

MAKING A DIFFERENCE BY LIVING FOR JESUS



NAME:

LEADER BOOKLET



I had a dream. Tell me what my dream was AND what it means!
If you don't, I will have you all killed.

Daniel does not know what the dream is nor what it means. Circle what you think he should do.

RUN AWAY

HIDE

CRY

PROTEST

SHARPEN HIS SWORD

ASK GOD

MAKE UP AN ANSWER

Read Daniel 2:16-24 to see what Daniel did

¹⁶ Daniel went at once to see the king and **requested more time to tell** the king what the dream meant. ¹⁷ Then Daniel went home and **told his friends** Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah what had happened. ¹⁸ He urged them to **ask God** to show them His mercy by telling them the secret, so they would not be executed along with the other wise men of Babylon. ¹⁹ That night the **secret was revealed** to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel **praised** the God of heaven.

²⁰ He said, "Praise the name of God forever and ever, for **He**

has all wisdom and power. ²¹ **He controls** the course of

world events; **He removes kings and sets up other**

kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and **He gives**

knowledge to the scholars. ²² **He reveals** deep and

mysterious things and **He knows** what lies hidden in

darkness, though He is surrounded by light. ²³ I thank and

praise You, God of my ancestors, for You have **given me**

wisdom and strength. You have **told me what we**

asked of you and revealed to us what the king demanded."



Introduce the theme with the following demonstration:

- What does it mean to make an impact? (*To have a positive effect on someone or a situation*)
- *Demonstrate with a bowl of water and a pebble.* The water is still and nothing is changing. But when I drop a little pebble into it, the water moves. Not only where the pebble landed but it rippled all the way to the edges. The small pebble made an impact.
- It is good for us to try and impact our city for Jesus but the exciting thing is we do not do it on our own. God helps us. And with God's help look at the impact we can make. (*Now drop the larger stone labelled "God" and the little pebble into the water*) With God we can really impact our city.
- Ordinary people, like Daniel and his friends, made a big impact on Babylon, the city they were captives in. Let's take a closer look at how.

TEACHER NOTES

- All the other options like running away, hiding or making up an answer would have been understandable because the king was threatening to kill him! But Daniel chose to pray and ask God for help to answer King Nebuchadnezzar's dream.
- Daniel's actions showed that he relied on God for help and he loved God.

WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Circle what they think Daniel should do. **"Ask God"**

²⁴ Then Daniel went in to see Arioch, whom the king had ordered to execute the wise men of Babylon. Daniel said to him, "Don't kill the wise men. Take me to the king, and **I will tell him** the meaning of his dream."

Number the corner box to show the order of what happened



Daniel knew God was the only one who could help them. When God told Daniel the answer, he first praised God and only then went to tell the king! Daniel loved God.



Look how Daniel praised God
In your own time write a song praising God.





TEACHER NOTES

- Imagine how incredible it must be for God to tell you what someone else's dream was and what it meant. And knowing this answer means you can stop the king from killing you, your friends and all the other leaders. Most of us would immediately run and tell the king the answer. But look at what Daniel did.
- ***Asked for more time to tell him.*** Daniel didn't ask the king to change his mind. He asked for more time. This shows Daniel trusted God would give him the answer.
- ***Told his friends.*** Daniel had friends who also loved God and he knew he wouldn't have to pray alone. We should choose friends who we know will pray with us and for us.
- ***Asked God.*** Daniel knew he could go to God for help. We need God's help and He loves it when we rely on Him. And we are confident that He hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases Him. 1 John 5:14
- ***God gave the answer.*** We can see over and over again how faithful God is.
- ***PRAISED GOD.*** It is so easy to be distracted by the excitement of God answering our prayers. But it is important for us to always stop, praise and thank God first. Briefly discuss what Daniel praised God for and encourage them to write their own song of praise to God.
- ***And only then did Daniel tell the king.***

WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Children fill in numbers to show the correct order of what Daniel did.

