**NEBUCHADNEZZAR’S DREAM: DANIEL 2:1-49**

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It struck the feet of iron and clay, smashing them to bits. Then the wind blew them away without a trace, like chaff on a threshing floor. But the rock that knocked the statue down became a great mountain that covered the whole earth.
This dream was a prophesy of the future given to the king. People who have studied this dream have worked out that the different kingdoms following on from King Nebuchadnezzar's Babylonian Empire were the Medes & Persians (silver), the Greeks (bronze), and the Romans (iron). There are different interpretations of the rest of the dream, but the main message is that God will be the final ruler of this world and his kingdom will last for eternity.

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Do you remember any of your dreams? Describe a dream you have had.
In the second year that Nebuchadnezzar was king of Babylon, he had a disturbing dream.

Who did he call in to help him understand his dream?
Magicians, enchanters, sorcerers and astrologers

The King told them that they had to tell him what his dream was and what it meant.
What would their punishment be if they couldn't answer?
They would be killed

What would their reward be?
Gifts and honours.

They told him it was impossible. He then ordered that all the wise men in the kingdom should be killed. This included Daniel. The Bible tells us that Daniel handled the situation with wisdom and discretion.

What did Daniel ask his friends to do?
To pray to God, asking him what the dream was and how it should be interpreted.

How did God answer the prayer?
Daniel had a vision in the night. God told him the dream and what it meant.

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Daniel's Interpretation - look up verses 36-44 and write what each part represented

King Nebuchadnezzar was the head of gold

An inferior kingdom would follow King Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom

A third kingdom would rise to rule the world

The fourth kingdom would be as strong as iron. It will smash and crush all previous empires

The next kingdom would be divided

The next kingdom would be set up by God and the 'rock' would be sent by him.

All the other kingdoms would be crushed but God's kingdom would last forever.

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What was Daniel's reward for interpreting the dream?
He was given many gifts and made ruler over Babylon and chief over the King's wise men.

Daniel asked his friends Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to help him.