



# DANIEL

in the Lion's Den

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# **OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE STORY**

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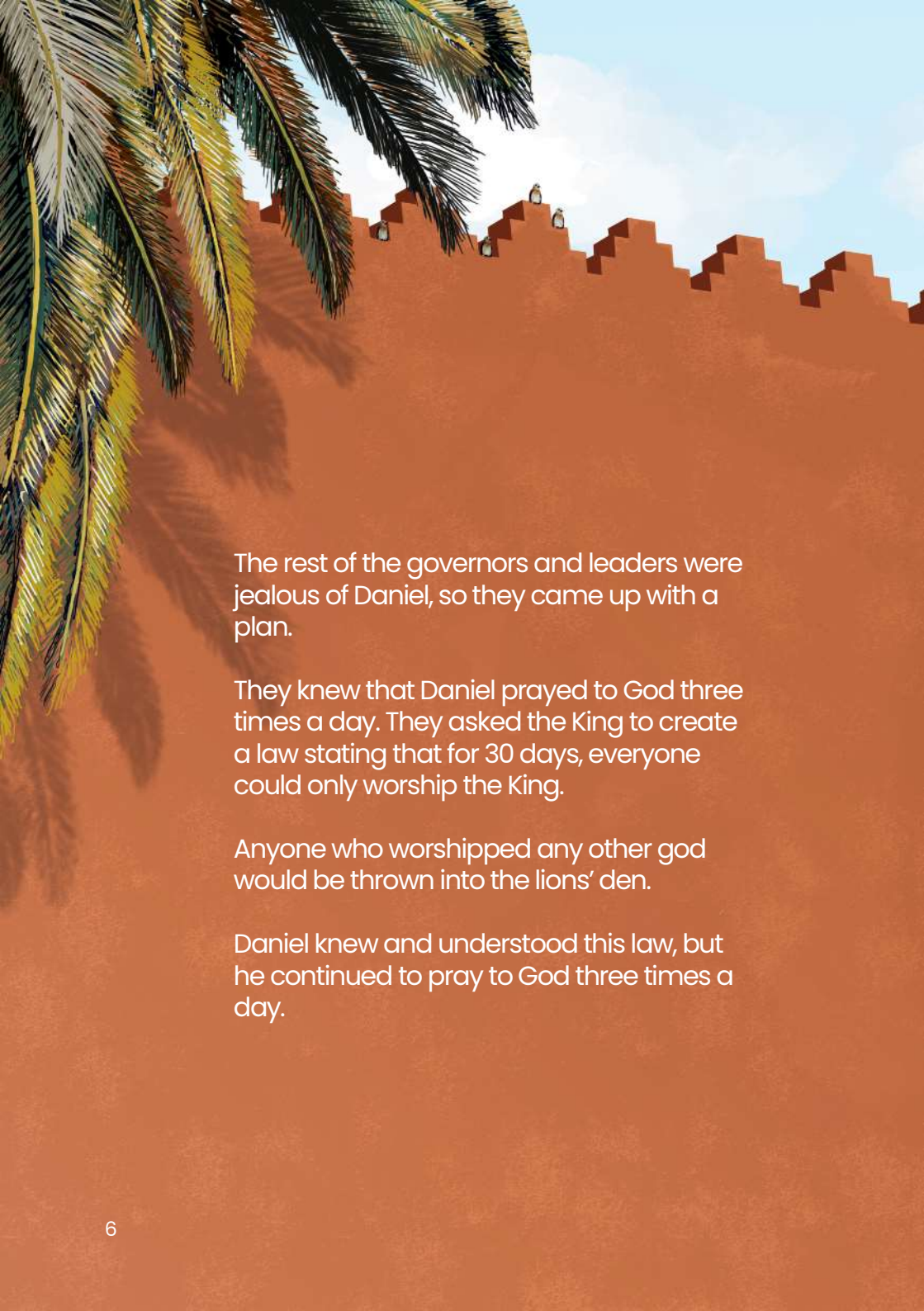
in the Lion's Den

In ancient times in the city of Babylon, Darius the King appointed 120 governors to rule over the land.

He also chose three leaders to keep a close eye on the governors, to make sure they did not cheat him. Of all the governors and leaders, the King loved Daniel the most.

Daniel was wise and faithful, so the King planned to put him in charge of the whole Kingdom.





The rest of the governors and leaders were jealous of Daniel, so they came up with a plan.

They knew that Daniel prayed to God three times a day. They asked the King to create a law stating that for 30 days, everyone could only worship the King.

Anyone who worshipped any other god would be thrown into the lions' den.

Daniel knew and understood this law, but he continued to pray to God three times a day.