1. Asked king for more time	2. Told his friends	3. Asked God
4. God gave the answer	5. Praised God	6. Told the king

- Children in their own time, write a song to God to praise Him.

Unscramble the letters to complete the sentences

When they needed help they _____ to God.
(D R Y A P E)

And God A _____ W _____ D them.
(R ~~W~~ E ~~A~~ N S E ~~D~~)

Trace on the
dotted line

Add in the word "King" on the lines
to work out what the dream meant

God is the _____
of all _____s
and His _____dom
lasts forever!

With God's help
they were able to
make an impact!



GOD IS THE

Read Daniel 2:47 to fill in what the king said

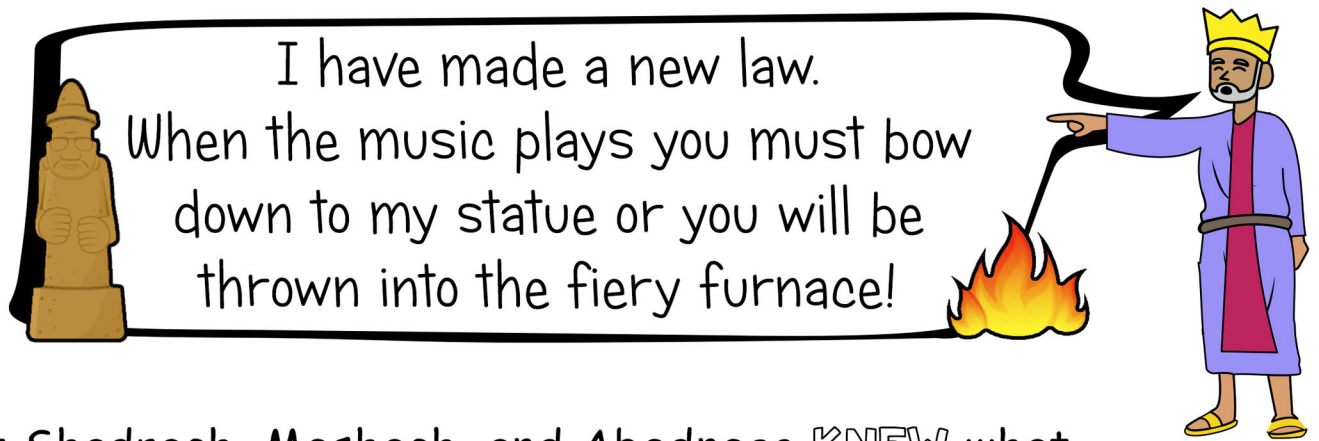


TEACHER NOTES

- Daniel prayed and God answered.
- The dream that God gave the king was that God is the King of all kings and that His Kingdom lasts forever. This is a message that God wants everyone to know.
- What impact did Daniel have? *The king was now saying "God is the greatest!"*
- We may make an impact that makes people feel good, or makes our city look cleaner. But the best impact we can have on our city is that people's heart are changed and they now declare "God is the greatest"

