

METANOYA KIDS

GOD'S BIG STORYBOOK



A SPECIAL NOTE FROM PASTOR JUBAL (AND GUS!)

HI THERE, MY FRIEND!

I'M SO HAPPY YOU'RE HERE. YOU'RE HOLDING A VERY SPECIAL BOOK, GOD'S BIG STORYBOOK FILLED WITH BEDTIME BIBLE ADVENTURES JUST FOR YOU. EACH NIGHT, YOU'LL READ A STORY FROM GOD'S WORD, LEARN SOMETHING YOU CAN USE IN YOUR OWN LIFE, AND TALK TO GOD THROUGH A SHORT PRAYER. I BELIEVE IT'S GOING TO HELP YOU GROW STRONGER, BRAVER, AND CLOSER TO JESUS.

AND GUESS WHAT? YOU WON'T BE READING ALONE...
I WANT YOU TO MEET YOUR NEW FRIEND, GUS!

HIS NAME IS SHORT FOR "GOSPEL" BECAUSE HE LOVES GOOD NEWS, AND THE BEST NEWS OF ALL IS THAT JESUS IS ALWAYS WITH US! GUS WILL POP IN FROM TIME TO TIME TO REMIND YOU OF GOD'S LOVE, ASK FUN QUESTIONS, OR HELP YOU REMEMBER IMPORTANT LESSONS. HE'S YOUR BIBLE BUDDY, YOUR BEDTIME PAL, AND YOUR LITTLE REMINDER THAT LEARNING ABOUT GOD IS FUN!

I'M PROUD OF YOU FOR TAKING THIS JOURNEY.
YOU ARE NEVER ALONE, GOD IS WITH YOU, AND
SO ARE WE HERE AT METANOYA KIDS.

LET'S GO ON AN ADVENTURE TOGETHER!

YOUR PASTOR AND FRIEND,
PASTOR JUBAL



MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK

WEEK 1

"BE STRONG AND BRAVE. DO NOT BE AFRAID. DO NOT LOSE HOPE. I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD. I WILL BE WITH YOU EVERYWHERE YOU GO." JOSHUA 1:9



MEMORY CHALLENGE TIPS



SAY IT OUT LOUD EVERY NIGHT BEFORE BED.



WRITE IT ON A STICKY NOTE AND PUT IT BY YOUR BED.



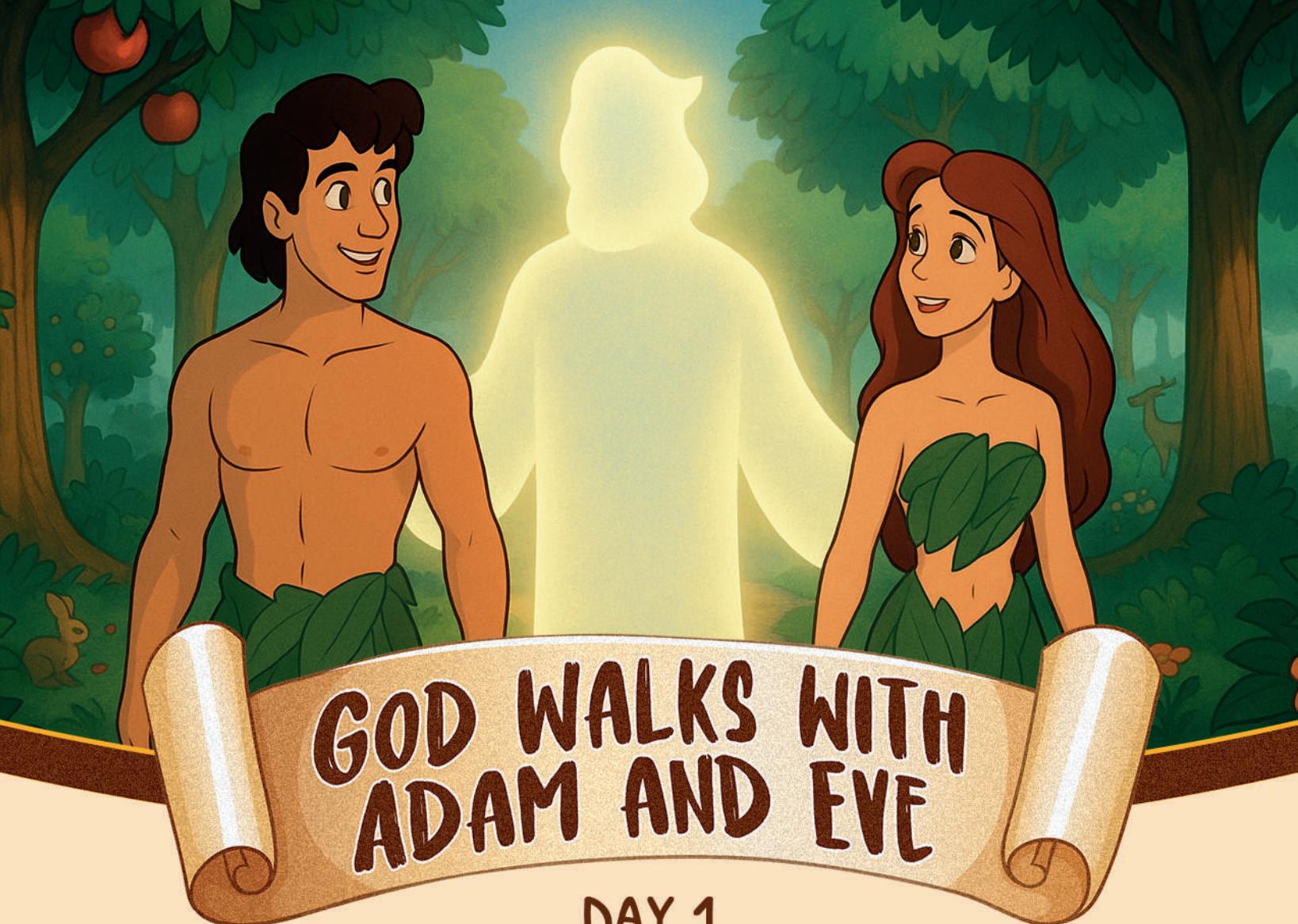
TRY SAYING IT WITH MOTIONS OR IN A SILLY VOICE.