When the leaders saw this, they reported Daniel to the King.

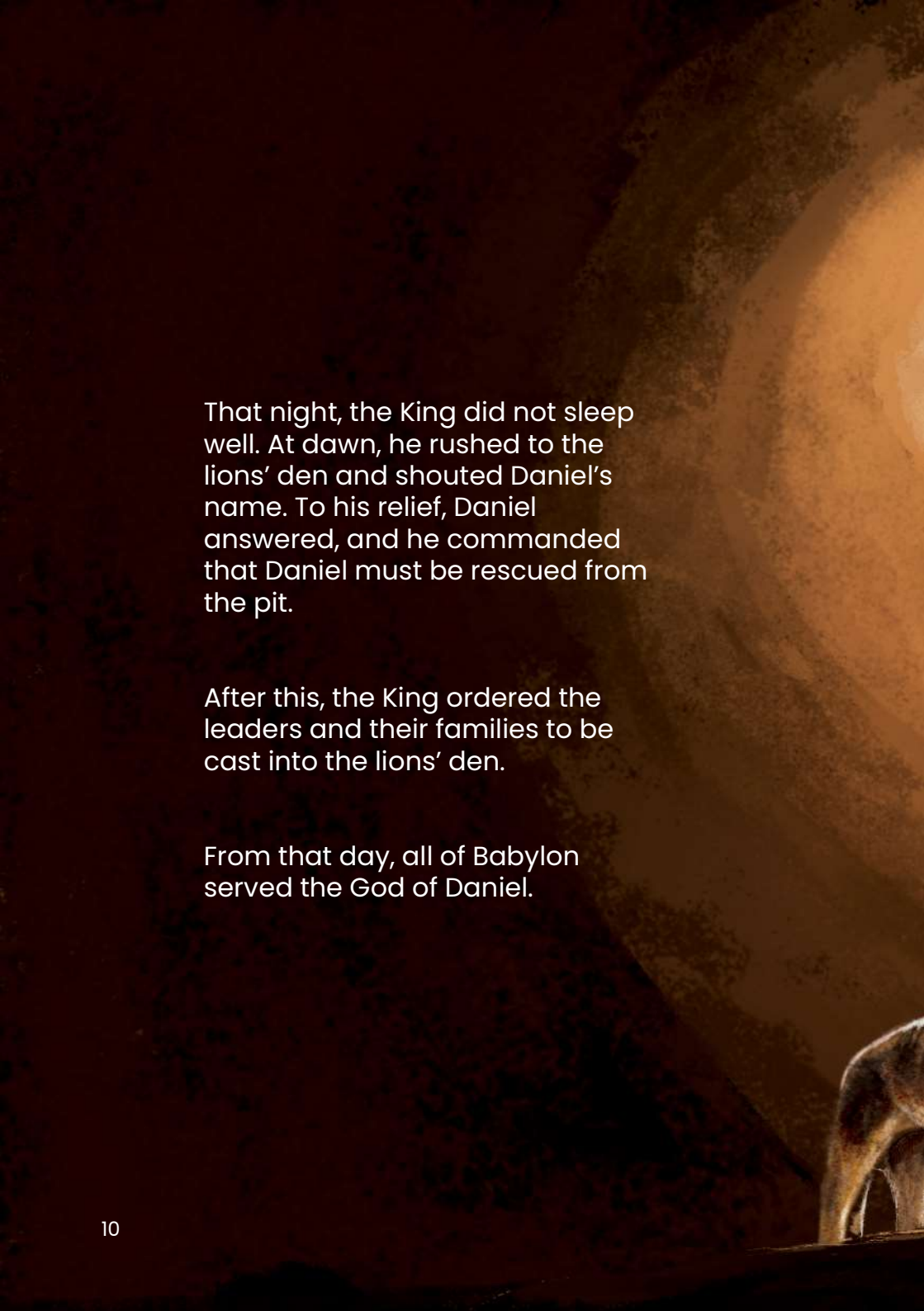
King Darius was very sorry because he loved Daniel. But he could not change the law, so he ordered Daniel to be thrown into the lions' den.

Just before Daniel was cast into the den, the King said, "May your God, whom you serve, rescue you."

The entrance to the den was sealed with a stone.







That night, the King did not sleep well. At dawn, he rushed to the lions' den and shouted Daniel's name. To his relief, Daniel answered, and he commanded that Daniel must be rescued from the pit.

After this, the King ordered the leaders and their families to be cast into the lions' den.

From that day, all of Babylon served the God of Daniel.



## **Prayer**

Lord, thank You that my help comes from You. No matter what others try to do to me I will put my trust in You and know that You give me good things while my enemies watch.

