

Bible Stories for Young Children

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DANIEL WITH THE LIONS

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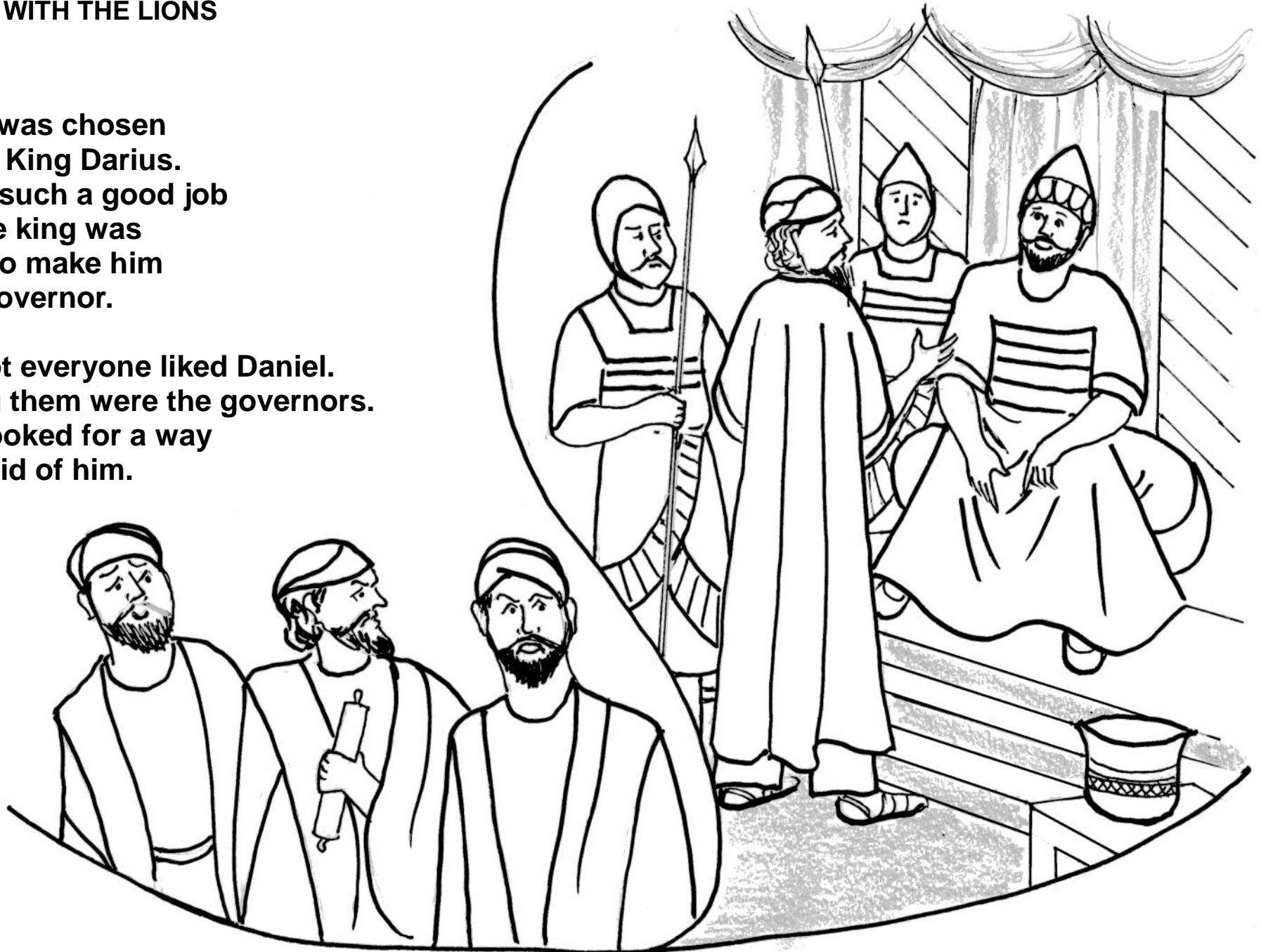
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**Daniel was chosen
to help King Darius.
He did such a good job
that the king was
going to make him
chief governor.**

