Daniel in the Lions' Den Diorama

The story of how King Darius was tricked into having Daniel thrown into the Lions' Den and how he was saved by an angel is one of the most dramatic stories in the Word. Children will make a diorama with 4 rooms and figures to retell the story.



1. We're going to make a diorama that will to show the story of Daniel in the lions' den with four different rooms—a palace reception room where the king will meet with his satraps, Daniel's room where he prays to the Lord, the king's bedroom where he worried all night, and the lions' den itself.
2. Hand out the four rooms (pp. 2-5) and invite students to add color to them if time allows.
3. Have students cut out the four rooms along the dotted lines, including the slit up the middle of the "floors".
4. Fold each of the rooms in half so the two walls face each other. Unfold the pages again and fold both sides of the "floor" up.
5. Overlap the two bottom flaps with the picture piece on top. The page should form 3 sides of a cube or two walls and a floor. Tape the two bottom flaps together. Repeat until all four rooms are complete.
6. Place the rooms wall to wall to form a 4-room diorama as shown in the picture above. Tape the walls together.
7. Hand out the figures (pp. 6-7) and invite the students to color them if there is time. Cut the figures out along the dotted lines and fold them on the undotted lines. Tape the bottom flaps together so the figures will stand. Note: Some of the figures have two different sides to show different actions of the character, e.g. the king making a decree and the king worrying.
8. Give each student a plastic bag to put their figures in to take home. Encourage them to retell the story to their families later.

Materials Needed for Each Student

Daniel's Diorama pp. 2-7 printed on stiff paper; scissors; tape; crayons, colored pencils or markers; plastic bags

Prepare in Advance

Print pp. 2-7 on stiff paper. Create a sample if desired.

New Church Concept Guardian Angels

Angels from each society [in heaven] are sent to people to watch over them and to lead them away from evil affections and consequent thoughts, and to inspire them with good affections so far as they will receive them in freedom. By means of these they also direct the deeds or works of people by removing as far as possible evil intentions". *Heaven and Hell* 391

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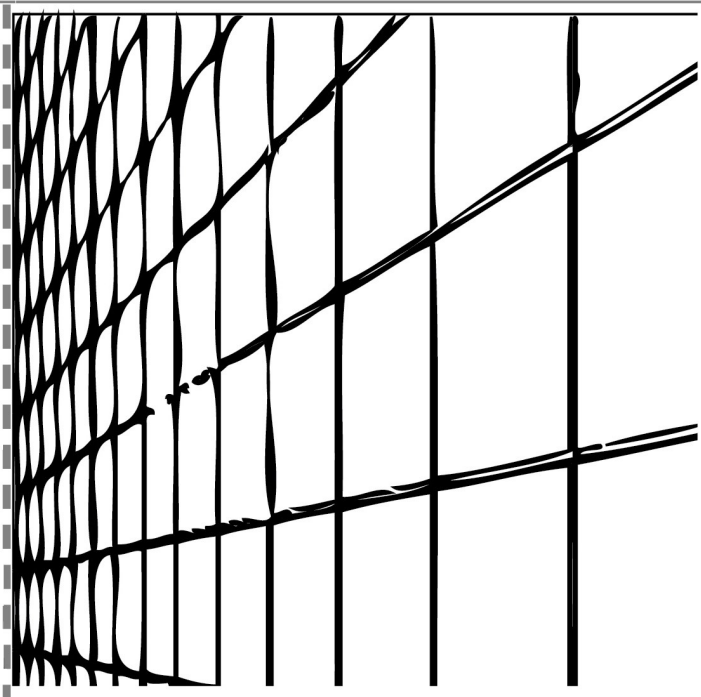
"The teeth of lions" stands for falsities destructive of truths, "lions" being falsities arising from evil in their power. *Arcana Coelestia* 9052.3