## **Questions**

1. Why was Daniel thrown into the lion's den?
2. Who protected Daniel in the lion's den?
3. What did the King do when he saw that Daniel was alive?

## Singing Stars

**T**hree young girls in Africa, named Mmanoko, Mosima and Pheladi, were well known for singing like a fiery-necked nightjar, which is an African bird with a beautiful voice.

These girls went to the Mokopane school which was famous for singing, and had two award-winning choirs.

While the choir teacher prepared for singing competitions, she reminded all of her students that there were things they should do to protect their voices. She said they should drink a lot of water, get enough sleep, and not drink coffee, soft drinks or eat sweets.

Mosima and Pheladi thought these rules were silly.

They were sure their voices would be beautiful no matter what they ate and drank, so they did not listen to the teacher.

They tried to pressure Mmanoko to break the rules many times, but she refused.



The day of the competition came near. The teacher asked the three top choir students to sing, one by one.

Pheladi was the first to sing, but the teacher was not impressed. Mosima came next, but she also sang badly.

The teacher began to worry. What was she going to do? Her best students were failing. She knew that Pheladi and Mosima had not followed the rules.



Then Mmanoko appeared. She sang so beautifully it was as if the fiery-necked nightjar herself was helping her. Her voice was angelic and beautiful.

The teacher was very relieved, and with Mmanoko as the lead singer, she was sure the school would win the competition.

As for Mosima and Pheladi, the teacher told them that they would not take part in the choir competition.



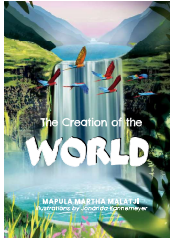
## **Prayer**

Father God, I pray that I will not listen to those who are rebellious and disobedient and that You will help me not to stray from Your path.

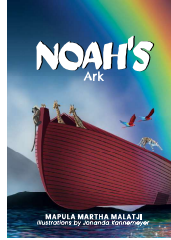
## **Questions**

1. Name the girls who can sing like a fiery-necked nightjar.
2. Name the famous music school.
3. What did the teacher ask the children to do?
4. What did Mosima and Pheladi do?
5. Who did Mmanoko sing like?
6. Do you think the teacher was right to leave Pheladi and Mosima out of the competition?

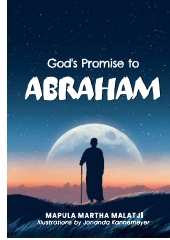
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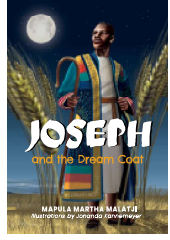
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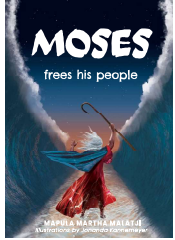
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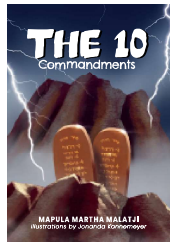
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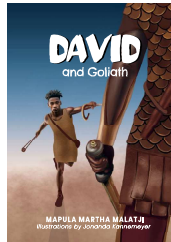
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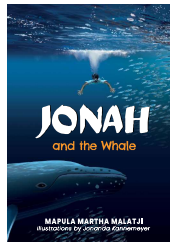
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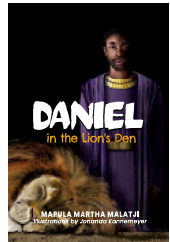
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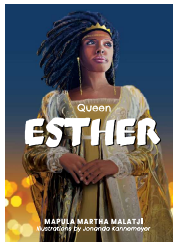
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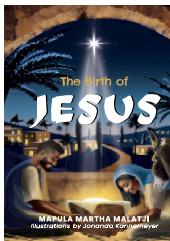
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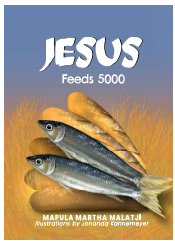
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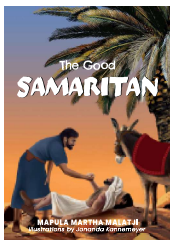
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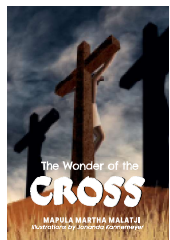
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## **Daniel in the Lion's Den**

In this book we will learn why Daniel was thrown into a den of lions, and how God protected him from people who were jealous of him.

## **Singing Sensations**

We will also learn about three talented young girls who sing as beautifully as the fiery-necked nightjar, an African bird with a wonderful voice.

Read the book and learn how God protects those who follow Him.



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