TEACH IT TO SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY .

CAN YOU SAY IT BY HEART BY THE END OF THE WEEK?





GOD WALKS WITH ADAM AND EVE

DAY 1



"THEN THE MAN AND HIS WIFE HEARD THE LORD GOD WALKING IN THE GARDEN. IT WAS DURING THE COOLEST TIME OF THE DAY." GENESIS 3:8



TONIGHT'S STORY:

A LONG TIME AGO, BEFORE THERE WERE CITIES OR CARS OR SCHOOLS, GOD MADE A BEAUTIFUL GARDEN. HE FILLED IT WITH TALL TREES, SWEET FRUITS, COLORFUL FLOWERS, AND AMAZING ANIMALS. BUT THE BEST PART? GOD DIDN'T JUST MAKE THE GARDEN; HE WALKED IN IT TOO! HE WANTED TO BE CLOSE TO ADAM AND EVE. EVERY EVENING, HE WOULD WALK AND TALK WITH THEM LIKE A FRIEND.

EVEN AFTER THEY DISOBEDIED, GOD DIDN'T FORGET THEM. HE STILL LOVED THEM. AND EVEN THOUGH WE DON'T SEE GOD WALKING BESIDE US LIKE THAT TODAY, HE'S STILL CLOSE; WATCHING, LISTENING, AND LOVING.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT:

DID YOU KNOW GOD WANTS TO BE CLOSE TO YOU, TOO? JUST LIKE HE WALKED WITH ADAM AND EVE, HE WANTS TO WALK THROUGH LIFE WITH YOU; AT SCHOOL, AT HOME, WHEN YOU'RE HAPPY, AND WHEN YOU'RE SCARED.

TONIGHT'S TRUTH: YOU ARE NEVER ALONE. GOD LOVES BEING WITH YOU.



LET'S PRAY:

DEAR GOD, THANK YOU FOR WALKING WITH ADAM AND EVE. THANK YOU FOR WANTING TO BE WITH ME TOO. HELP ME REMEMBER THAT YOU'RE ALWAYS CLOSE, EVEN WHEN I CAN'T SEE YOU.

I LOVE YOU. IN JESUS NAME, AMEN.

