

Class: 3-4 yr olds

Date: Summer 2010

Lesson #2, Section 8

Text: Daniel 2; 4

Teacher: Khandra Faulkner Memory Verse: Dan 2:44

Dan 2:44 "In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and *that* kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.

Supplies: ABEKA flash cards, clay statue made of playdough, cookie sheet, large rock, activity sheet

Intro to class:

Songs-Attendance Charts-Bringing Bible to Class

Explanation of story. I am going to tell you a story and I want you to listen very carefully! I will ask you questions in the story and if you can answer the questions, then you get a "happy card" b/c you made the teacher very happy! You only get a card if you raise your hand before answering the question. (Make smiley cards out of construction paper to give to the kids during the story)

Story using Abeka flashcards—Daniel

DA-2-1: King Nebuchadnezzar has a disturbing dream
Have you ever had a bad dream? Or a scary dream?

There once was a King named King Nebuchadnezzar, and he had a scary dream. He couldn't sleep because he was so upset. So he called for all the magicians and sorcerers to tell him what his dream meant. The magicians asked King Nebuchadnezzar to tell them the dream, but the King was not happy about this. He said "You are supposed to know my dream already and also tell me what it means. If you can't do that, I'll know that you are really fakes, and I'll have you cut in pieces and your homes destroyed!" The King also said, "But if you can tell me the dream and what it means, then I will give you lots of presents and great honor!"

Well, the magicians could not tell the King what his dream was or what it meant, so King Nebuchadnezzar got very mad! He ordered that all of the magicians and wise men of Babylon were to be killed. (Ask the students here what the King's name was)

DA 2-2 Daniel hears of the dream

A man named Daniel who was a good man and obeyed God and believed in God heard about the King's order to kill all the wise men. A man named Arioch told Daniel why Nebuchadnezzar wanted to kill all the wise men. (Ask the students here to tell you why the King wanted to kill all the wise men) Daniel asked Arioch if he could speak to the King so that he could have a chance to tell the king what the dream meant.

DA 2-4 Daniel and his 3 friends pray.

Daniel went back to his house and told 3 of his friends that they needed to pray to God about the dream. So, that night, God told Daniel what the dream was and what it meant and Daniel praised God and was thankful.

DA 2-3 Daniel goes to the king

Daniel was brought to King Nebuchadnezzar and told the king that "there is a God in heaven" who will help to tell you what your dream means. God helped Daniel to tell the king what his dream meant. (Ask the students here how Daniel would be able to know what the dream was even though all those other magicians couldn't tell the King)

DA 2-5 The image of Nebuchadnezzar's dream

Daniel then began to tell him about the dream: "You saw O King, a gigantic and brilliant statue.

The head of the stature was made of gold; its breast and arms were made of silver; its belly and thighs were made of bronze; its legs were made of iron; and its feet were made of a mixture of iron and clay." "In your dream," Daniel said, "you saw a huge stone fall upon the feet of the statue and break the statue into many pieces. The pieces crumbled to dust and were carried away by the wind, leaving only the stone, which became a great mountain that filled the whole earth."

(while telling this part of the story, take the playdough statue that was made several days early and has dried out and smash the feet with the large rock and then make the other parts of the statue crumble)

Daniel continues... "This is what your dream means, O King. God has given you a great kingdom and glory. You rule over all the world. You are that head of gold, after you another kingdom shall rise to rule over the earth, represented by the arms and shoulders of silver but it will be less powerful than your kingdom, as silver is not as good as gold. A 3rd kingdom, signified by the bronze hips, will replace the silver kingdom and rule over all the earth. Then a fourth kingdom, represented by the iron legs will be strong like iron and will be mean and will break and bruise any who try to fight against it. The toes of the statue were made of partly of iron and partly of clay, that is partly strong and partly weak. In these days, then the God of heaven will come and He will break down all of these earthly kingdoms and set up His own kingdom that will never be destroyed. God's kingdom will be the last to rule on earth, and His kingdom will last forever. (Ask here what all the different parts mean)

