



TREME TRUTH

Daniel 2:1-48



In the last session you learned how devotion to God gave Daniel the discipline and determination to stand out in a positive way from the culture around him. In this session, you'll see how Daniel developed his boldness and strength. By spending time in prayer and God's Word, you too can gain power, guidance, and positive influence on others. **Take time to read** the Bible passage above. Then consider the story from a slightly different angle. (Refer to this script for the in-class presentation of this session's Bible story.)

DREAM ON!

NARRATOR: Our story begins in ancient Babylon, in the court of an angry king.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR: Who are you? Another reporter? Get lost! I need my magicians and advisers!

KING'S MAGICIANS: O king, live forever! You called?

KING'S ADVISERS: O king, live forever! What's up?

NEBUCHADNEZZAR: I haven't been sleeping well at night. I have this dream that keeps bothering me. You need to help. I pay you the big shekels to do your magic stuff and to give me good advice. Tell me what this dream means, OK?

KING'S ADVISERS: Absolutely! A few details, and we'll figure it all out.

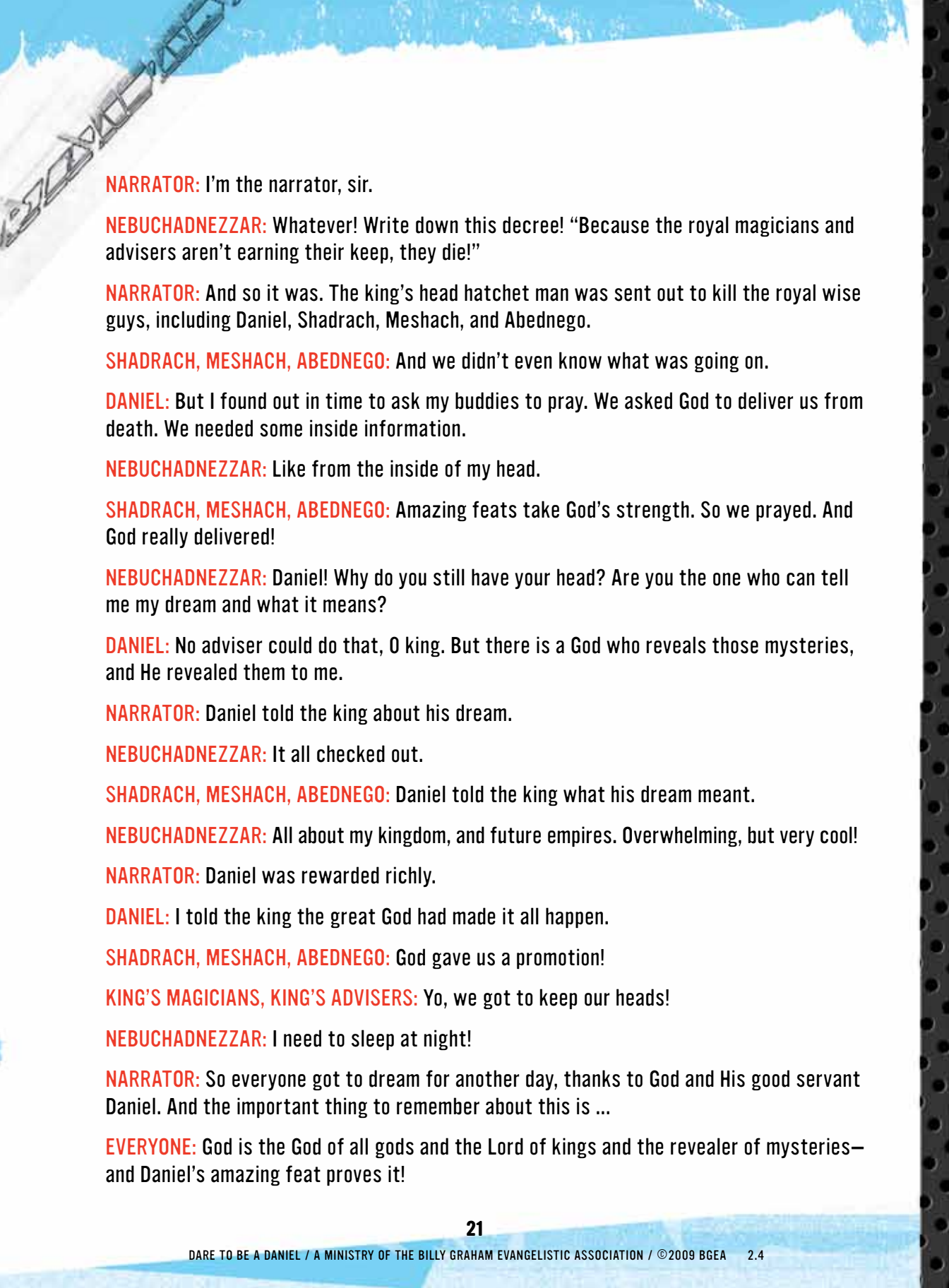
NEBUCHADNEZZAR: That won't happen. Earn your keep. No details, no hints. You tell me what my dream is, then you tell me what it means.

KING'S MAGICIANS: We can give you a sleeping potion. We can prescribe a warm bubble bath. But no one can do what you want, O king!

KING'S ADVISERS: We can tell you where your parents went wrong in raising you. We can recommend a change of scenery. But tell you your own dream? No one's that smart, O king!

NEBUCHADNEZZAR: Why should I leave you on staff, then? Reporter!





NARRATOR: I'm the narrator, sir.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR: Whatever! Write down this decree! "Because the royal magicians and advisers aren't earning their keep, they die!"

NARRATOR: And so it was. The king's head hatchet man was sent out to kill the royal wise guys, including Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

SHADRACH, MESHACH, ABEDNEGO: And we didn't even know what was going on.

DANIEL: But I found out in time to ask my buddies to pray. We asked God to deliver us from death. We needed some inside information.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR: Like from the inside of my head.

SHADRACH, MESHACH, ABEDNEGO: Amazing feats take God's strength. So we prayed. And God really delivered!

NEBUCHADNEZZAR: Daniel! Why do you still have your head? Are you the one who can tell me my dream and what it means?

DANIEL: No adviser could do that, O king. But there is a God who reveals those mysteries, and He revealed them to me.

NARRATOR: Daniel told the king about his dream.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR: It all checked out.

SHADRACH, MESHACH, ABEDNEGO: Daniel told the king what his dream meant.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR: All about my kingdom, and future empires. Overwhelming, but very cool!

NARRATOR: Daniel was rewarded richly.

DANIEL: I told the king the great God had made it all happen.

SHADRACH, MESHACH, ABEDNEGO: God gave us a promotion!

KING'S MAGICIANS, KING'S ADVISERS: Yo, we got to keep our heads!

NEBUCHADNEZZAR: I need to sleep at night!

NARRATOR: So everyone got to dream for another day, thanks to God and His good servant Daniel. And the important thing to remember about this is ...

EVERYONE: God is the God of all gods and the Lord of kings and the revealer of mysteries—and Daniel's amazing feat proves it!