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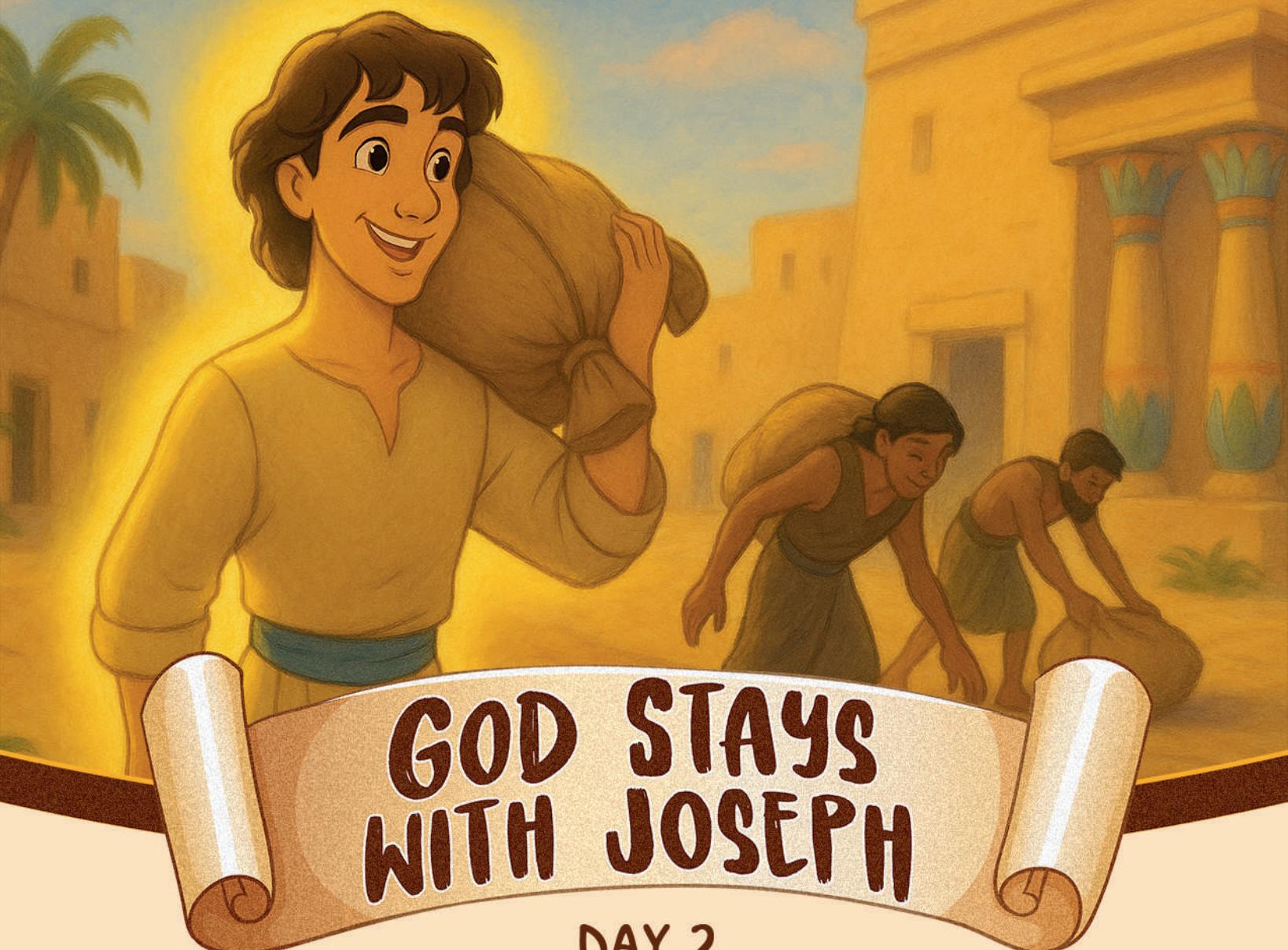
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PARENT TIP

AFTER READING TONIGHT'S STORY, ASK YOUR CHILD:
"WHEN DO YOU FEEL MOST ALONE AND HOW DOES IT FEEL
KNOWING GOD IS RIGHT THERE WITH YOU?"

THEN PRAY TOGETHER, EVEN JUST FOR 30 SECONDS.
THESE SMALL BEDTIME MOMENTS PLANT SEEDS OF FAITH
THAT GROW OVER TIME.



GOD STAYS WITH JOSEPH

DAY 2

"THE LORD WAS WITH JOSEPH. HE GAVE HIM GREAT SUCCESS IN EVERYTHING HE DID.
GENESIS 39:2 (NIRV)



TONIGHT'S STORY:

JOSEPH HAD A ROUGH DAY... A ROUGH WEEK... AND EVEN A ROUGH FEW YEARS. HIS BROTHERS THREW HIM INTO A PIT, SOLD HIM AS A SLAVE, AND HE ENDED UP FAR AWAY IN EGYPT.

THAT SOUNDS SUPER SCARY, RIGHT? BUT JOSEPH WASN'T ALONE, NOT EVEN ONCE. THE BIBLE SAYS, "THE LORD WAS WITH JOSEPH." EVEN WHEN HE WAS FAR FROM HOME, GOD STAYED RIGHT BESIDE HIM. AND BECAUSE GOD WAS WITH HIM, JOSEPH WAS BRAVE, WISE, AND FULL OF PEACE, EVEN WHEN LIFE WAS UNFAIR.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT:

HAVE YOU EVER HAD A BAD DAY? OR MAYBE FELT FAR FROM THE PEOPLE YOU LOVE? THE STORY OF JOSEPH REMINDS US THAT EVEN WHEN THINGS FEEL HARD OR CONFUSING, GOD IS STILL CLOSE.

HE'S NOT JUST WITH US ON THE GOOD DAYS, HE'S RIGHT THERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BAD ONES TOO.