Concept development

Inspired Scripture – Speaking through prophets

Lesson**Words to define:****Body:**

Nebuchadnezzar first dream

He has a dream that is very troubling but he had forgot the dream (He test the interpreters)
 He asked his magicians, enchanters and sorcerers to tell him the dream as well as the interpretation
 They were not able to tell him what he dreamed
 Nebuchadnezzar decreed that all of the wise men would be slain, which included Daniel and his friends
 They prayed to God and Daniel ask to have an audience with Nebuchadnezzar to tell him the dream
 Daniel goes before Nebuchadnezzar and tells him the dream and the interpretation
 An image with a

Head of gold (Babylon)
 Breast and arms of silver (Medes and Persians)
 Belly and thighs of brass (Greeks)
 Legs of iron and feet of clay and iron (Romans)

A stone was cut without hands came and destroyed the image – *tools made without hands to destroy the image.*
 Nebuchadnezzar confesses the true God but still believe in other gods

Nebuchadnezzar tells how he was convinced of the true God

All is well in Babylon when he has another dream

A great tree in the mist of the earth that gave food, protection, and rest for all flesh on the earth
 A holy one from heaven came down and said to cut the tree down, cut it up and scatter it's fruit
 But leave the stump and roots; the dew will wet it and it's portion will be with the beast in the grass
 His heart will be changed to the heart of a beast
 So that the living may know that the Most High rules in the Kingdom of men

Daniel interprets his dream

Nebuchadnezzar is the tree

He was to live like an animal until he knew that the Most High ruled in the kingdoms of men

12 months later

Nebuchadnezzar said "I have built a royal dwelling place, by the might of my power and glory of my majesty."

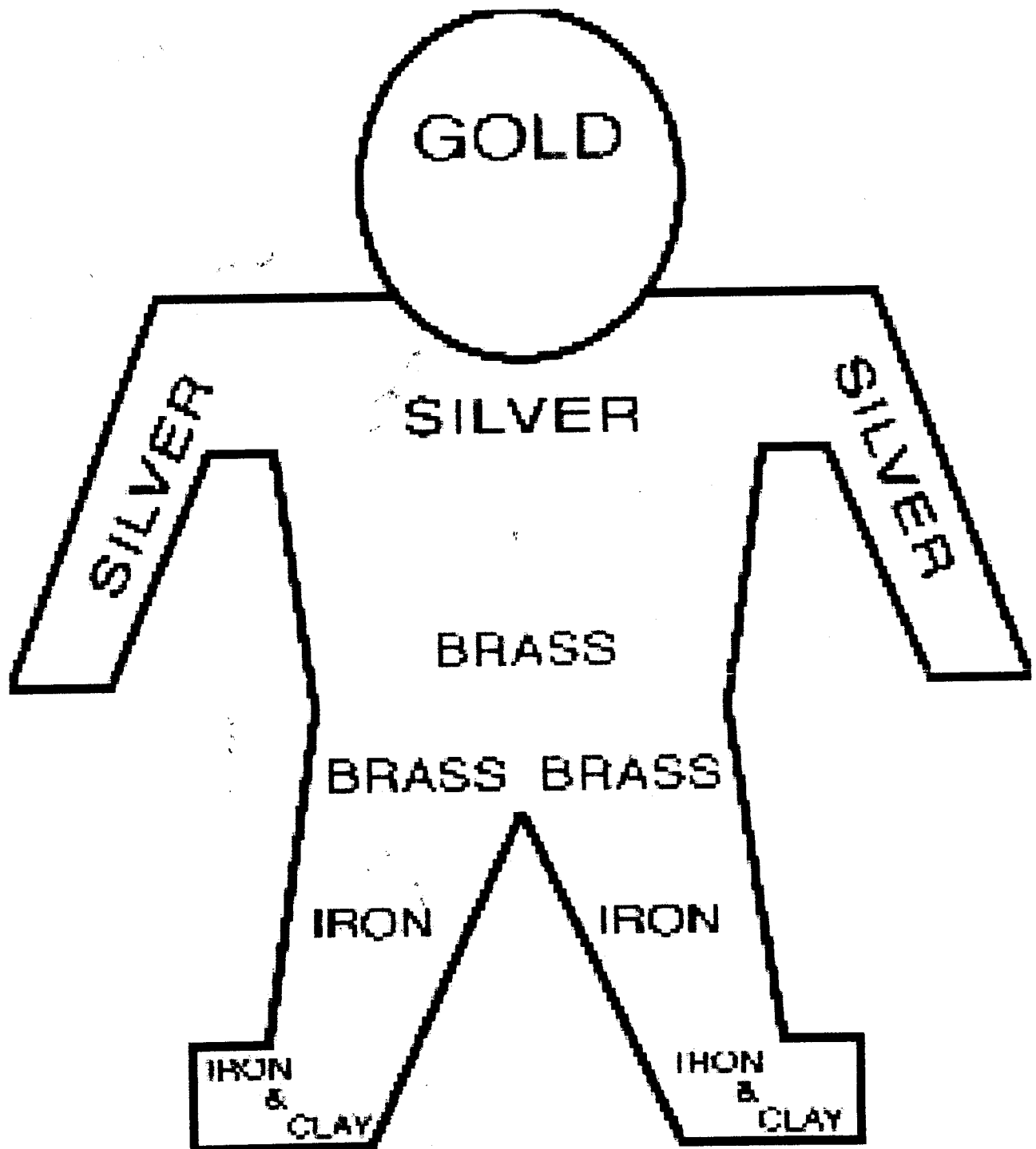
A voice from heaven pronounced the dream's sentence upon Nebuchadnezzar