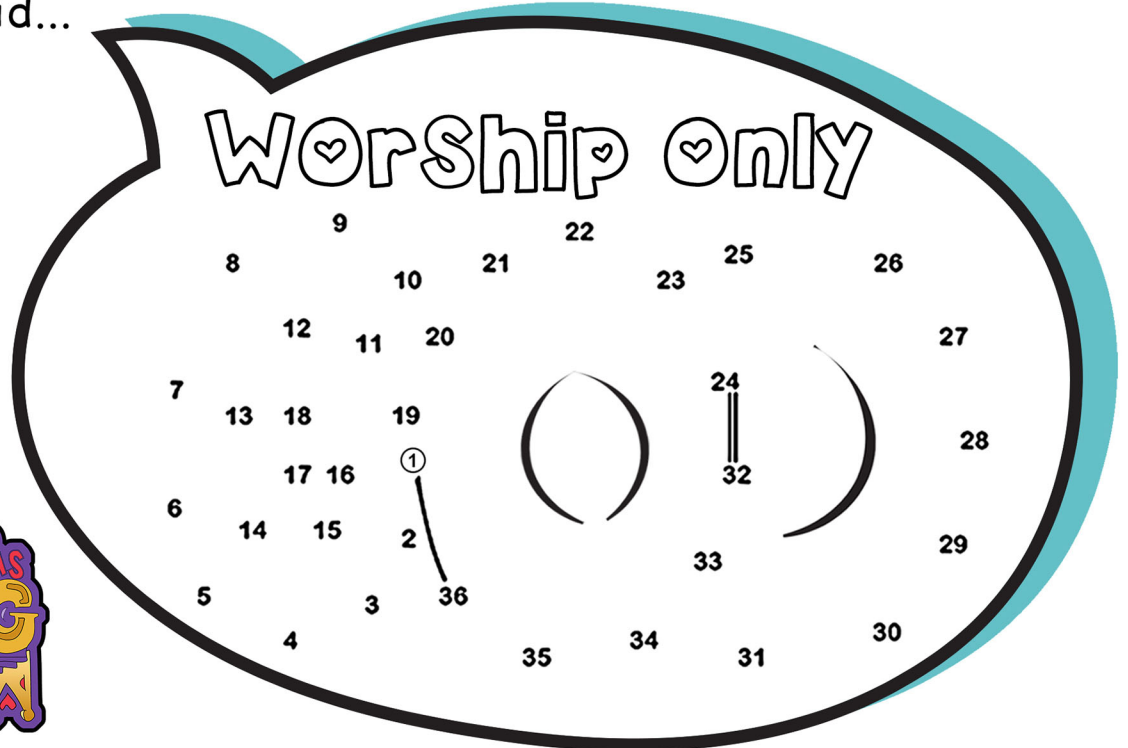
WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Unscramble and fill in the words "**PRAYED**" and "**ANSWERED**"
- Trace over the dotted lines to complete the crown picture
- Fill in: God is the "**KING**" of all "**KINGS**" and His "**KINGdom**" lasts forever!
- Read Daniel 2:47 and fill in "**GREATEST**"



But Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego **KNEW** what God's laws said...

Read Luke 4:8
and complete
the dot-to-dot
to see what
God's laws
say.



Who should they obey? _____

Read Daniel 3:13-18

The King was furious and so he gave them another chance to obey. What else did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego **KNOW** about God? _____

Cross out the words to make the verses true

If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is (able/unable) to save us. He (will/will not) rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. ¹⁸ But even if He doesn't, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will (sometimes/never) serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up."



TEACHER NOTES

- The same king, King Nebuchadnezzar, now makes a new law. He has seen that God is the greatest but has not accepted Him as King.
- Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego knew God's laws. They knew how God wanted them to live **and** they lived that way.
- 'You must worship the LORD your God and serve only Him.'
Luke 4:8
- It is important for us to KNOW God. To know what His character is like, what He has done and what He expects us to do. It is just as important to thereafter OBEY God too. Reading the Bible, praying, learning Bible verses and going to church are important in helping us to know and obey God.
- They knew God wanted them to worship only God and even though the consequences were severe they would remain faithful to God.
- Their actions showed they knew what God wanted them to do, they knew He was able to help, and they loved Him so much that they chose obedience over avoiding consequences.

