and courage not only saved him from the lions but also helped others see the greatness of God.



So, what can we learn from Daniel? We might not face lions, but we all have our own challenges and difficult times.

Just like Daniel, you can trust God and have courage. God is always with you, even in the scariest situations. When you face tough times, you can pray, just like Daniel did.

Write about a time when you were scared, but you trusted in God. What happened?

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DAVID AND GOLIATH



A long time ago there was a giant named Goliath. He was so big and strong that even the bravest soldiers were scared of him.

The Israelites were at war with the Philistines, and every day Goliath would challenge them to send someone to fight him one-on-one.

READ 1 SAMUEL 17



Among the Israelites was a young shepherd named David. He wasn't a soldier, but he loved and trusted God with all his heart.



David's father sent him to check on his brothers who were in the army.

When David heard Goliath's taunts, he couldn't understand why no one was willing to face the giant.

With the courage
that comes from
faith, David
stepped forward
and volunteered
to fight Goliath.
King Saul tried to
give David his own
armor, but it was
too big. Instead,
David chose five
smooth stones
and his trusty
sling.



In the face of the giant, David declared his trust in God. With just one shot from his sling, the small stone hit Goliath right in the forehead, and the giant fell to the ground. David's faith and courage had defeated the giant, and the Israelites celebrated a great victory.



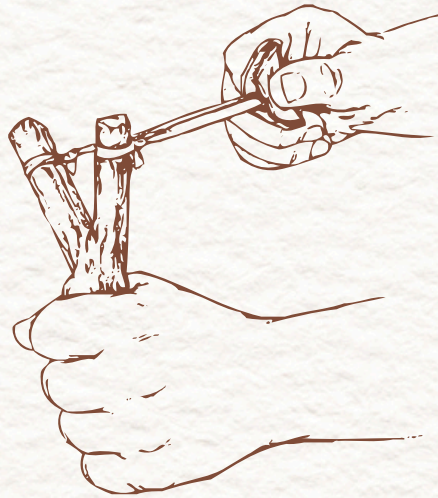
Psalm 27:2-3 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, They stumbled and fell.

So, what can we learn from David and Goliath? You might not have a giant in front of you, but we all face challenges, big or small.

David's story teaches us that no matter how small we are, we can face our giants with faith and trust in God.



When life gets tough, and it feels like you're facing a giant, remember that God is with you. Just like David, you can trust God and face your challenges with courage. God can help you overcome anything, no matter how big it seems.



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NOAH AND THE ARK



A long time ago, the world was filled with people who didn't follow God's ways, and their hearts were full of wrongdoing. However, Noah was different. He loved and trusted God, and God chose Noah to build an ark, a giant boat, to save his family and pairs of every kind of animal from a great flood.

READ GENESIS 6-9



Can you imagine how brave Noah must have been to build such a huge ark when there was no rain at that time? People around him might have thought he was a bit strange, but Noah listened to God and followed His instructions faithfully.



As Noah built the ark, he faced challenges and questions from others, but he remained steadfast in his trust in God. When the ark was ready, God sent the animals, two by two, to Noah.



Then, the rains came,
and the flood
covered the whole
earth. Inside the ark,
Noah and his family
were safe, protected
by God's plan.

After the rain
stopped, and the
waters began to
recede, Noah
released a dove, and
it returned with an
olive leaf, a sign that
the land was drying
up.

Noah and his family stepped out of the ark onto a new beginning, and God made a promise never to flood the entire earth again.



Genesis 9:11: "I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth."

So, what can we learn from Noah? Sometimes, God asks us to do things that might seem strange or challenging, but just like Noah, we can trust that God has a plan. Noah's courage and faith in God's instructions saved his family and the animals.



Name one thing that stood out to you in this story.

Even when others don't understand or question what you're doing, if you trust God and follow His ways, amazing things can happen.

Noah's story teaches us to have faith in God's plan, even when it's not clear to us.

Trust God's plan, even when it seems difficult or different from what others are doing. God has a unique plan for each of us, and when we follow it with faith, we will do what God wants us to do and make a big impact in the world.

Isaiah 55:8-9 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

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NEHEMIAH & REBUILDING THE WALL



Many years after the people of Israel returned from exile, Nehemiah served as the cupbearer to King Artaxerxes in the land of Persia. One day, Nehemiah received news that the walls of Jerusalem were broken down and its gates were burned. This made Nehemiah very sad, and he prayed to God for help.

READ NEHEMIAH 1-6



Nehemiah asked King Artaxerxes for permission to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the walls. The king not only granted his request but also provided materials for the project.



Nehemiah faced many challenges, including opposition from people who didn't want to see the walls rebuilt.

Despite the challenges, Nehemiah trusted God and led the people with faith and determination.



Nehemiah organized the people into teams, and they worked day and night to rebuild the walls. They had to be ready for anything, keeping a tool in one hand and a weapon in the other.

Nehemiah's leadership and trust in God inspired the people to complete the project in just 52 days!

What can we learn from Nehemiah? Just like him, we might face situations that seem broken or challenging.