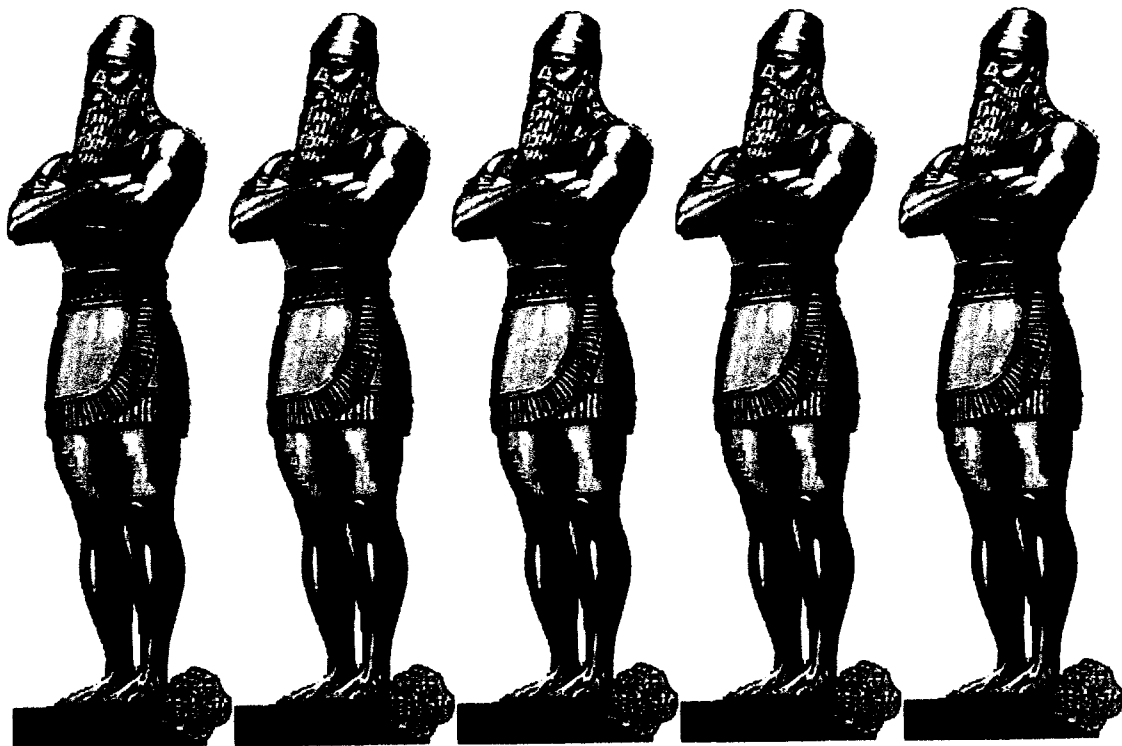
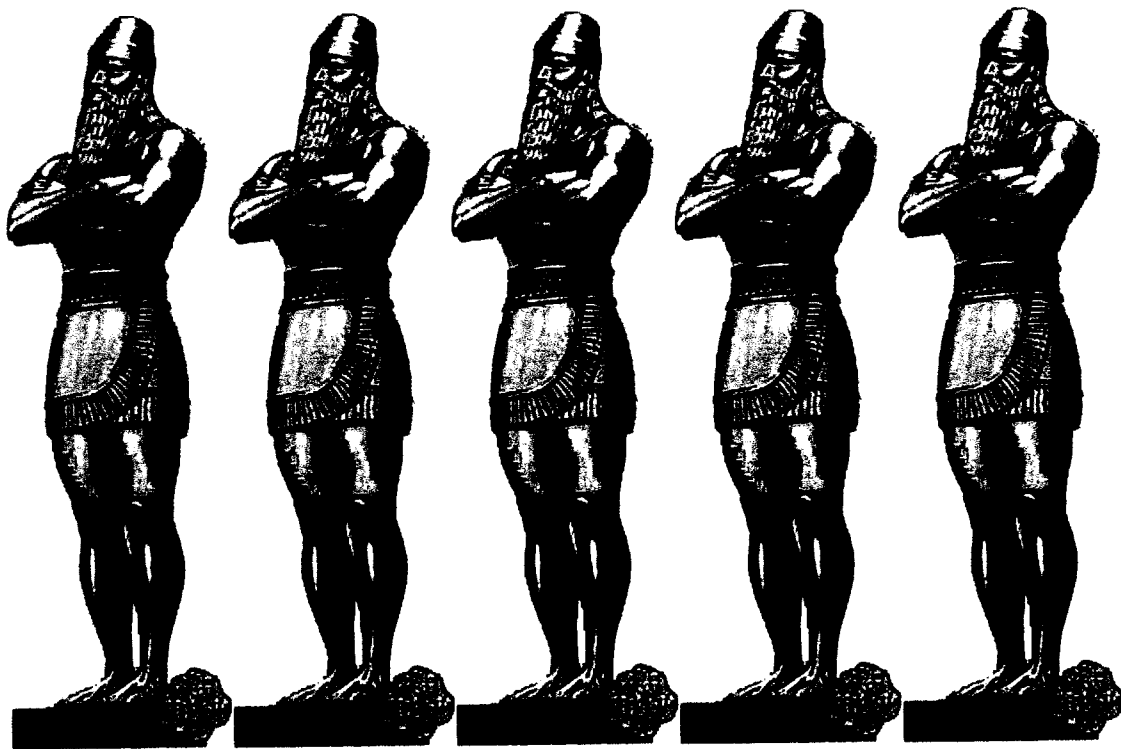
He lived as animal for 7 years

