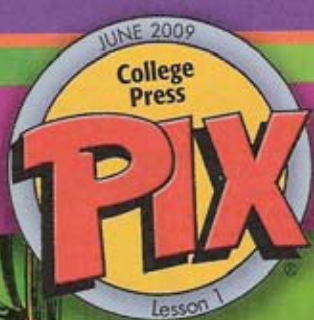


OUR BIBLE IN PICTURES

# The Statue

From Daniel 2:16-48



**K**ING NEBUCHADNEZZAR IS FURIOUS! HIS WISE MEN CANNOT TELL HIM WHAT HE HAS DREAMED. SO HE ORDERS ALL OF THEM PUT TO DEATH—INCLUDING DANIEL AND HIS THREE FRIENDS, SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO. DANIEL ASKS FOR PERMISSION TO SPEAK WITH THE KING.

O KING, GIVE ME TIME AND I WILL TELL YOU WHAT YOU DREAMED.

YOU HAVE UNTIL TOMORROW AT THIS HOUR— BUT NOT ONE MINUTE MORE.

DANIEL RUSHES BACK TO HIS FRIENDS WITH THE GOOD NEWS.

BUT, DANIEL, NO MAN ON EARTH CAN DO WHAT YOU HAVE PROMISED TO DO.

YOU ARE RIGHT—NO MAN CAN DO IT, BUT GOD CAN. AND WE WILL ASK HIM TO GIVE US THE ANSWER.





AS THE FOUR YOUNG HEBREWS PRAY,  
A VISION COMES TO DANIEL.

O GOD,  
THANK YOU  
FOR MAKING  
THE DREAM  
KNOWN TO  
ME.



THE NEXT DAY -

HAVE YOU COME TO ASK  
FOR MORE TIME—OR  
CAN YOU TELL ME MY  
DREAM?

GOD IN  
HEAVEN HAS  
REVEALED YOUR  
DREAM TO ME.



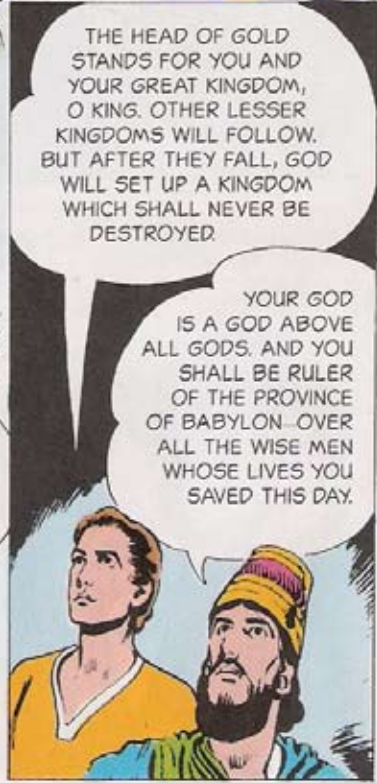
YOU SAW A MIGHTY STATUE  
—ITS HEAD WAS MADE OF  
GOLD AND ITS FEET OF  
CLAY. THEN YOU SAW  
A LARGE STONE STRIKE  
AT THE FEET OF THE  
STATUE AND BREAK  
IT INTO MANY  
PIECES.



YES! YES!  
THAT'S RIGHT.  
BUT WHAT  
DOES IT  
MEAN?

THE HEAD OF GOLD  
STANDS FOR YOU AND  
YOUR GREAT KINGDOM,  
O KING. OTHER LESSER  
KINGDOMS WILL FOLLOW.  
BUT AFTER THEY FALL, GOD  
WILL SET UP A KINGDOM  
WHICH SHALL NEVER BE  
DESTROYED.

YOUR GOD  
IS A GOD ABOVE  
ALL GODS. AND YOU  
SHALL BE RULER  
OF THE PROVINCE  
OF BABYLON—OVER  
ALL THE WISE MEN  
WHOSE LIVES YOU  
SAVED THIS DAY.





**Q:** Why did Susie paint polka dots on her lamp?

**A:** She wanted a spotlight!



**Q:** Who led the famous charge of the Light Brigade?

**A:** General Electric!

**Father:** Why did you throw your lamp out the window?

**Son:** You said to put the light out!

**Ann:** I've never seen tulips glowing like that!

**Jan:** They must've planted light bulbs!

**Q:** What kinds of lights did Noah install in the ark?

**A:** Floodlights!

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**SUNDAY****MONDAY****TUESDAY****WEDNESDAY**

School's out, or will be soon. The long, golden summer gives you your chance to get started on some great projects. This calendar is full of ideas and inspirations—so use it! Use Colossians 3:23 as your theme verse this week.