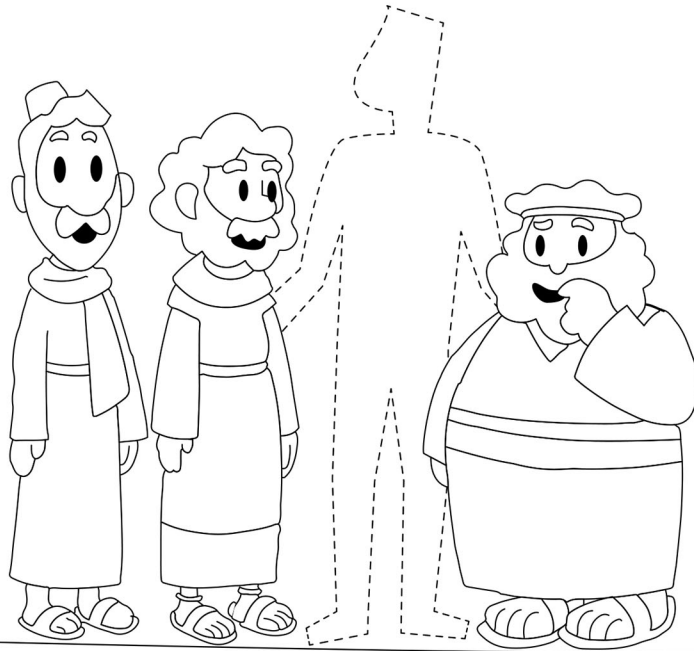
WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Read Luke 4:8 and complete the dot-to-dot to spell out the word "**GOD**"
- Fill in: They should obey "**GOD**"
- Read Daniel 3:13-18 and fill in what else they knew: "**GOD IS ABLE TO SAVE AND RESCUE US**"
- Cross out as follows: (able/~~unable~~), (will/~~will not~~), (~~sometimes~~/never)

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego chose to LOVE GOD even if it meant their lives were at risk. And they were thrown into the fiery furnace.

Draw in flames
to make it
extra
hot.

Draw in the
angel
God sent
to protect
them.



God sent an angel to protect them!

With God's help they were able to
make an impact!

NO OTHER GOD CAN

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LIKE THIS

Read Daniel 3:28-29 to fill in what the king said



TEACHER NOTES

- They chose to love God even though it meant their lives were at risk.
- God was faithful and He sent an angel to protect them.
- What impact did Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego have? *The king was now saying “No other God can **rescue** like this”*
- The friends did not shout at the king or try to force him to change his mind. By loving God and obeying Him they were able to make the impact.

WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Drawn more flames on the picture
- Complete the picture of the angel
- Read Daniel 3: 28-29 and fill in the word: “**RESCUE**”

All of us need to be rescued from our **SIN**.
We cannot rescue ourselves.

IF WE CONFESS OUR SIN
AND BELIEVE IN OUR
HEART THEN GOD WILL
FORGIVE US

Romans 10:9

Read John 3:16

Who is the only one who can rescue
us from our sin? _____

Trace over the dotted words to find out more about
the **ONLY ONE** who can rescue us from our sin.

GOD SHOWED HIS LOVE
BY SENDING JESUS TO
DIE FOR US WHILE WE
WERE STILL SINNERS

Romans 5:8

THE WAGES OF
SIN IS DEATH

THE GIFT OF GOD IS
ETERNAL LIFE

Romans 6:23

NO
ONE IS
PERFECT

EVERYONE HAS SINNED

ALL FALL SHORT OF
GOD'S GLORY

Romans 3:23

START!

Romans 3:10

Follow the road to see how Jesus rescues us from our sin

TEACHER NOTES

- The king was right. No other God can rescue like God.
- *Use the heart to perform the object lesson*
 - (White heart) God loved everything He created, especially people. He wanted to live closely with them every day.
 - (Black heart) But the people He created chose to do things that go against Him. We call this sin. And the penalty of sin is life without God. All of us have sinned. And all of us need to be rescued from our sin so we can live with God forever.
 - God never stopped loving us, even while we were sinners. And He sent the perfect rescuer. He sent His son Jesus.
 - Jesus died for our sin and three days later came alive again. He is alive in Heaven right now.
 - (White) And when we believe in Jesus our rescuer we are forgiven. And we can once more have eternal life with God!
 - Wow No one else can rescue like GOD!
- We all need rescuing from our sin. Nothing we do can rescue us. Only God can. And He did by sending His Son Jesus to die on the cross for us. John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (NIV)
- It is important for us to learn verses like this so that we can lead others to Jesus, their rescuer too. Encourage the children to look up and place a bookmark by each of the verses.

WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Children read John 3:16 and fill in: "**JESUS**"
- Trace over the words: "**FORGIVE**" "**LOVE**" "**LIFE**"
- At home find these scriptures in their own Bibles and mark them so that they can teach this to someone else.



I have made a law. For 30 days you may not pray to God or you will be fed to the lions!

The law said Daniel could not pray to God for...

✓ Tick the correct answer



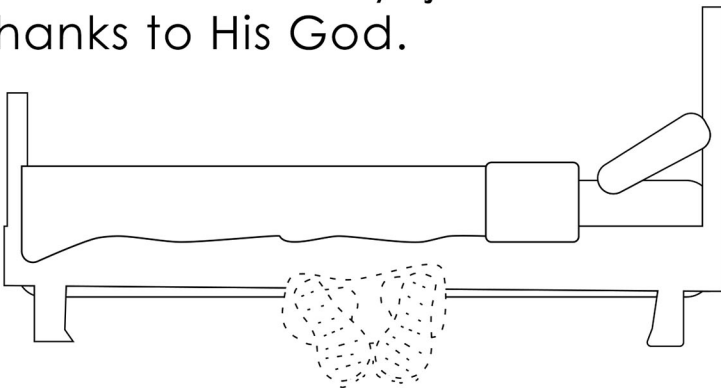
But Daniel **KNEW** God because he prayed to God

6 + 5 - 8 = _____ times every day

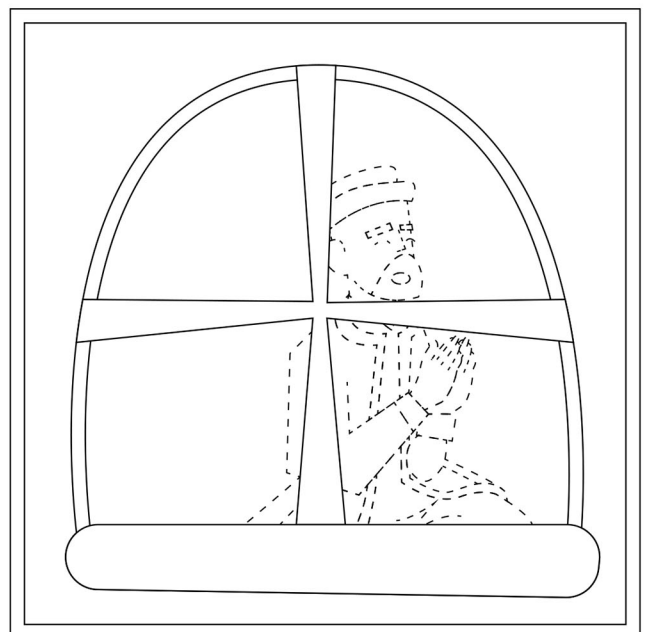


Read Daniel 6:10 and trace over the one Daniel did.

¹⁰ But when Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home and knelt down as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem. He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to His God.



Daniel loved God.
He didn't hide under his bed and pray. He prayed like he always did.