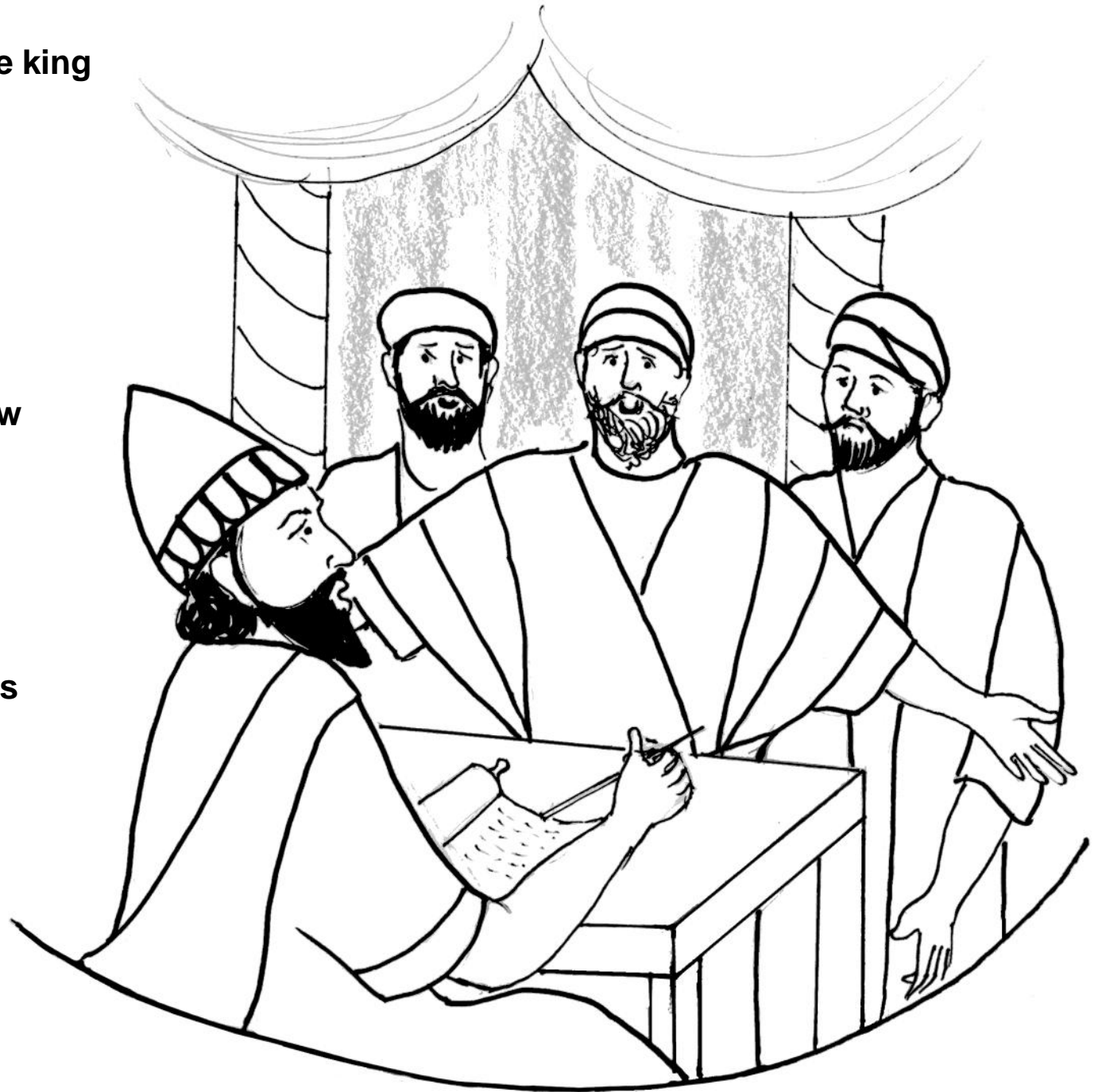
**But, not everyone liked Daniel.
Among them were the governors.
They looked for a way
to get rid of him.**



The governors went to the king
and said,
'O king, live forever.
We all think you
should make a new law:
"For the next thirty days
no one is to pray
to any other god
or man but you.
Whoever disobeys this law
will be thrown into
the lions' den."

