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SO, WHEN THE SOUND OF MUSIC FROM THE TRUMPETS, HARPS, FLUTES, BAGPIPES, AND ALL SORTS OF INSTRUMENTS WAS HEARD...



EVERYONE BOWED DOWN BEFORE THE STATUE.

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A GROUP OF THE KING'S ADVISORS NOTICED THAT THESE THREE YOUNG JEWISH MEN DID NOT BOW DOWN AND WORSHIP THE STATUE.

JEALOUS OF THE POWER THE KING HAD BESTOWED ON THESE EXILES FROM JERUSALEM...



...THE ADVISORS WENT TO THE KING TO TELL HIM OF THE MEN'S DISOBEDIENCE.



WHEN KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR HEARD THAT THEY REFUSED TO BOW TO THE STATUE, HE BECAME FURIOUS.



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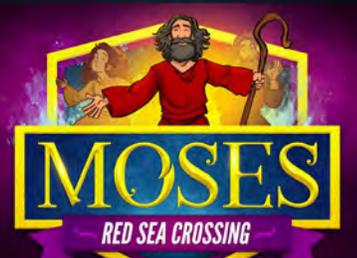
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THE GOD WE SERVE WILL DELIVER US FROM THE FIERY FURNACE!

KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR HAD HEARD ENOUGH.



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AS THE DOORS OF THE FURNACE WERE OPENED...



AND SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO WERE THROWN IN...

THE HEAT AND FLAMES OVERPOWERED THE SOLDIERS, AND THEY DIED ON THE SPOT.



KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR LOOKED INTO THE FURNACE, AND TO HIS AMAZEMENT, HE SAW THAT THE THREE YOUNG MEN WERE UNHARMED.

THEN THE KING NOTICED SOMETHING EVEN MORE AMAZING.



IN DISBELIEF, HE ASKED HIS ADVISORS TO CONFIRM THAT THERE WERE SUPPOSED TO BE ONLY THREE PEOPLE IN THE FIRE.

AREN'T THERE SUPPOSED TO BE ONLY THREE MEN IN THE FURNACE?



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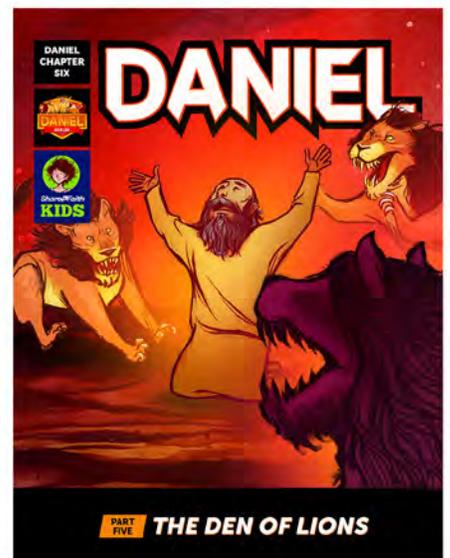
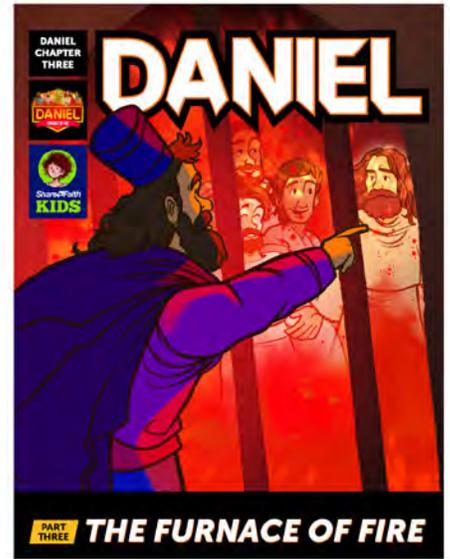
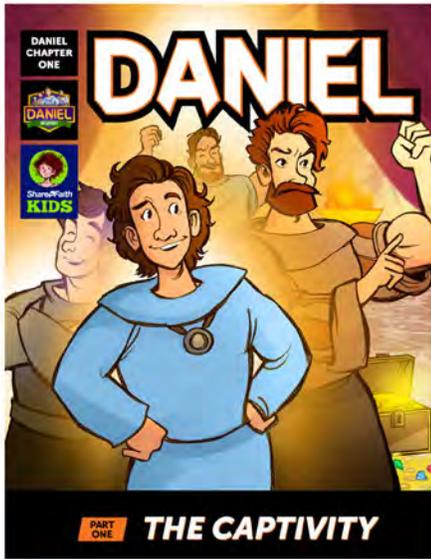
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