TONIGHT'S TRUTH: GOD NEVER LEAVES YOU, EVEN ON THE WORST DAYS.



LET'S PRAY:

DEAR GOD, THANK YOU FOR STAYING WITH JOSEPH, EVEN WHEN EVERYTHING WENT WRONG. HELP ME REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE WITH ME TOO, EVERY DAY. I CAN TRUST YOU, EVEN WHEN LIFE IS HARD. IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.

MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK:



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PARENT TIP

TALK WITH YOUR CHILD ABOUT A TIME THEY HAD A HARD OR SCARY DAY. SHARE A SIMPLE MOMENT FROM YOUR OWN LIFE, TOO. THEN REMIND THEM THAT GOD DOESN'T RUN AWAY WHEN THINGS ARE TOUGH, HE MOVES EVEN CLOSER.



GOD TALKS TO MOSES THROUGH A BUSH

DAY 3

"THE LORD SAW THAT MOSES HAD GONE OVER TO LOOK. SO GOD CALLED OUT TO HIM FROM WITHIN THE BUSH. HE SAID, 'MOSES! MOSES!' AND MOSES SAID, 'HERE I AM.'" EXODUS 3:4



TONIGHT'S STORY:

MOSES WAS TAKING CARE OF SHEEP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DESERT WHEN HE SAW SOMETHING AMAZING; A BUSH ON FIRE THAT WASN'T BURNING UP! WHEN HE GOT CLOSER, GOD SPOKE TO HIM RIGHT OUT OF THE FLAMES. MOSES DIDN'T EXPECT TO HEAR FROM GOD THAT DAY... BUT GOD KNEW EXACTLY WHERE HE WAS. EVEN IN THE QUIET, EMPTY DESERT, GOD WAS THERE.

SOMETIMES WE THINK GOD ONLY SHOWS UP ONLY IN CHURCH OR WHEN WE'RE READING OUR BIBLES BUT GOD CAN SPEAK TO US ANYWHERE. ON THE PLAYGROUND, IN THE CAR, IN OUR ROOMS AT NIGHT, HE KNOWS OUR NAME AND LOVES TO TALK TO US!

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT:

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD GOD SPEAK TO YOUR HEART? MAYBE HE GAVE YOU PEACE WHEN YOU WERE SCARED, OR REMINDED YOU OF SOMETHING GOOD. GOD LOVES CALLING US BY NAME AND SHOWING US HE'S NEAR, EVEN IN THE MOST UNEXPECTED PLACES.

TONIGHT'S TRUTH: GOD SEES YOU,
KNOWS YOUR NAME,

LET'S PRAY:

DEAR GOD, THANK YOU FOR SPEAKING TO MOSES AND CALLING HIM BY NAME. HELP ME LISTEN WHEN YOU SPEAK TO ME TOO. THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS BEING NEAR. IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.



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PARENT TIP

HELP YOUR CHILD GET USED TO RECOGNIZING GOD'S VOICE. AFTER TONIGHT'S STORY, ASK: "IF GOD WANTED TO TELL YOU SOMETHING TODAY, WHAT DO YOU THINK HE'D SAY?"



WRITE THEIR ANSWER IN A JOURNAL OR NOTEBOOK. IT'S A GREAT WAY TO TRACK THEIR SPIRITUAL GROWTH.



"MY GOD SENT HIS ANGEL. AND HIS ANGEL SHUT THE MOUTHS OF THE LIONS. THEY HAVEN'T HURT ME AT ALL." DANIEL 6:22



TONIGHT'S STORY:

DANIEL LOVED GOD AND PRAYED TO HIM EVERY SINGLE DAY. BUT SOME MEAN PEOPLE WERE JEALOUS AND TRICKED THE KING INTO MAKING A LAW THAT SAID NO ONE COULD PRAY TO GOD.

DANIEL PRAYED ANYWAY AND GOT THROWN INTO A DEN FULL OF HUNGRY LIONS! THAT SOUNDS TERRIFYING! BUT SOMETHING AMAZING HAPPENED: GOD SENT AN ANGEL TO SHUT THE LION'S MOUTHS. DANIEL WASN'T HURT AT ALL BECAUSE GOD STAYED WITH HIM THE WHOLE TIME.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT:

GOD DIDN'T STOP DANIEL FROM GOING INTO THE LION'S DEN... BUT HE DIDN'T LEAVE HIM THERE ALONE. GOD'S PRESENCE IS BIGGER THAN OUR FEAR AND STRONGER THAN ANY DANGER. IF YOU EVER FEEL SCARED OR UNSURE, YOU CAN REMEMBER THAT GOD SENDS HIS HELP, EVEN WHEN THINGS SEEM IMPOSSIBLE.

