

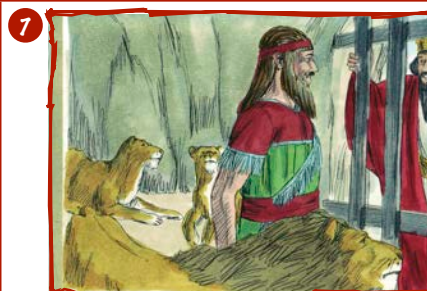
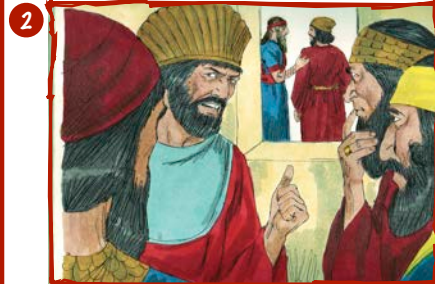
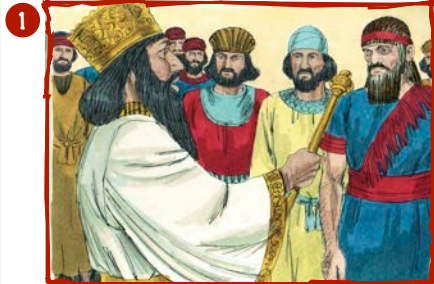
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Hea-Woo is a Christian from North Korea. Watch the video of her story and answer these questions:



How did watching Hea-Woo's story make you feel and why?

Explain what life was like for the people in the camp with Hea-Woo:

How do you think being a Christian helped Hea-Woo live in the camp?

Hea-Woo mentions Psalm 23 as a Bible passage that comforted her. Read the start of the Psalm. Why do you think this would have comforted her?

Psalm 23:

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

In what ways is Hea-Woo's story similar to that of Daniel and the Lions' Den?

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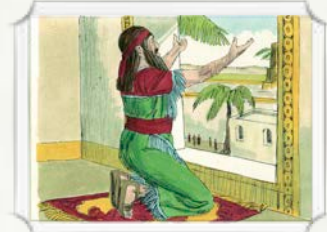
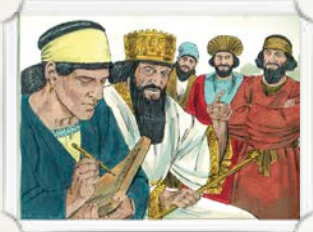
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During the reign of King Darius, there were three vice-regents who helped the king run the kingdom. Out of these three vice-regents, Daniel was by far the most impressive. He was so good at his job, and so wise and helpful to his king, that he was put in charge of governing the whole kingdom.

The other vice-regents were jealous of Daniel and decided to try and make him fall from grace. They tried everything they could think of but they couldn't find any evidence of Daniel doing even one thing wrong. "The only way we can get rid of Daniel is if we use his religion against him," they said. They knew that Daniel prayed to his God every day and that he followed His laws. The other vice-regents conspired together, came up with a plan and went to see King Darius.

"We have spoken to all your governors and vice-regents. We all think you should pass a decree that forbids anyone to pray to any god or human except you for the next thirty days, Your Majesty. Anyone who does should be thrown into a den of lions. Put it in writing so the decree can't be changed." King Darius agreed and had the decree written up.



Daniel heard about the decree but continued to pray to God three times a day at his window, just as he had always done. He knew that worshipping God was more important than any law a man could make. The vice-regents went to Daniel's house, knowing exactly when he would be praying. They immediately went to tell King Darius that they had found Daniel going against the new decree.

When King Darius found out that Daniel had broken the decree he was very troubled. He thought of everything he could do to save Daniel from facing punishment but there was nothing he could do. "The law says a decree can't be changed," the men reminded him. There was nothing Darius could do to save Daniel. He gave the order and the men seized Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. "Let's see your God rescue you now!" they sneered. They dragged a stone over the mouth of the den and left Daniel inside.



King Darius went back to the palace with a heavy heart. He fretted all evening and couldn't eat. He couldn't sleep either as he was so worried about Daniel and what he would find when he went back to the lions' den in the morning. At first light, Darius raced back to the den. To his utter amazement, he saw Daniel standing among the lions - and he was completely unharmed! "What happened?" asked the king.

"The Lord sent his angels and they closed the mouths of the lions," replied Daniel. "They didn't hurt me because God knew I had not done wrong by him. Nor have I done wrong by you, my king." The king was overjoyed and gave orders for Daniel to be lifted out of the den. There wasn't a scratch on him.

At the king's command, the men who had accused Daniel were thrown into the pit. Before their bodies hit the floor, the lions overpowered them and crushed their bones. King Darius knew that Daniel's God was the one true God so he wrote to all the people and nations, telling them about what had happened and that they should worship the Lord God who could perform such incredible miracles.