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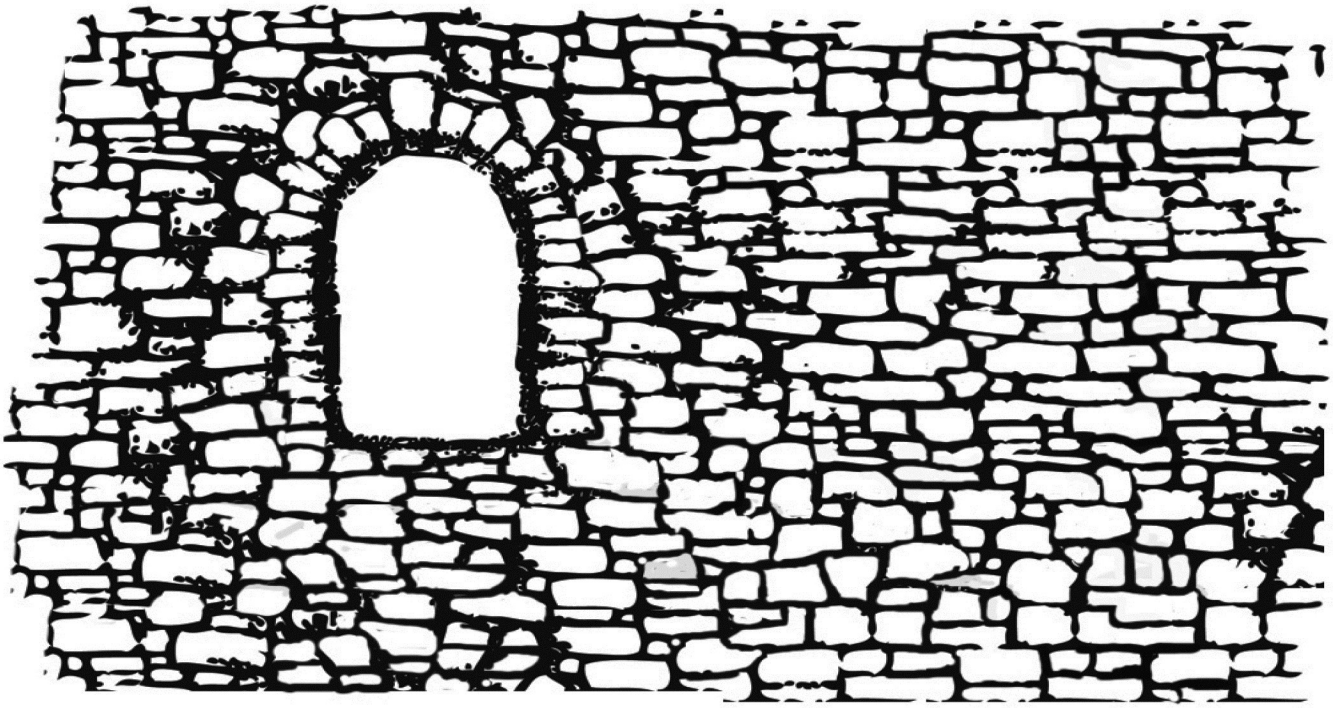
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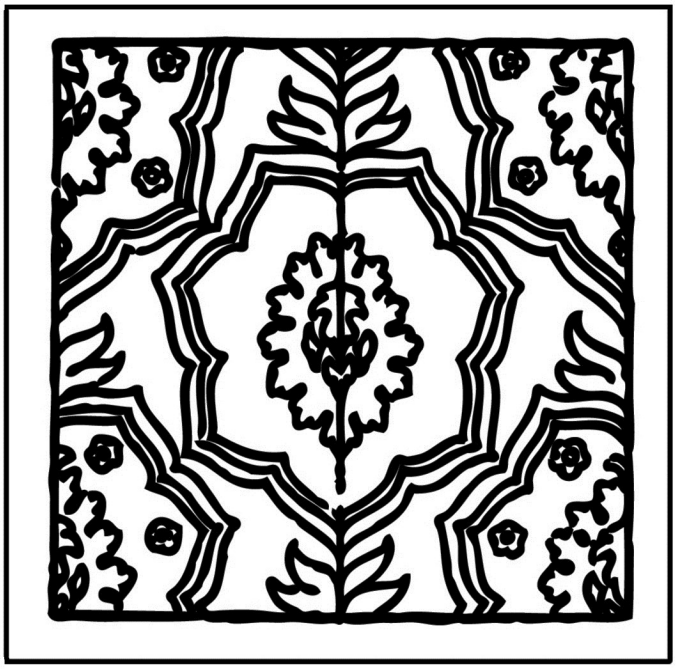