TONIGHT'S TRUTH: GOD IS WITH YOU AND HE SENDS HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT MOST.

LET'S PRAY:

DEAR GOD, THANK YOU FOR BEING WITH DANIEL AND SENDING AN ANGEL TO PROTECT HIM. HELP ME TRUST YOU WHEN I FEEL SCARED. THANK YOU THAT I'M NEVER ALONE. IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.



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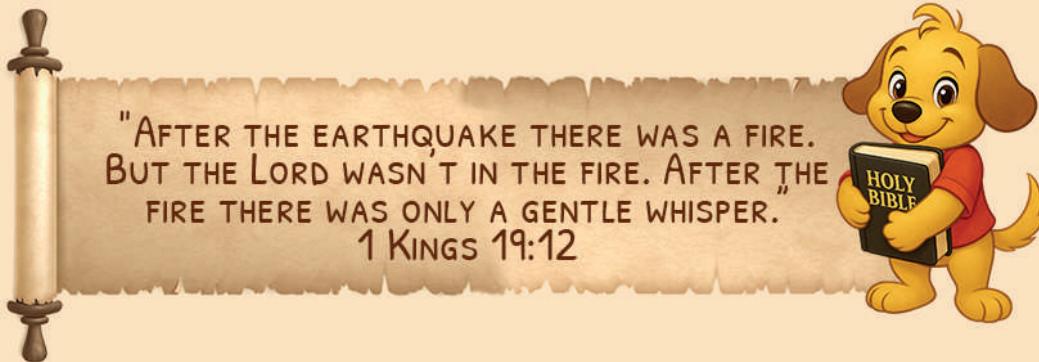


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PARENT TIP

IF YOUR CHILD EVER FEELS ANXIOUS AT NIGHT, REMIND THEM OF DANIEL AND THE LIONS. WHISPER TOGETHER:
"GOD IS WITH ME. I AM SAFE. I AM BRAVE."



TONIGHT'S STORY:

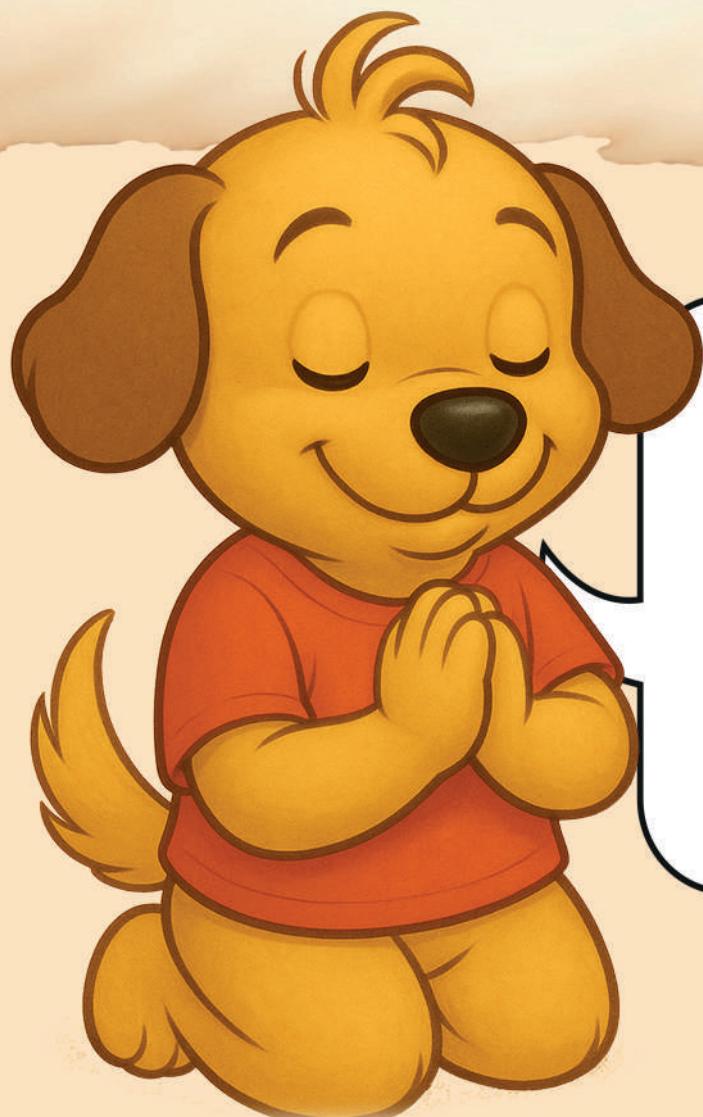
ELIJAH WAS A BRAVE PROPHET, BUT ONE DAY HE GOT REALLY SCARED AND RAN AWAY. HE HID IN A CAVE, FEELING SAD, ALONE, AND TIRED. HE THOUGHT HE WAS ALL BY HIMSELF. BUT THEN SOMETHING SURPRISING HAPPENED. THERE WAS A WINDSTORM, AN EARTHQUAKE, AND A FIRE BUT GOD WASN'T IN THOSE. THEN CAME A QUIET WHISPER. IT WAS GOD. HE DIDN'T YELL. HE DIDN'T SCARE ELIJAH. HE CAME CLOSE AND SPOKE GENTLY.