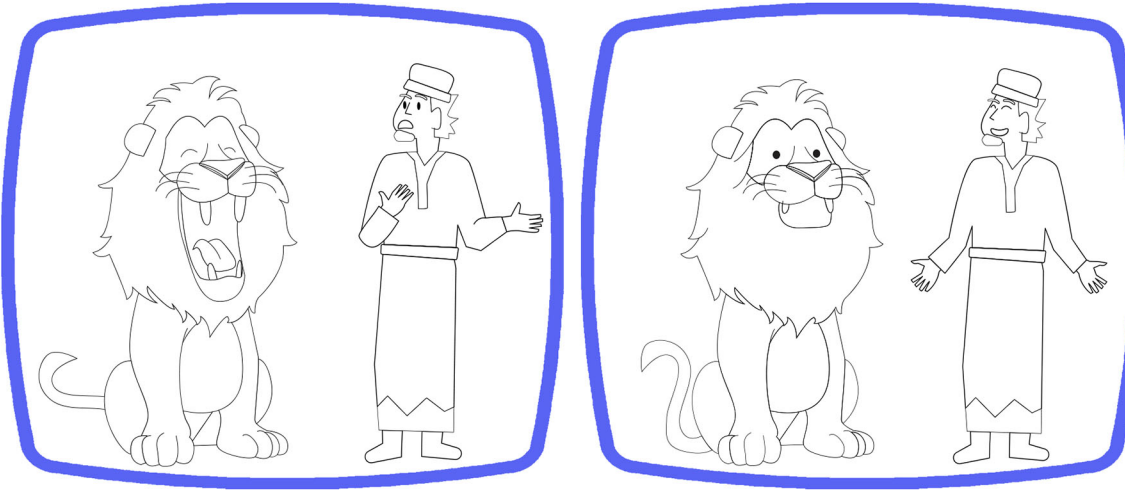
TEACHER NOTES

- This is a different Babylonian king, King Darius. Daniel is now 80 years old!
- Daniel's actions showed that his relationship with God was way more important than anything else.
 - Even though it was only for thirty days, Daniel chose to keep on praying to God rather than avoid punishment.
 - Daniel always prayed to God three times every day.
 - Daniel was not ashamed that he prayed to God. Rather than hide he prayed like he always did, with his window wide open.
- Daniel knew how God wanted him to live because he spent time with God every day. Are you spending time with God too so you can get to know Him?
- People may try to stop us from spending time with God. They may distract us or even laugh at us. It is important for us to make time for God before everything else.

WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Tick the picture of "30 days"
- Work out the sum and fill in "3"
- Read Daniel 6:10 and trace over the picture of Daniel praying at the open window

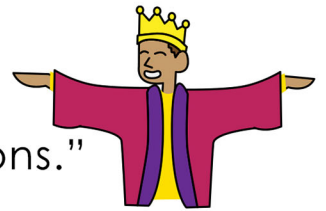
Can you spot 5 differences?



God sent an angel to protect Daniel. With God's help he was able to make an impact.

Read Daniel 6:26-27 to see what the king said after he saw how God saved Daniel

²⁶ "I decree that everyone throughout my kingdom should tremble with fear before the God of Daniel. For **He is the living God**, and **He will endure forever**. His Kingdom will **never be destroyed**, and **His rule will never end**. ²⁷ **He rescues and saves** His people; **He performs miraculous signs and wonders** in the heavens and on earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions."



↑ Look for the bold words and write how the king now describes God.



TEACHER NOTES

- Daniel knew God could save him from the lions but he didn't know if God would choose to. This did not matter to Daniel, he would love God no matter what.
- God protected Daniel by sending an angel to close the lions' mouths so that they would not harm him.
- With God's help Daniel was able to make an impact as now the king was announcing to everyone **how great God is**.

WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- The differences are:
 - Lion's mouth open/closed
 - Lion's eyes close/open
 - Daniel afraid/happy
 - Daniel's arm up/down
 - Lion's tail curved up/down
- Read Daniel 6: 26-27 and write down:

Living God	Endure forever	Never be destroyed
Rule never ends	Rescues	Saves
Miraculous signs	Wonders	

Can you see the pattern on how to make an impact?