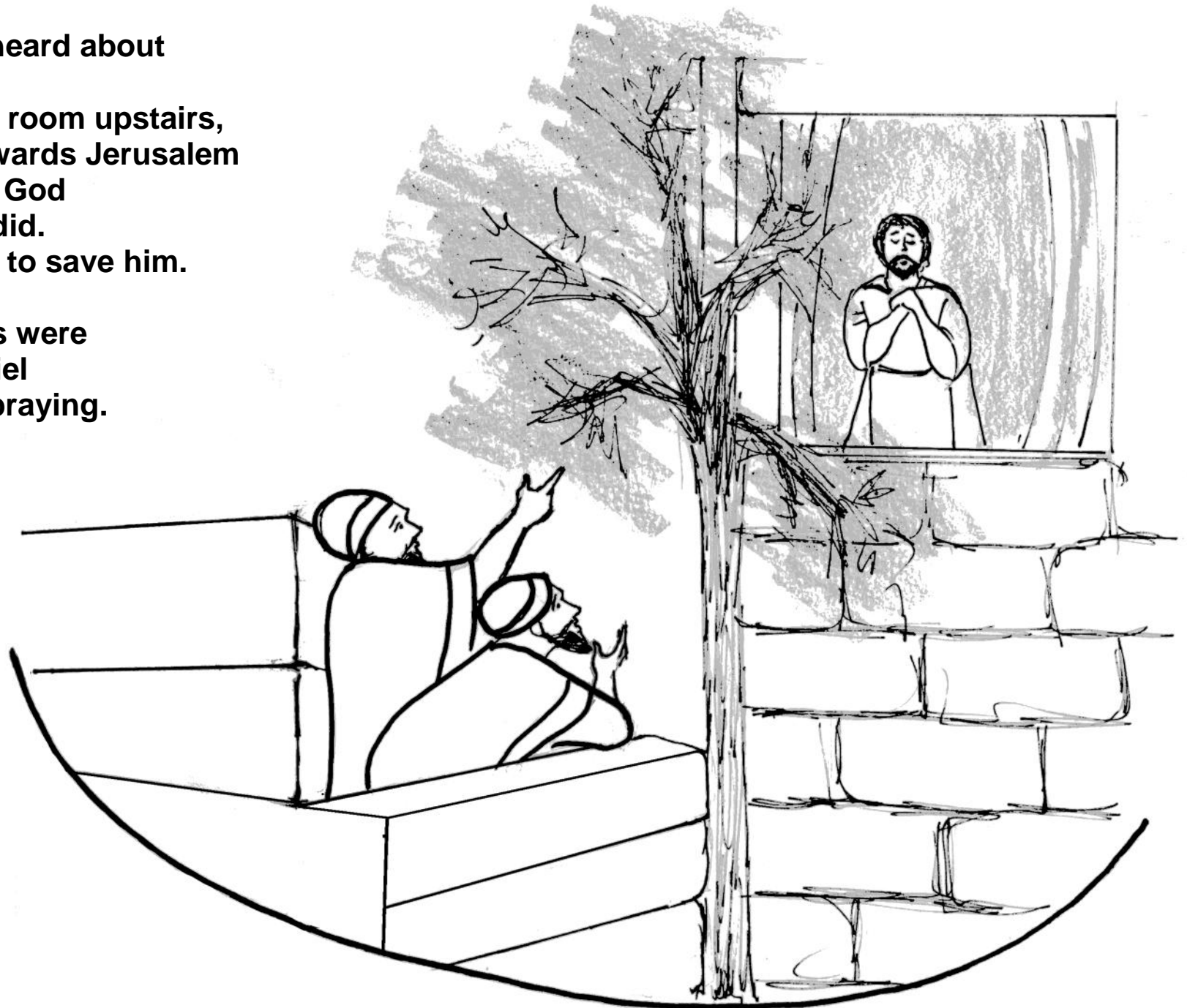
'Write it down and sign it
so it cannot be changed.'

King Darius thought it was
a good idea
and signed the new law.