**B**uy a calligraphy kit and start learning fancy writing. Use your new skill to make birthday and greeting cards with your favorite Bible verses.



Write a song about God's love. Find out which book of the Bible is really a book of songs. Study that book—then get started on your own.



Form a car wash crew and offer to clean your neighbors' cars for free. When they ask why, tell them you're working for Jesus.

Plan a Christian game night. Make a game night.

Catch Key Verse Mania!  
Learn every Key Verse this summer!

Hold an invention convention. Have a contest for something new, terrific, and cool. Have a display in a garage or basement. Let everyone who attends vote on funniest, most...

**TUESDAY****THURSDAY****FRIDAY****SATURDAY**

...days of summer stretch ahead of you. Now's time to make this your best summer ever. This is your chance to go to it! One note: be a finisher, not a quitter. Finish your summer.

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as if working for the Lord, not for men.

**Colossians 3:23**

**MEMORIZE IT!**



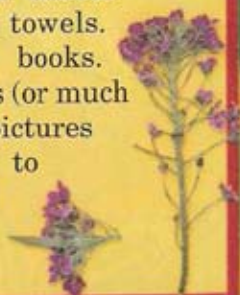
Start your summer shape-up. Set fitness goals for yourself. Keep track of your progress.

...backyard fair. Set up a puppet show, carnival and a popcorn and lemonade stand. Invite the whole block!



Start a pressed flower collection. Press small, flat flowers and leaves between newspaper sheets lined with paper towels. Press with heavy books. Use after two weeks (or much later) to make gift pictures or stationery. Add to your collection all summer long.

...Ask your friends to invent a completely secret. Set up the secret. Have everyone who is practical, etc.





# ISN'T IT GREAT WHEN...?

**YOUR PARENTS LET YOU READ THE BIBLE FOR FAMILY DEVOTIONS?**

And Mizraim begat Ludim,  
and Anamin  
and Lehabim,  
and Naphtuhim,  
and Pathrusim,  
and Casluhim ...

**NOBODY FIGHTS IN THE CAR ON THE WAY TO CHURCH?**


Honey, I'm worried—  
it's awfully quiet  
back there.





**YOUR GRANDPARENTS SEND YOU BIRTHDAY PRESENTS?**


For me?



**YOUR OLDER BROTHER STICKS UP FOR YOU?**

We were just leaving.

Get me out of here!



**THEY ALL COME TO SEE YOU IN THE SCHOOL PLAY?**

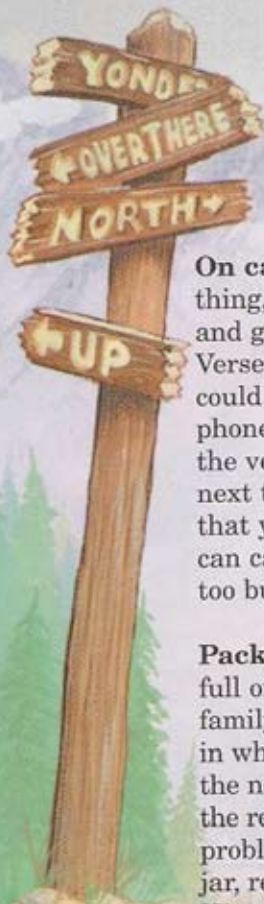
**WAY TO GO Sue!**

# faithsteps

FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

## key verse

Surely your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, for you were able to reveal this mystery. Daniel 2:47



**On call as you go.** Since God knows everything, we can always turn to Him to help us and guide us. As a reminder, copy the Key Verse, Daniel 2:47, on a piece of paper. (You could cut the paper in the shape of a telephone.) With your parents' permission, tape the verse to a telephone in your house. The next time you pick up the phone, remember that you can call on God as easily as you can call your best friend, and God is never too busy to answer.

**Pack your bags.** In this case, pack a jar full of prayers. Ask each person in your family to jot down a note about a situation in which he or she needs God's guidance. Put the notes in the jar and screw the lid on. For the rest of the month, pray for each other's problems. At the end of the month, open the jar, read the situations, and thank God for His guidance.



One time my dad had to have surgery. The morning of his operation, I had to trust in the Lord for help. I am glad I have the Lord to turn to.—*Bethany*