Nehemiah's story teaches us that with faith in God and determination, we can overcome obstacles and rebuild what has been broken.



Hebrews 11:6: "And without faith, it is impossible to please God because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."

Nehemiah didn't let fear or opposition stop him. Instead, he trusted God and worked hard to rebuild the wall. You can be courageous too when you put your trust in God.

Name some challenges in your life that you can face with courage and faith in God?

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QUEEN ESTHER



A long time ago, in
the kingdom of
Persia, there was a
beautiful girl named
Esther. Esther was
an orphan, and her
older cousin
Mordecai took care
of her. Through a
series of events,
Esther found herself
chosen to be the
queen of King
Xerxes.

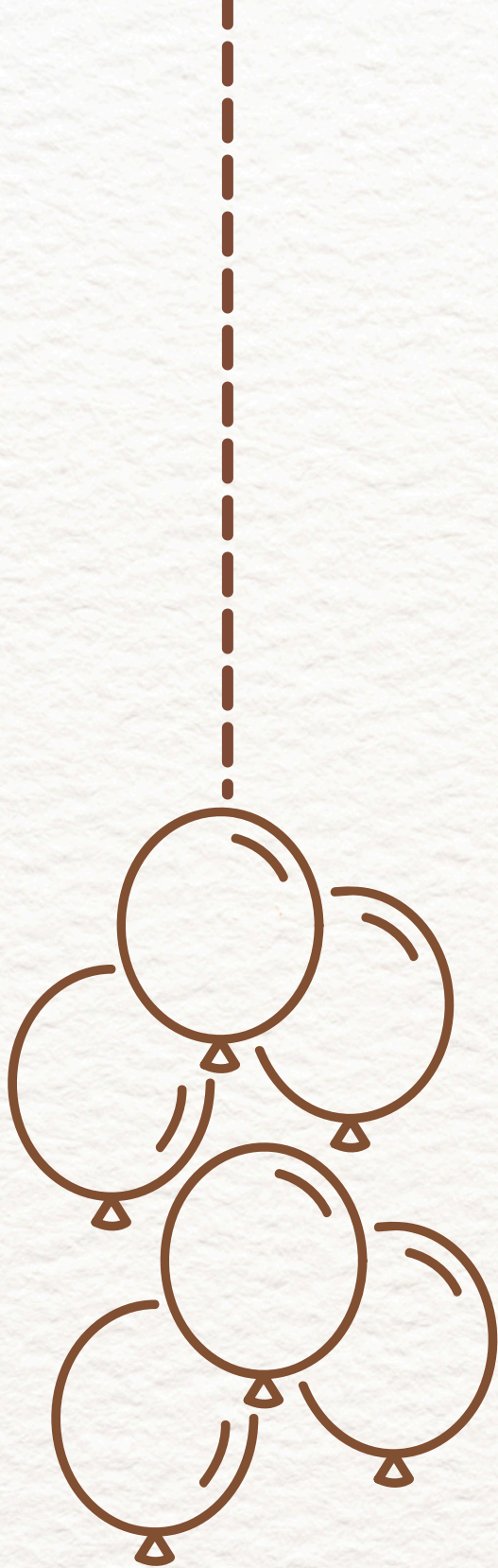
READ ESTHER 1-10



At the same time, there was a wicked man named Haman who wanted to harm the Jewish people. Mordecai, Esther's cousin, discovered the evil plan and urged Esther to use her position as queen to speak up and save her people.

Esther faced a big dilemma. Going before the king without being summoned was against the law and could lead to her death. However, Esther showed incredible courage. She fasted and prayed, and then, with great bravery, she approached the king and revealed Haman's wicked plot.

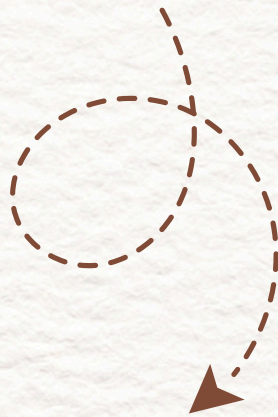




Because of Esther's courage, the king listened, and Haman's evil plan was thwarted. Esther's people were saved, and she became a hero among them. The Jewish people celebrated their deliverance, and Esther's bravery is remembered to this day.

What can we learn from Esther? Esther's story teaches us that sometimes, being courageous means standing up for what is right, even when it's difficult or dangerous.

Esther risked her life to save others because she trusted God and knew that she was in the position she was for a reason.



Philippians 2:3-4 "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

Esther's courage also reminds us that we all have a part to play in God's plan.

Even if you're facing challenges or uncertainties, God can use your bravery to make a big difference in the lives of others.

What are some ways you can show your bravery?

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MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS



Long ago, in the town of Nazareth, there lived a young girl named Mary. She was an ordinary girl, but she had a heart full of faith and love for God.

One day, something extraordinary happened. An angel named Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her that she would give birth to the Son of God, Jesus.

READ LUKE 1:26-38; 2:1-20



Imagine how surprised and scared Mary must have been! But instead of being afraid, Mary responded with courage because she trusted God. She said, "I am the Lord's servant. May your word to me be fulfilled."