**When Daniel heard about
the new law,
he went to his room upstairs,
looked out towards Jerusalem
and prayed to God
as he always did.
He asked God to save him.**

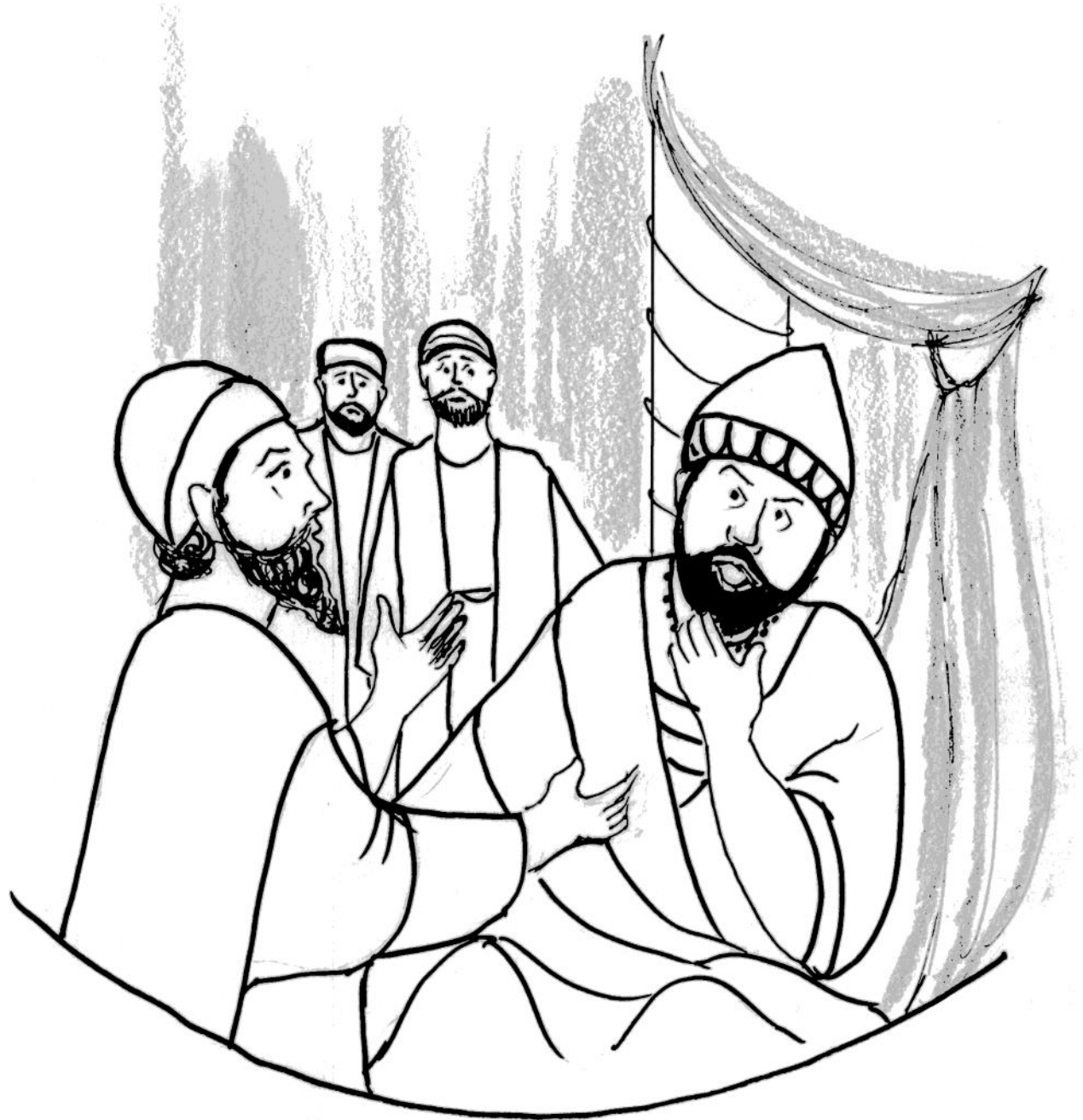
**The governors were
watching Daniel
and saw him praying.**



**Straight away, they went to the king and asked,
'Did you write a law saying,
"For the next thirty days
no one is to pray
to any other god
but to you, O king,
and that whoever disobeys
this law
will be thrown into the
lions' den?"'**