GOD KNEW EXACTLY WHAT ELIJAH NEEDED. AND HE KNOWS WHAT YOU NEED TOO. WHEN YOU'RE FEELING SAD OR AFRAID, LISTEN FOR GOD'S WHISPER. HE'S ALWAYS NEAR.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT:

HAVE YOU EVER FELT LIKE HIDING? OR HAD A DAY WHEN EVERYTHING FELT LIKE TOO MUCH? GOD DOESN'T FORGET YOU. SOMETIMES HE COMES IN A BIG WAY, BUT MANY TIMES HE COMES SOFTLY, LIKE A WHISPER IN YOUR HEART TO REMIND YOU HE'S NEAR.

TONIGHT'S TRUTH: GOD MEETS YOU IN THE QUIET AND SPEAKS GENTLY TO YOUR HEART.



LET'S PRAY:

DEAR GOD, THANK YOU FOR BEING KIND AND GENTLE WITH ELIJAH. WHEN I FEEL OVERWHELMED OR SCARED, HELP ME LISTEN FOR YOUR VOICE. THANK YOU FOR NEVER LEAVING ME. IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.

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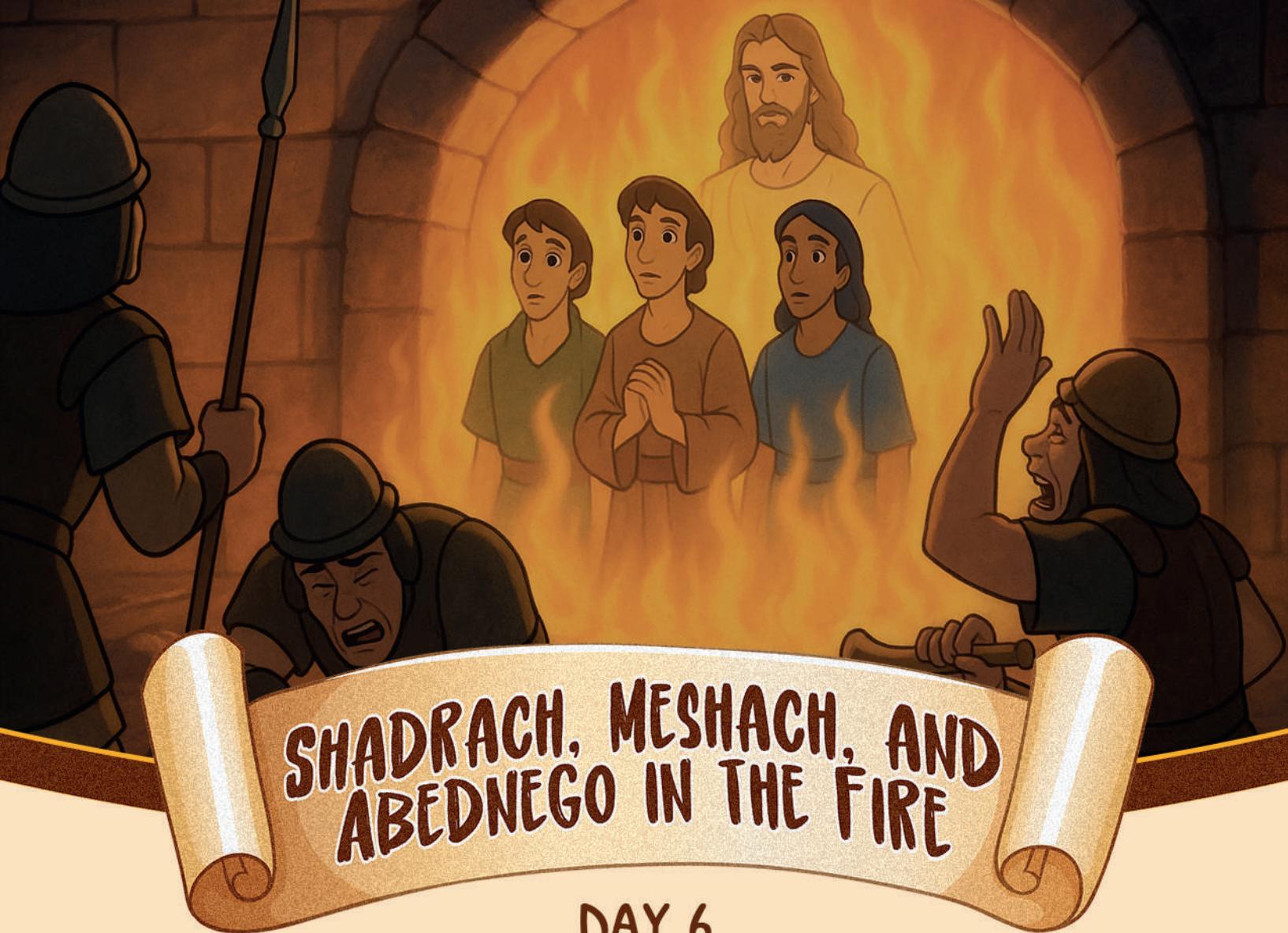
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TONIGHT, TRY SAYING YOUR VERSE WITH MOTIONS OR A SILLY DANCE!



