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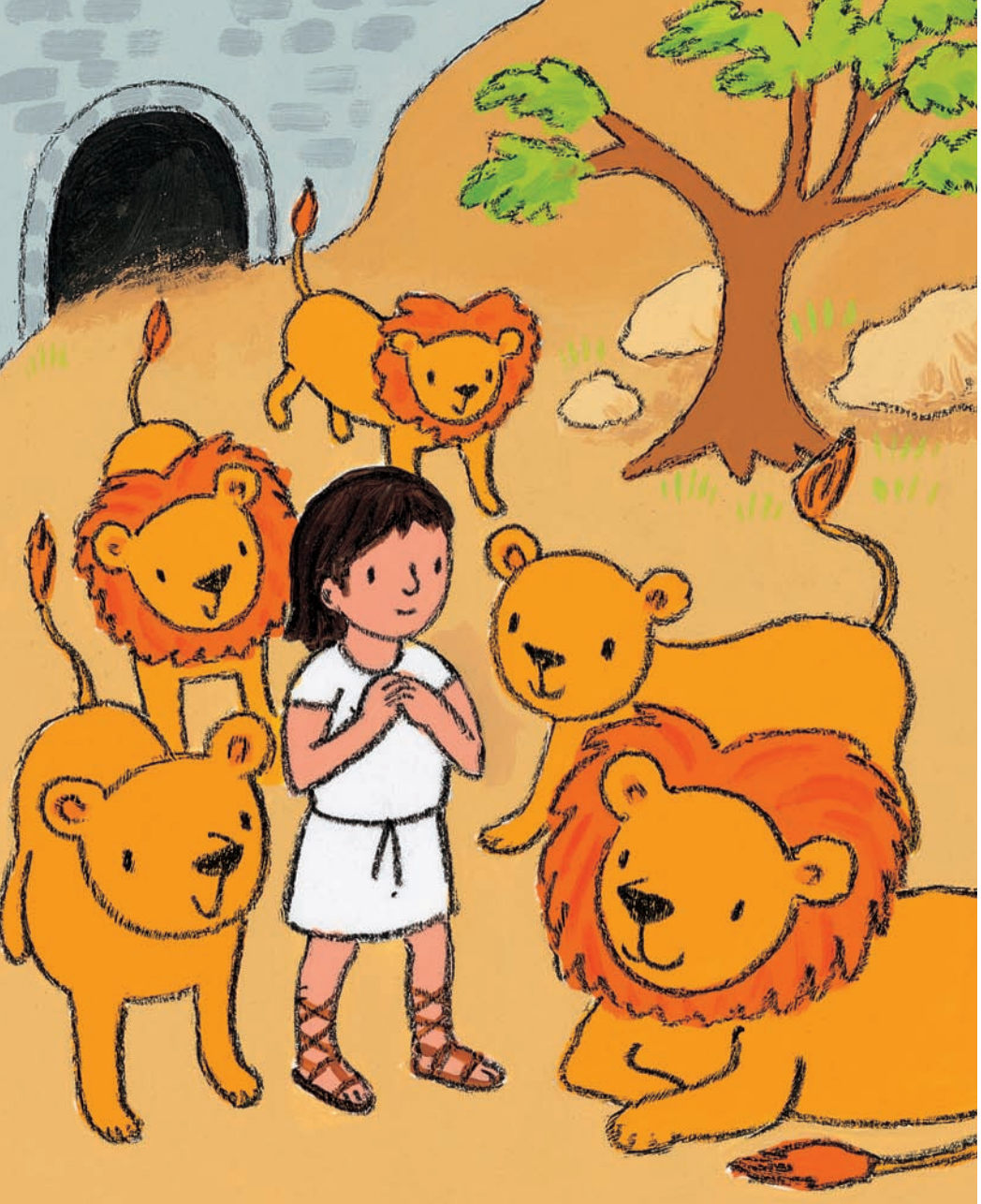
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Daniel and the lions

Daniel was loyal to the kings in Babylon; but every day he looked in the direction of Jerusalem and said his prayers.

When Darius became king, he gave Daniel the top job. That made other people jealous.

They went to Darius. "Your Majesty, you are great and wonderful," they said. "People should trust in you alone.

"You have made a law that no one should say prayers to anyone but you.

"But that Daniel... he says prayers to his God."

The law was the law. For saying his prayers, Daniel was thrown to the lions.

God sent an angel to keep Daniel safe.

"Bring Daniel out," said Darius. "It is clear that his God is the greatest of them all."



Jesus and the fishermen

Jesus' baptism marked a new beginning. He did not let himself be tempted to choose an easy life. He was determined to do what God wanted.

He began preaching – in Nazareth and in the other towns of Galilee.

"I have good news," he told people. "It is time for God's kingdom... and you can be part of it. Turn away from wrongdoing and live as God wants."

Down by the shore of Lake Galilee were some fishermen: Simon Peter and Andrew, James and John.

"Come and help me gather people into God's kingdom," said Jesus.

The fishermen left their nets and followed Jesus.