

## ***Bible Stories for Young Children***

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# ***DANIEL AND HIS FRIENDS***

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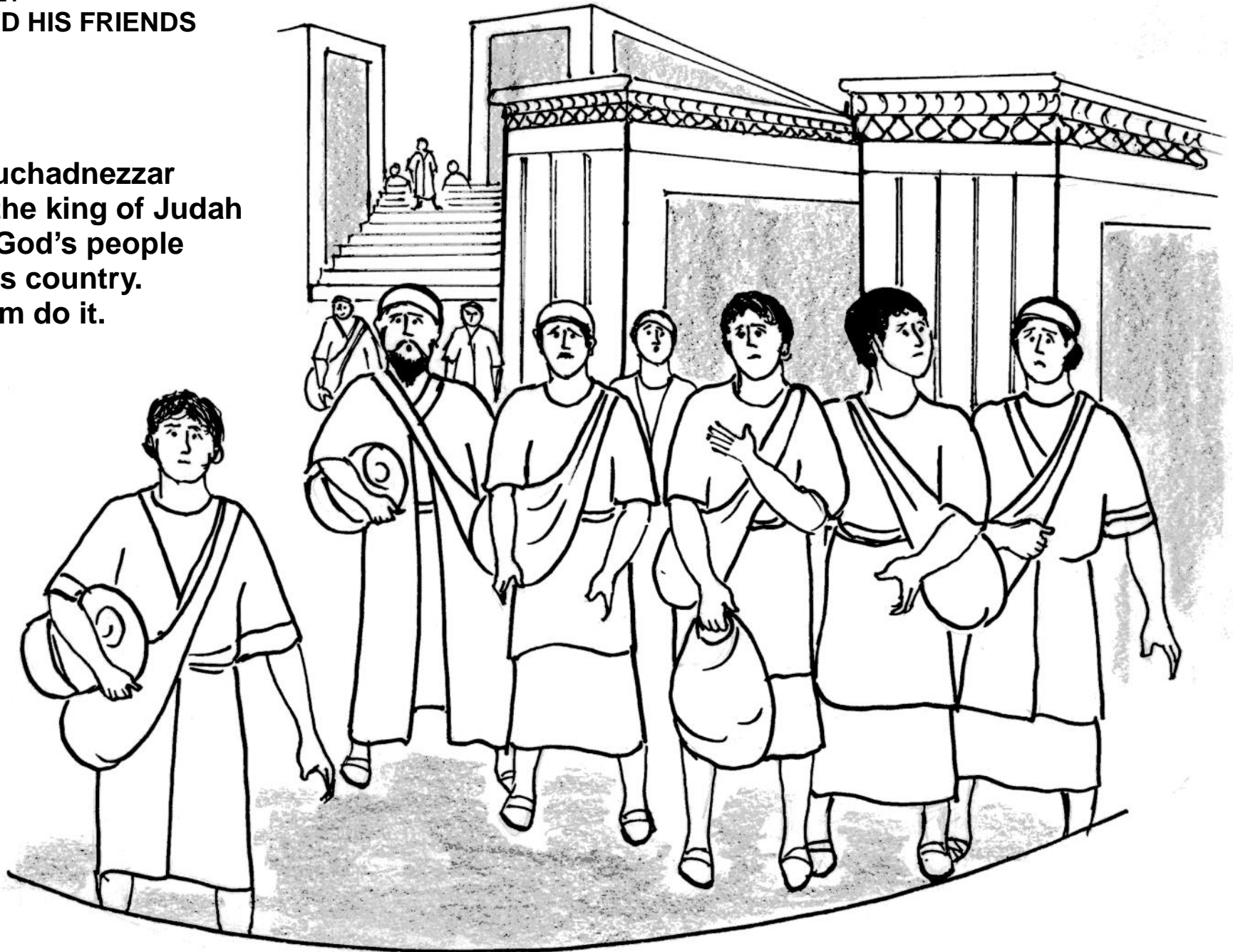
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**DANIEL 1:1-21**  
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**King Nebuchadnezzar  
defeated the king of Judah  
and took God's people  
back to his country.  
God let him do it.**



**Nebuchadnezzar  
said to his officer,  
'I want some  
of these foreigners  
to be my servants.  
Choose the young men,  
who are healthy,  
good looking and clever.**

**'Teach them  
our language and books.  
Give them the  
same kind of food  
and wine as I have.  
After three years  
they should be ready  
to be my servants.'**