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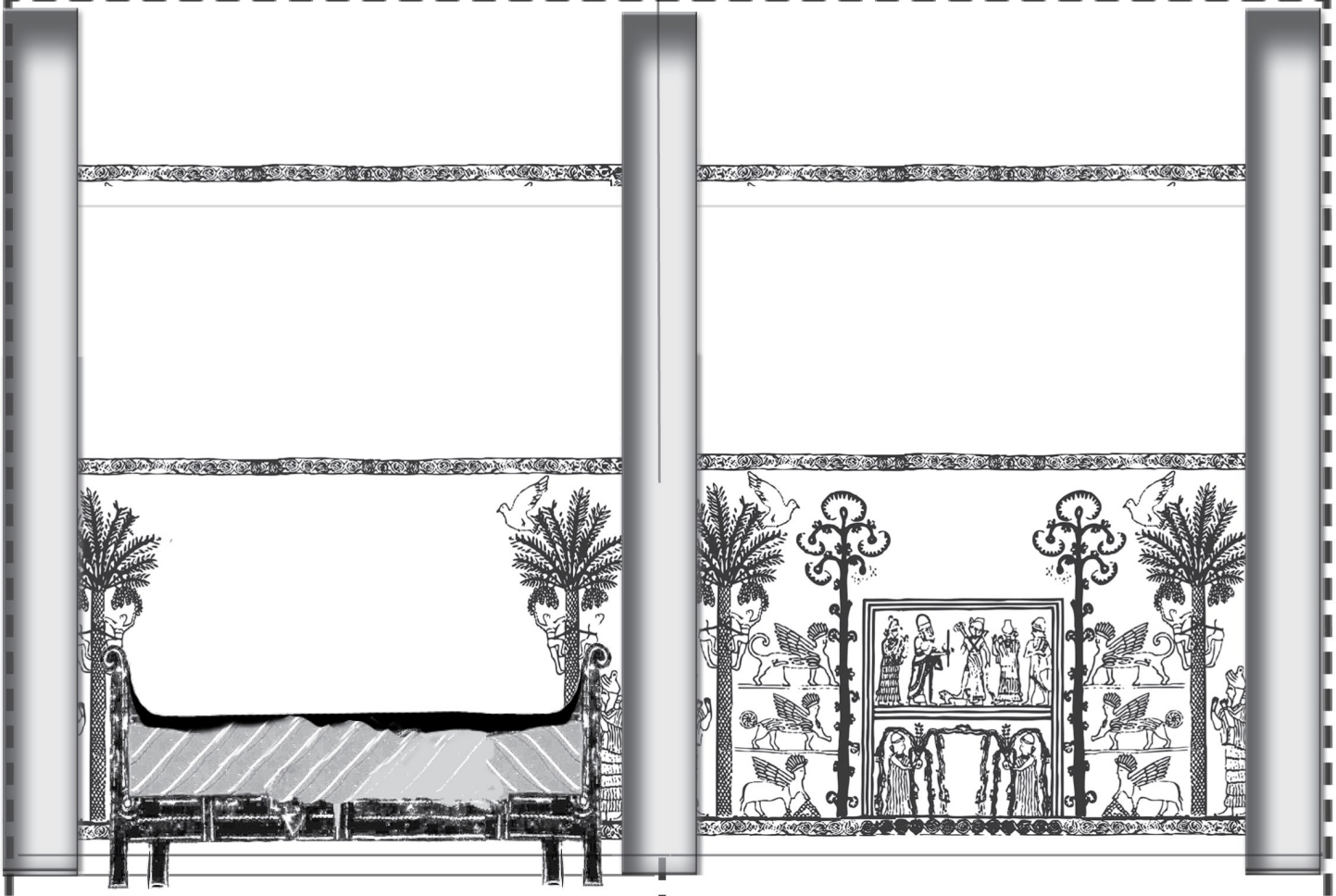
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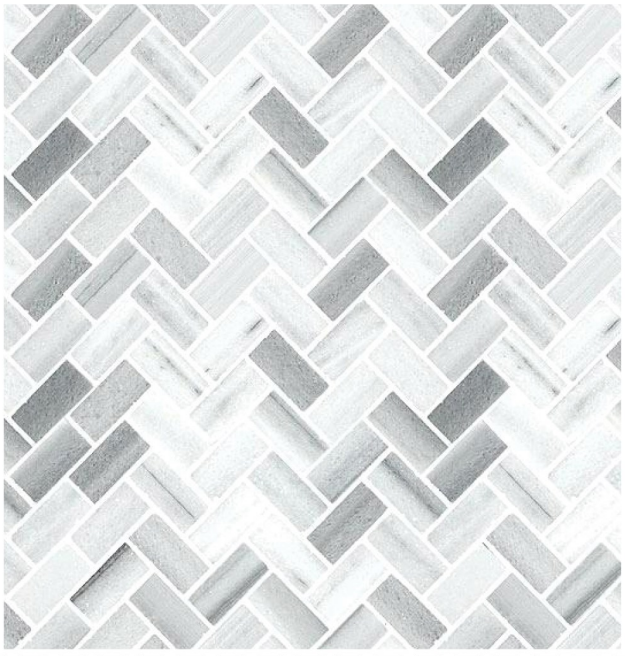
