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Notes for Parents & Teachers

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- a. Ask the children if they have had dreams that they can't remember, but wish that they could.
- b. This dream was a very important one, which was why the king wanted to know what it was, and what it meant.
- c. You can say that it wasn't really fair that the king wanted to kill all the wise men, just because they couldn't tell him what the dream was.
- d. But point out that this way Daniel became very famous, because no one had ever been able to tell someone else what his dream was, when the dreamer himself couldn't even remember it.
- e. Remember that Daniel said that only the Lord, whom Daniel believed in (but the other people didn't), could tell the dream. He gave the credit to the Lord, he didn't keep any of it for himself.



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The Lord Sends a Dream to Nebuchadnezzar

Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, started to dream dreams that made him unhappy, but he could not remember them when he woke. So the king called his wisest men in the country and asked them what his dream was and what it meant. The king's wise men said, "O king, live forever! Tell us the dream and we will show you the meaning." But the king answered and said, "The dream is gone from me. If you do not tell me what I dreamed and the meaning of the dream I will have you all killed."

The wise men answered and said, "There is no one who can do this." Then the king was very angry and said that all the wise men of Babylon should be killed.

Daniel and his friends, who were also wise, were to be killed as well. Then Daniel went to the king and asked the king to give him time and he would tell the king what his dream was and the meaning of it.

Daniel went back to his house and he and his three friends prayed to the Lord to tell them the secret of the dream and to save them. That night the Lord came to Daniel in a dream and told him the secret. And Daniel blessed the name of the Lord God of heaven.

Then Daniel was brought before the king. And the king said, "Daniel, are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen and the meaning of it?" Daniel answered and said, "None of the king's wise men can tell the secret. It is the Lord God in heaven that can tell secrets and He has told it to me."

And so Daniel told the king what the Lord had said to him about the dream and its meaning.

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