PARENT TIP

PRACTICE BEING QUIET TOGETHER. AFTER THE STORY, TURN THE LIGHTS LOW AND ASK, "LET'S LISTEN FOR GOD'S WHISPER IN OUR HEARTS." YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED WHAT YOUR CHILD SAYS NEXT.



SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO IN THE FIRE

DAY 6



"LOOK! I SEE FOUR MEN WALKING AROUND IN THE FIRE. THEY AREN'T TIED UP, AND THEY AREN'T HURT. THE FOURTH MAN LOOKS LIKE THE SON OF GOD!" DANIEL 3:25



TONIGHT'S STORY:

THREE BRAVE YOUNG MEN: SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO REFUSED TO BOW DOWN TO A STATUE, EVEN THOUGH THE KING TOLD THEM THEY HAD TO. THEY WANTED TO OBEY GOD, NOT PEOPLE. BECAUSE OF THAT, THE KING THREW THEM INTO A SUPER-HOT FIERY FURNACE. BUT INSTEAD OF BURNING UP, THEY WERE TOTALLY SAFE! WHEN THE KING LOOKED INSIDE, HE SAW NOT THREE, BUT FOUR PEOPLE WALKING IN THE FIRE. GOD HAD SENT JESUS TO BE WITH THEM. THEY WERE NEVER ALONE.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT:

STANDING UP FOR WHAT'S RIGHT CAN FEEL SCARY. BUT JUST LIKE GOD WAS WITH THOSE BOYS IN THE FIRE, HE IS WITH YOU WHEN YOU CHOOSE TO FOLLOW HIM. YOU MIGHT FEEL NERVOUS OR OUTNUMBERED, BUT GOD NEVER LETS YOU WALK THROUGH HARD THINGS ALONE.

TONIGHT'S TRUTH: GOD WALKS WITH YOU, EVEN WHEN THINGS ARE HARD.

LET'S PRAY:

DEAR GOD, THANK YOU FOR BEING WITH SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO IN THE FIRE. HELP ME BE BRAVE LIKE THEM AND STAND STRONG FOR YOU. I KNOW I CAN TRUST YOU, NO MATTER WHAT. IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.