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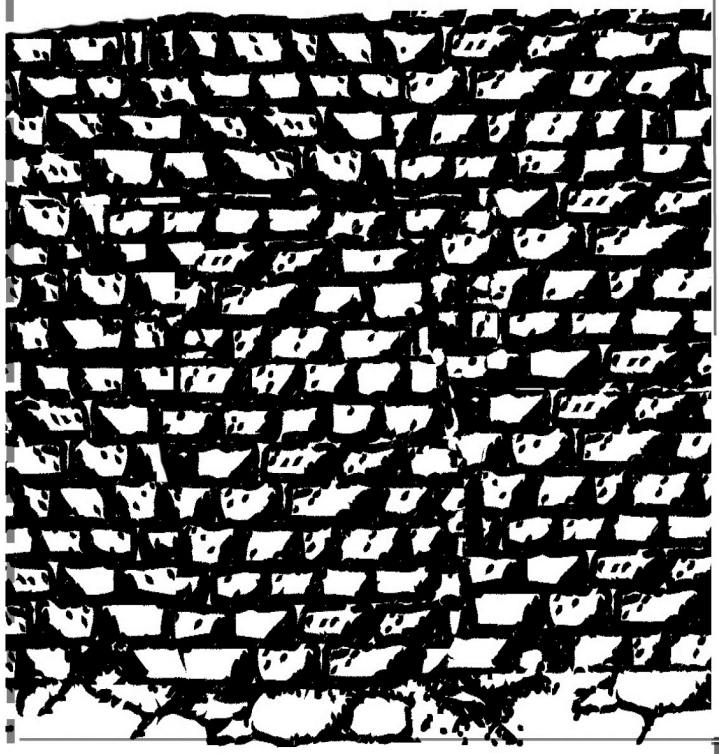
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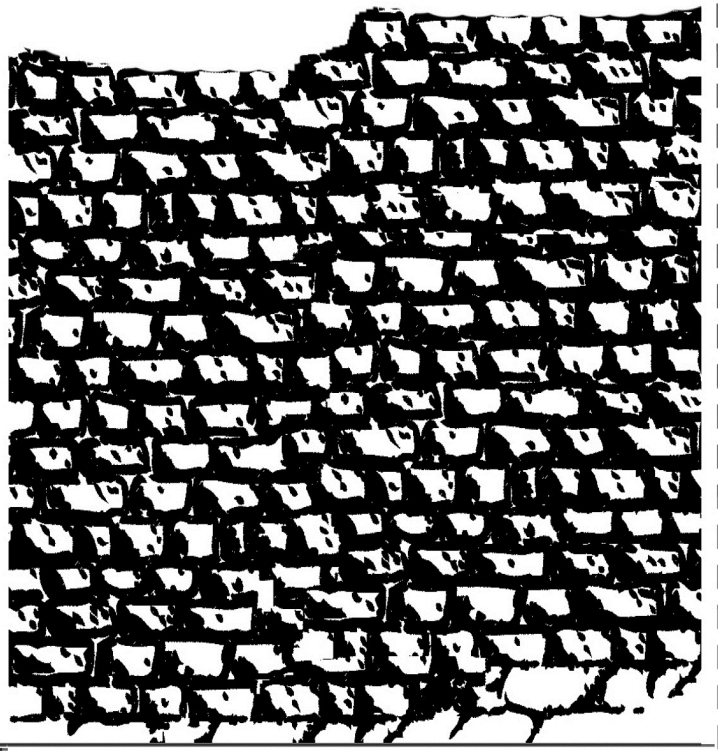