They **KNEW** GOD

Match the picture to what we know about God

God sent His
Son to rescue us
Galatians 1:4



God is King
forever
1 Timothy 1:17

God loves us
unconditionally
Romans 5:8



God's Kingdom
lasts forever
Luke 1:33



God gives
us power
Acts 1:8

What do you know about God? _____

They **LOVED** GOD

Draw a heart around the ways you can also show God you love Him

FAITHFUL

OBEY

TRUST

PRAY

PRAISE

With God's help they **MADE AN IMPACT**

**GOD is
KiNG**

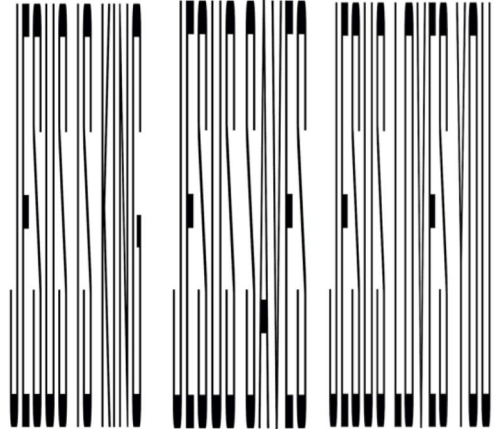


Get ready to impact your city...



TEACHER NOTES

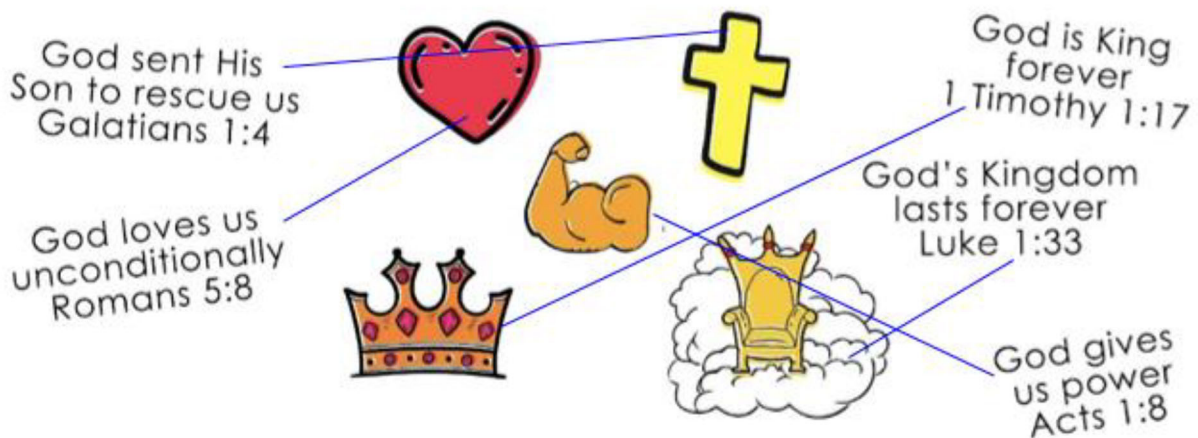
- To impact our city, we need to **know God**. Not just about Him but we need to know Him personally as the King in charge of our lives and the one who has rescued us from our sin. Our perspective changes from who He is to others to who He is to me.
- **Object Lesson:** Clipboards with pictures
Children will each take a turn to look at the pictures on the clipboards as you tilt the angel from upright to horizontal. This will reveal truths about Jesus. "Jesus loves you" "Jesus is King" "Jesus saves"



- To impact our city, we need to **love God**. It is good for us to say we love God but it is even better for our actions to show this too.
- To impact our city, we **rely on God to help us**. Only God can reveal dreams and their meanings, protect us from fire and even close a lion's mouth. Only God can change the hearts of people who do not believe. We know, love and obey God and God reveals how great and amazing He truly is.

WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Look up the verses and match the pictures to the verse



- Children fill in their own answers of what they know about God
- Draw a heart around all the ways that they will show their love for God

MY GRAFFITI WALL

(Write you leader notes here)

(Write you leader notes here)