**'Yes,' answered the king,
'I wrote that law
and it cannot be changed.'**

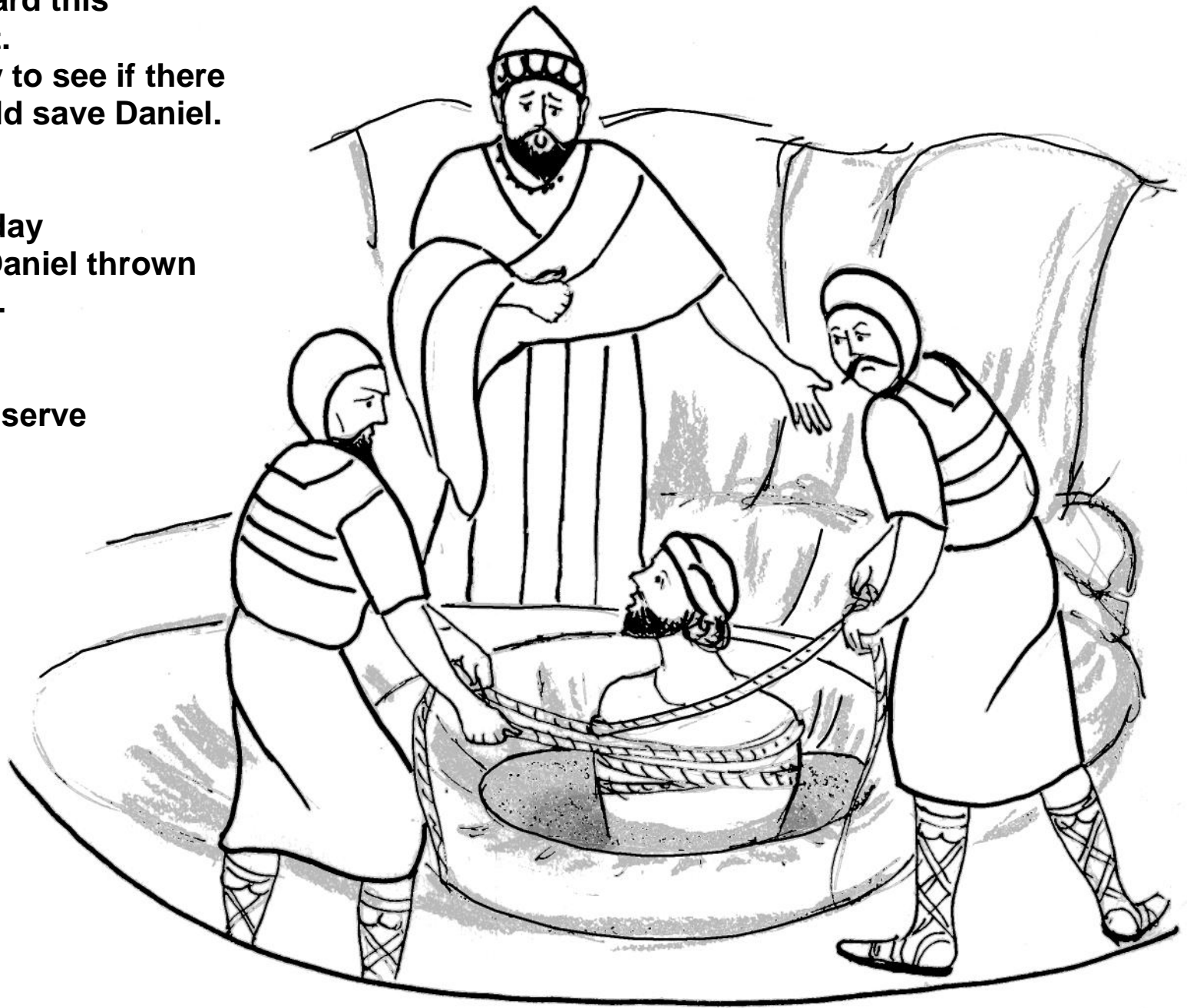
**The governors said,
'Daniel, one of the captives,
prays to his God three times
a day.
He takes no notice of your law.'**