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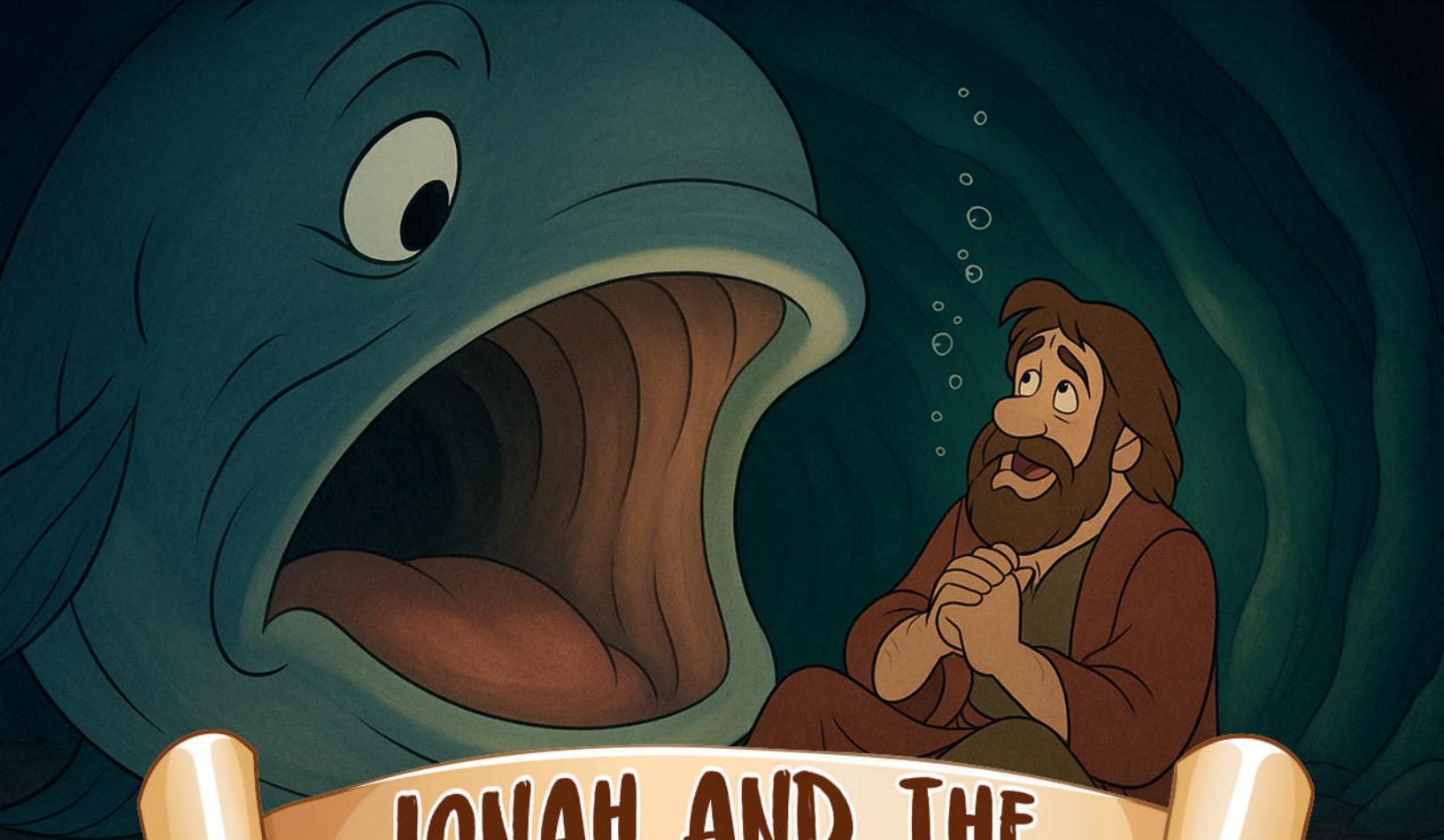
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TRY TO SAY YOUR VERSE IN THE DARK TONIGHT AND SEE IF YOU REMEMBER IT!



PARENT TIP

COURAGE GROWS WHEN KIDS FEEL SAFE. TELL YOUR CHILD A TIME YOU HAD TO STAND UP FOR WHAT WAS RIGHT, EVEN WHEN IT WAS HARD. REMIND THEM THEY ARE NEVER ALONE.



JONAH AND THE BIG FISH

DAY 7



"BUT THE LORD SENT A HUGE FISH TO SWALLOW JONAH. AND JONAH WAS INSIDE THE FISH FOR THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS. JONAH 1:17



TONIGHT'S STORY:

JONAH TRIED TO RUN AWAY FROM GOD. GOD HAD ASKED HIM TO GO TO A CITY CALLED NINEVEH AND TELL THE PEOPLE TO STOP DOING WRONG. BUT JONAH DIDN'T WANT TO GO, SO HE SAILED IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION. A STORM HIT, AND JONAH GOT THROWN INTO THE SEA! BUT INSTEAD OF LETTING HIM DROWN, GOD SENT A BIG FISH TO SAVE HIM. JONAH SAT INSIDE THE FISH'S BELLY FOR THREE WHOLE DAYS AND GOD WAS WITH HIM THE ENTIRE TIME.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT:

EVEN WHEN WE MESS UP OR GO THE WRONG WAY, GOD DOESN'T LEAVE US. HE KNOWS WHERE WE ARE, AND HE ALWAYS HAS A PLAN TO BRING US BACK. JONAH FOUND OUT THAT YOU CAN'T HIDE FROM GOD'S LOVE, EVEN AT THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN!

TONIGHT'S TRUTH: GOD STAYS WITH YOU,
EVEN WHEN YOU MAKE MISTAKES.



LET'S PRAY:

DEAR GOD, THANK YOU FOR NOT
GIVING UP ON JONAH. THANK YOU FOR
ALWAYS BEING WITH ME, EVEN WHEN I
MAKE MISTAKES. HELP ME LISTEN TO
YOU AND FOLLOW YOUR WAYS.
IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.

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YOU MADE IT TO THE END OF
THE WEEK! HOORAY!

TRY SAYING THE VERSE BY
MEMORY, AND IF YOU NEED SOME
HELP, ITS TOTALLY OKAY!



PARENT TIP

TALK ABOUT SECOND CHANCES. ASK YOUR CHILD, "HAVE YOU EVER MADE A MISTAKE AND FELT BAD ABOUT IT?" REMIND THEM THAT JUST LIKE JONAH, GOD STILL LOVES US AND WANTS TO HELP US GROW.