Mary's faith didn't waver, even when she faced challenges. She became pregnant by the Holy Spirit, and when the time came, she and her husband Joseph traveled to Bethlehem, where Jesus was born in a humble stable.

Mary's courage continued as she faced challenges in raising Jesus, including having to flee to Egypt to escape King Herod's wrath. Through it all, Mary's faith remained steadfast. She witnessed Jesus growing up, performing miracles, and eventually fulfilling His purpose as the Savior of the world.

What can we learn from Mary? Mary's story teaches us about the power of courageous faith and trust in God's plan, even when we don't fully understand it.

Mary was just a young girl, but she willingly accepted the incredible role God gave her.

Mary's courage also reminds us that God uses ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things. No matter our age or background, when we trust God and say "yes" to His plan, amazing things can happen..

Proverbs 3:5-6: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

Trust God's plan for your life, even when it seems unusual or challenging. God has a purpose for each of us, and like Mary, we can embrace it with faith and courage.

What does trusting God mean? How can you trust God more?

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THE THREE HEBREW BOYS



A long time ago, in the kingdom of Babylon, there were three young friends named Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. They loved and served God with all their hearts. However, King Nebuchadnezzar made a giant golden statue and commanded everyone to bow down and worship it.

READ DANIEL 3



Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego knew that they could only worship the one true God. So, they refused to bow down to the golden statue, even though it meant facing the fiery furnace as punishment.

King Nebuchadnezzar was furious and ordered the furnace to be heated seven times hotter than usual.

As the three friends were thrown into the blazing furnace, something incredible happened.

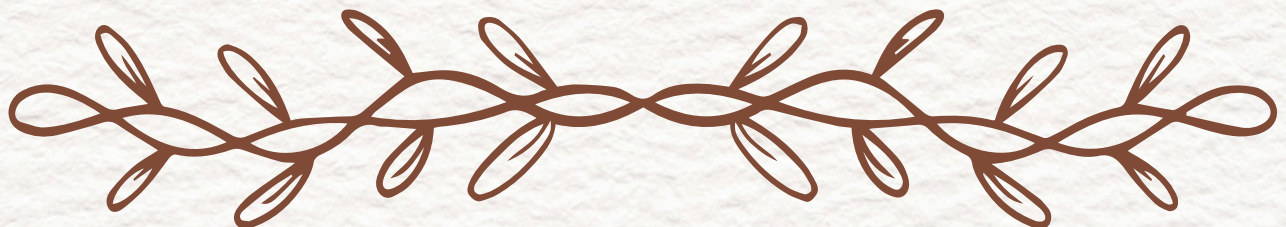


Instead of being consumed by the fire, they walked around unharmed, and there was even a fourth person in the furnace with them, whom many believe was an angel of God. The king witnessed this miracle and recognized the greatness of the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.



The king then praised God and honored the three friends, who emerged from the furnace without a single burn or smell of smoke. Their faithfulness and courage had been rewarded by God's protection.

Daniel 3:28-29 "Then Nebuchadnezzar said, 'Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. Therefore, I decree that the people of any nation or language who say anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego be cut into pieces and their houses be turned into piles of rubble, for no other god can save in this way.'"



What can we learn from Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego? Their story teaches us about the importance of trusting God, even when it's difficult or risky.

They stood firm in their faith and refused to compromise, even in the face of a fiery furnace. They knew that God was more powerful than any challenge they faced.

They trusted God's protection, and their faithfulness led to a miraculous intervention that not only saved them but also revealed God's glory to others.



What does compromise mean? Give an example in every day life of how you can stand firm in your faith?



Let's be
courageous kids
like Shadrach,
Meshach, and
Abednego! Trust
in God's
protection and
stand firm in your
faith, even when
facing challenges.
God is with you,
and just like these
brave friends, you
can overcome any
fiery furnace in
your life.



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GIDEON, THE MIGHTY WARRIOR



A long time ago, the Israelites were facing a difficult time because of the Midianites. Gideon was just an ordinary guy from the smallest tribe, but God had big plans for him. One day, while Gideon was threshing wheat, an angel appeared to him and said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior!"

READ JUDGES 6-8)



Gideon was surprised because he didn't feel like a mighty warrior, but the angel assured him that God had chosen him to save Israel. Gideon, with some doubts, asked God for signs to confirm His plan.

God patiently answered Gideon's requests, showing His understanding and compassion.





With a small army of only 300 men, Gideon faced a vast Midianite army. But instead of relying on his own strength, Gideon trusted God's plan.

God led them to a great victory, and the Midianites were defeated.

Gideon's story teaches us that even when we feel small or uncertain, God can use us for great things when we trust in His strength.

Gideon's story teaches us about trusting God's strength instead of our own.

Gideon started with doubts and fears, but as he trusted God and followed His guidance, he became a mighty warrior.



Matthew 19:26 "Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'"

Sometimes, we might feel like we're not strong enough or capable enough. But just like Gideon, when you trust in God's strength and follow His plan, amazing things can happen.

Write down a time when you felt like you weren't strong enough. How can you trust God more these times?