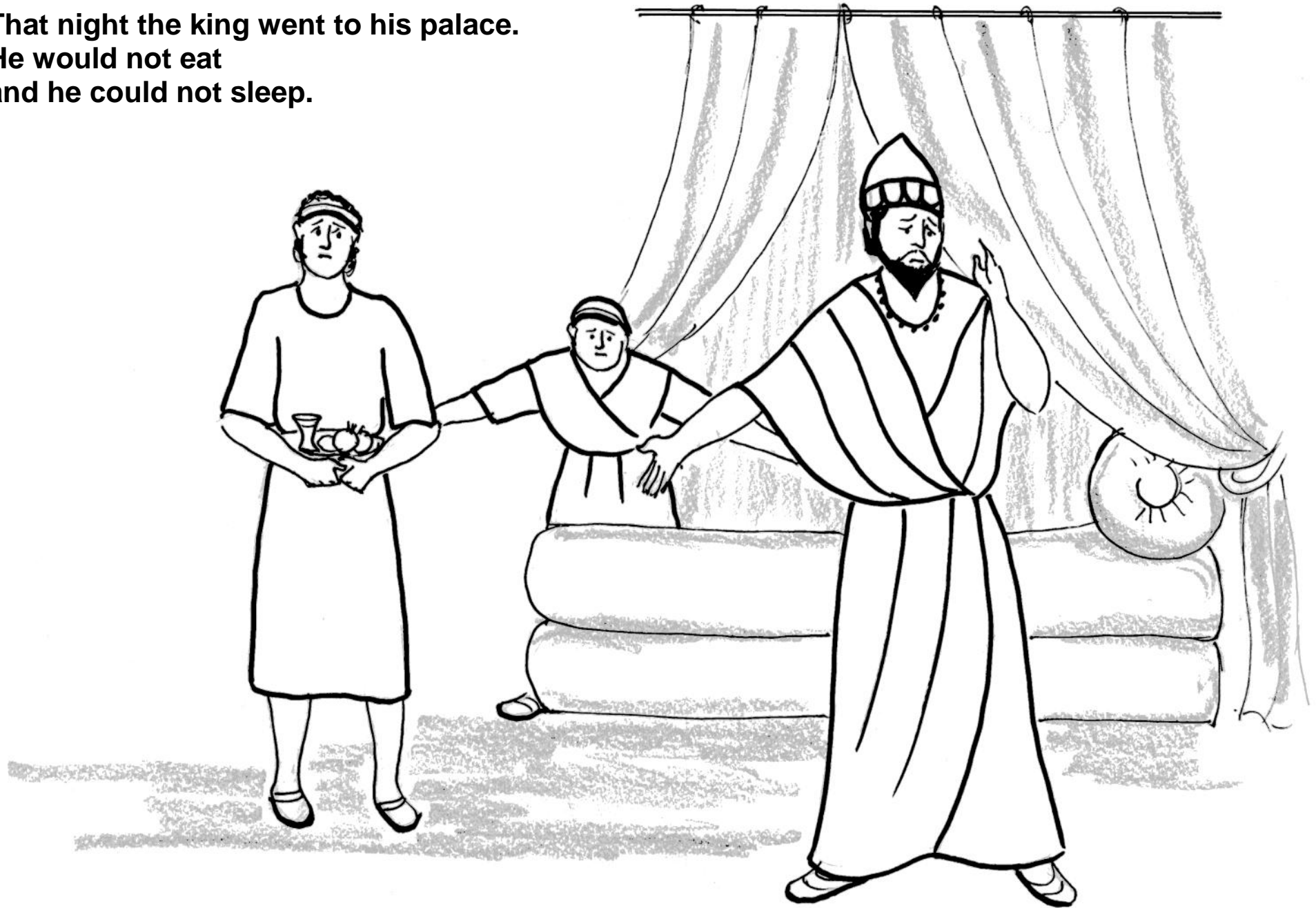
**When the king heard this
he was very upset.
He thought all day to see if there
was a way he could save Daniel.
But he could not.**