**Daniel and his three friends,  
Shadrach,  
Meshach and Abednego,  
were chosen to be some  
of the king's servants.**

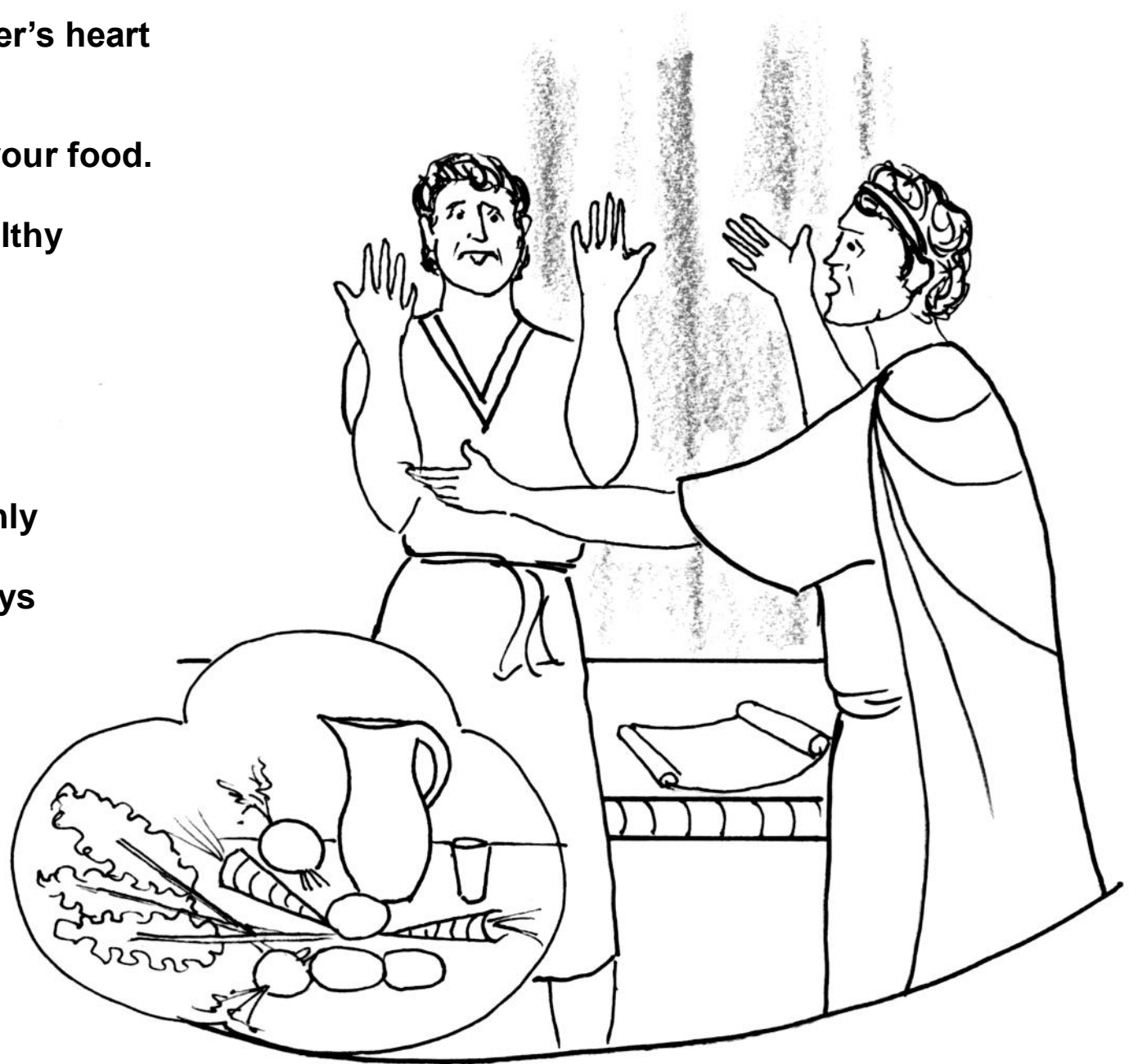
**They were given new names  
and started learning  
the new language.  
However, Daniel knew  
he could not  
eat the king's food.**

**He said to the man  
in charge,  
'The king's food  
will make me unclean.  
Please do not  
make me eat it.'**



**God put it into the officer's heart  
to like Daniel,  
but he answered,  
'The king has ordered your food.  
If you do not eat it  
you will not look as healthy  
as the others.  
The king will see it  
and will kill me.'**

**Daniel said,  
'Please, give us a test.  
For ten days, give us only  
vegetables and water.  
At the end of the ten days  
see what we look like.'**



**After the ten days  
the chief officer looked  
at Daniel and his friends.  
They looked great.  
They were even better  
than the other young men  
who had eaten  
the king's food.  
So Daniel and his friends  
were allowed to have  
vegetables and water  
every day.**



**God blessed Daniel  
and his friends.  
He gave them wisdom  
and helped them to learn.  
He even gave Daniel  
the gift to know  
the meaning of  
dreams and visions.**





**After the three years  
all the young men  
were brought  
to King Nebuchadnezzar.  
He talked with each one  
of them.  
He noticed that  
Daniel and his friends  
had learned very well.  
He chose them to serve him.**

**When the king  
needed advice he asked  
Daniel and his friends.  
They were ten times wiser  
than all the wise men  
of Babylon.**

**God blessed Daniel  
and his friends.**