The King's Bedroom



Daniel Diorama 4





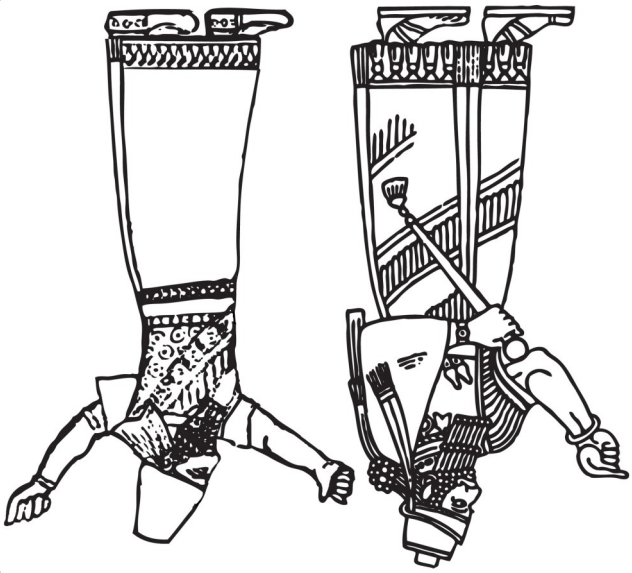
The
Lions' Den



Daniel Diorama 5



King Darius





The King's Satraps





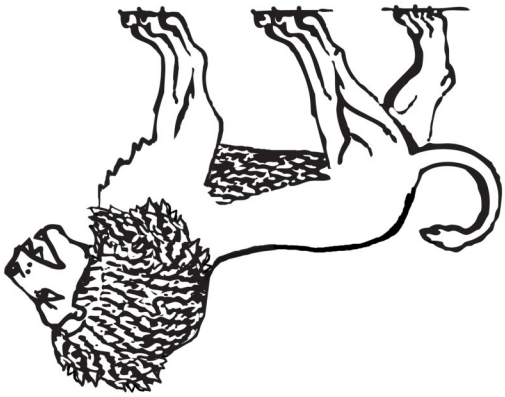
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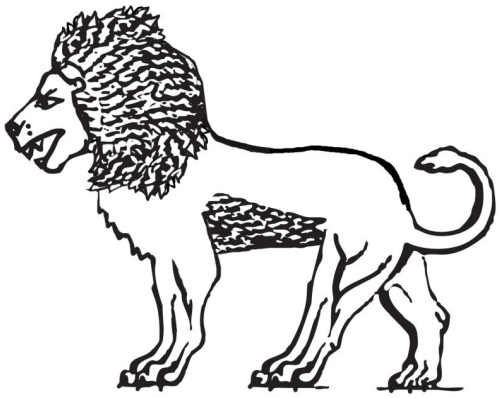
Daniel Diorama 6





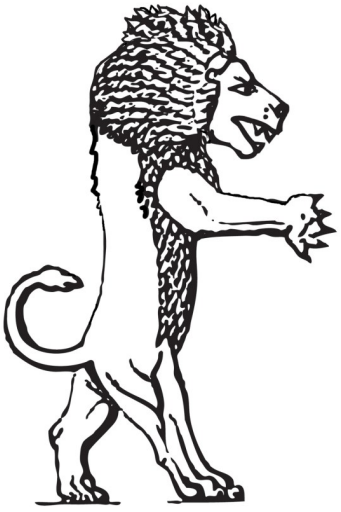
The Angel





A Lion





A Lion