**At the end of the day
King Darius had Daniel thrown
into the lions' den.**

**He said to Daniel,
'May the God you serve
save you!'**

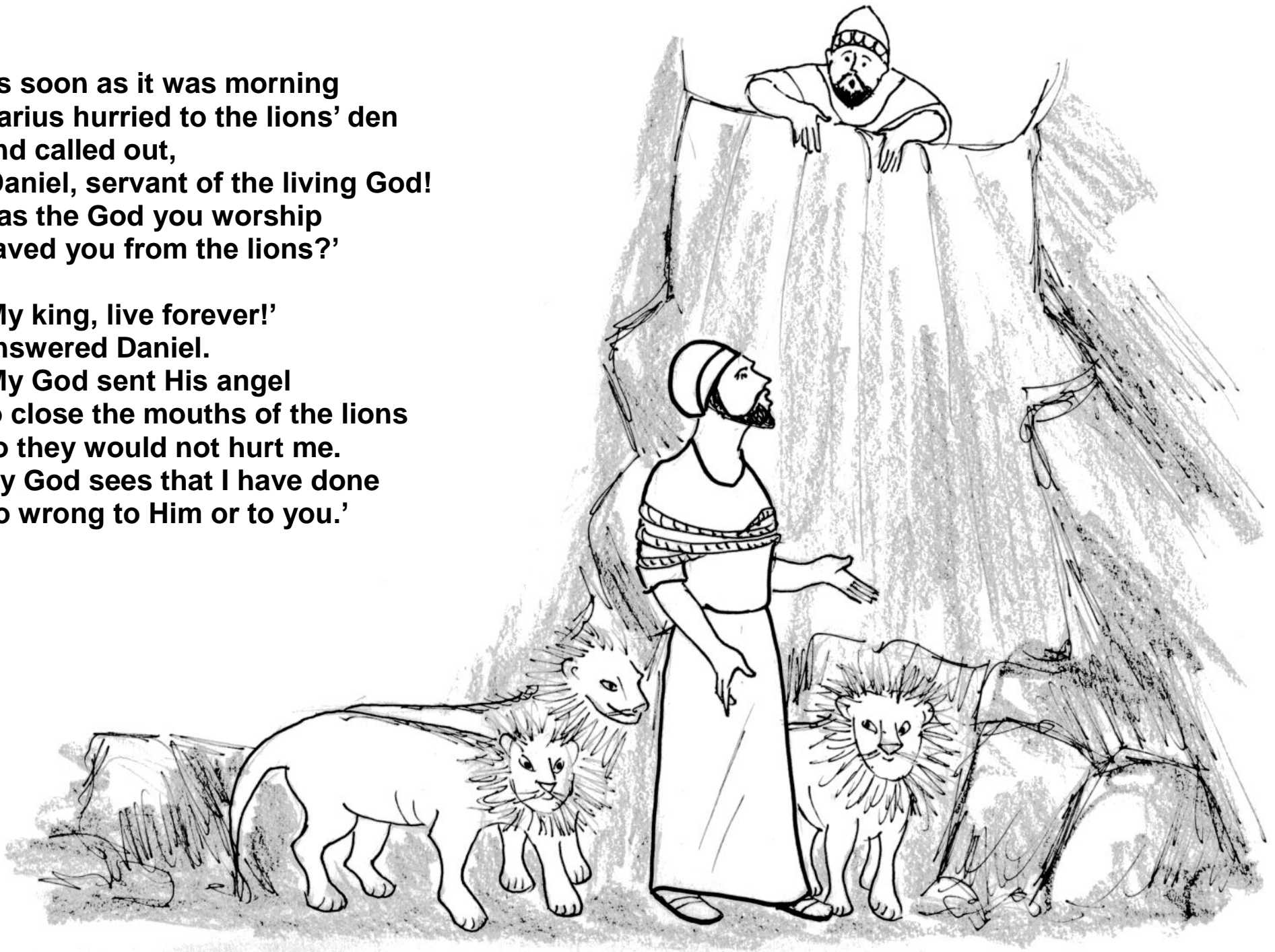


**That night the king went to his palace.
He would not eat
and he could not sleep.**



**As soon as it was morning
Darius hurried to the lions' den
and called out,
'Daniel, servant of the living God!
Has the God you worship
saved you from the lions?'**

**'My king, live forever!'
answered Daniel.
'My God sent His angel
to close the mouths of the lions
so they would not hurt me.
My God sees that I have done
no wrong to Him or to you.'**



Darius was so happy.
He had Daniel lifted out.
Then he had the men
who tried to get rid of Daniel
thrown into the lions' den.

The king said,
'Daniel's God is the
living God.
He lives forever.
His rule will never end.
God does mighty miracles
in heaven and on earth.
God saved Daniel
from the lions.
Everyone is to honour
Daniel's God.'