Nebuchadnezzar came to himself and praised the Most High God ONLY

Value:
density of the metal

Daniel 2





156. NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM (DANIEL 2:1-49)



"Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, I have found a man of the captives of Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation. The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and the interpretation thereof?"

DANIEL 2:25-26

158. NEBUCHADNEZZAR IS HUMBLER

(DANIEL 4:28-37)



"Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase."

DANIEL 4:37

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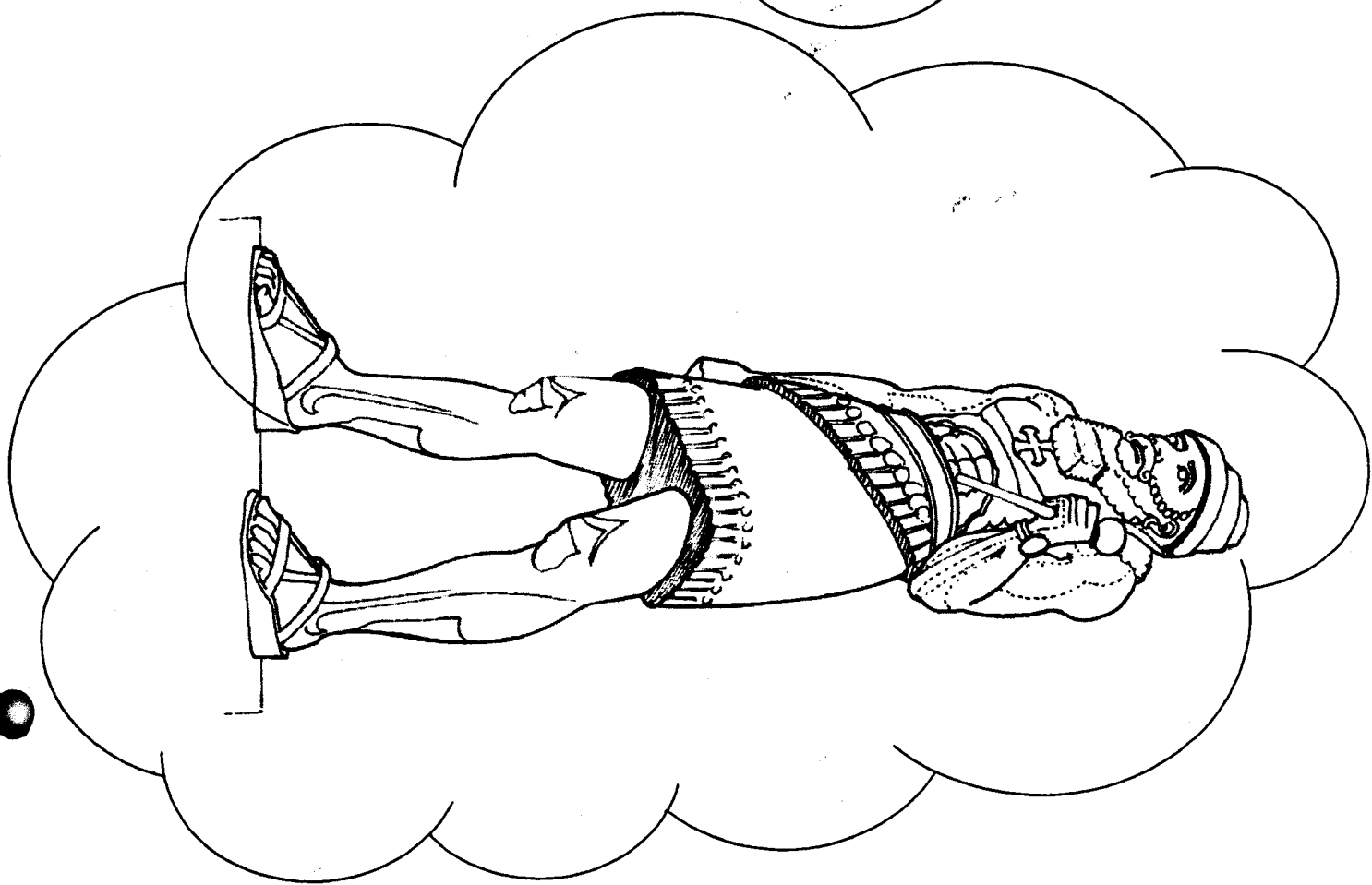
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DANIEL 4:37

Daniel & King Nebuchadnezzar's Dream



I want you to help me tell the story of Daniel & King Nebuchadnezzar. I am going to say a part of the story and I want you to repeat what I say...Are you ready, here we go:

King Nebuchadnezzar
Had a very bad dream
What did it mean?
"Tell Me what I dreamed," he said.
"Then tell me what it means."
All the king's wise men
Didn't know the answer.
"That's impossible, O king!"
And the king was mad!
Daniel heard the news.
What did Daniel do?
He hurried home, told his friend,
And kneeled down in prayer.
For Daniel knew the Lord,
And God knows everything
God alone knows
How to help us with our problems.
When Daniel prayed to God,

He learned about the dream.
So Daniel went to see the king.
He told him about God.
"The Lord has told me everything."
"And now I can tell you."
Daniel told about the dream
And what it really meant,
But most of all he showed the king
That God knows everything.
Nebuchadnezzar was amazed!
He bowed down very low.
"Now I know the one true God."
"There is no god like Him!"
God solved the mystery.
The king gave Daniel gifts.
And God can help each one of us
With each and every problem.

What did the king want? *For his wise men to tell him about a dream and what it meant*
Who told Daniel what the dream meant? *God*