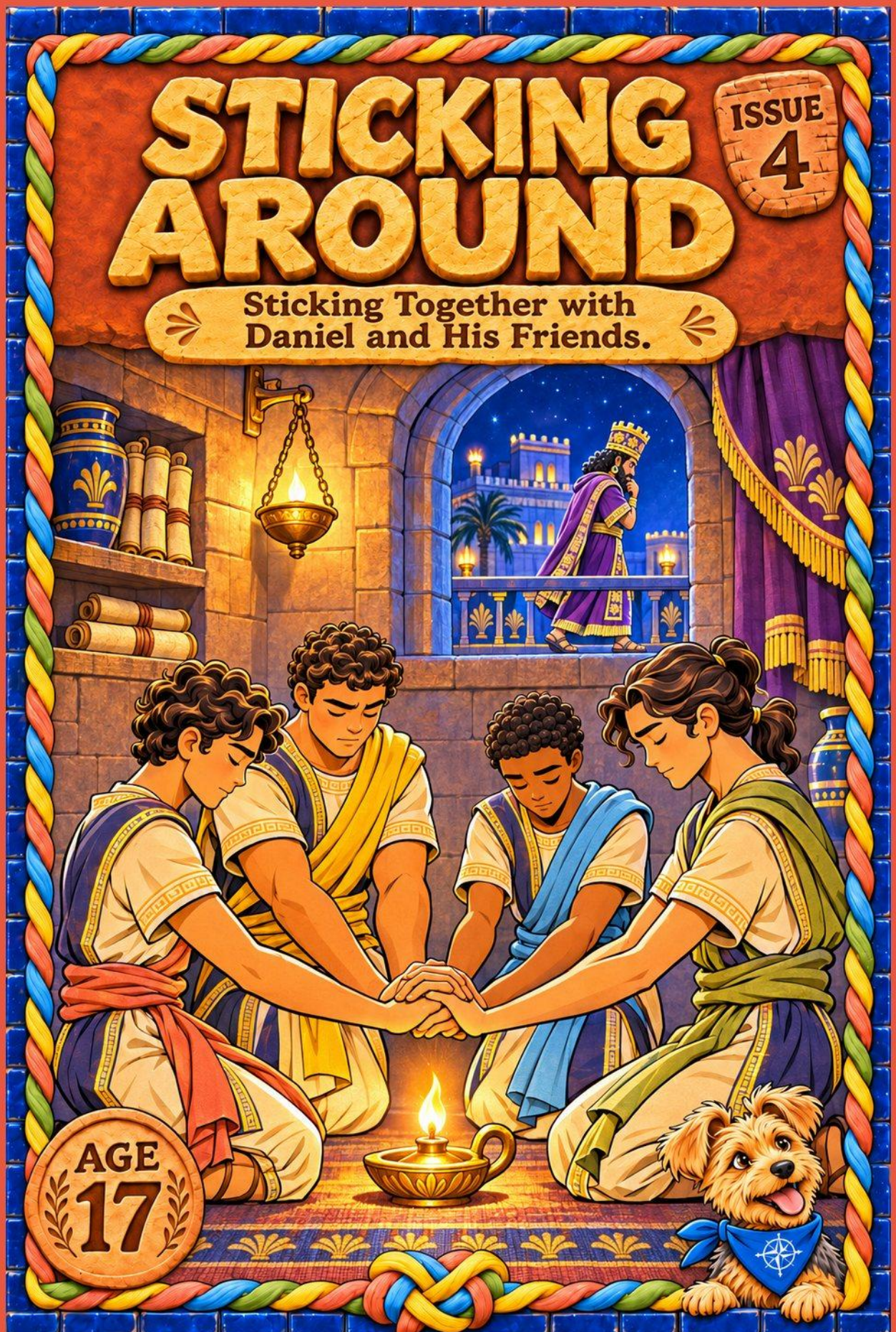
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STICKING AROUND

ISSUE 4

Sticking Together with Daniel and His Friends.



AGE 17

MEET YOUR TOUR GUIDE

Before the story starts



Hi! I'm Baxter. I'm 13 pounds of scruffy, and the compass on my bandana is special. When a kid has a problem, it takes us into a Bible story where someone faced the same thing!

MY FRIENDS (THEY LIVE ON MY STREET)

MAYA age 10
Always has her notebook

ELI age 11
The jokester

SAM age 9
Quiet, and new in town

SOFIA age 11
The artist

IN BABYLON, WATCH THE SASH COLORS

DANIEL DAN-yul

SHADRACH SHAD-rak

MESHACH MEE-shak

ABEDNEGO uh-BED-nee-go

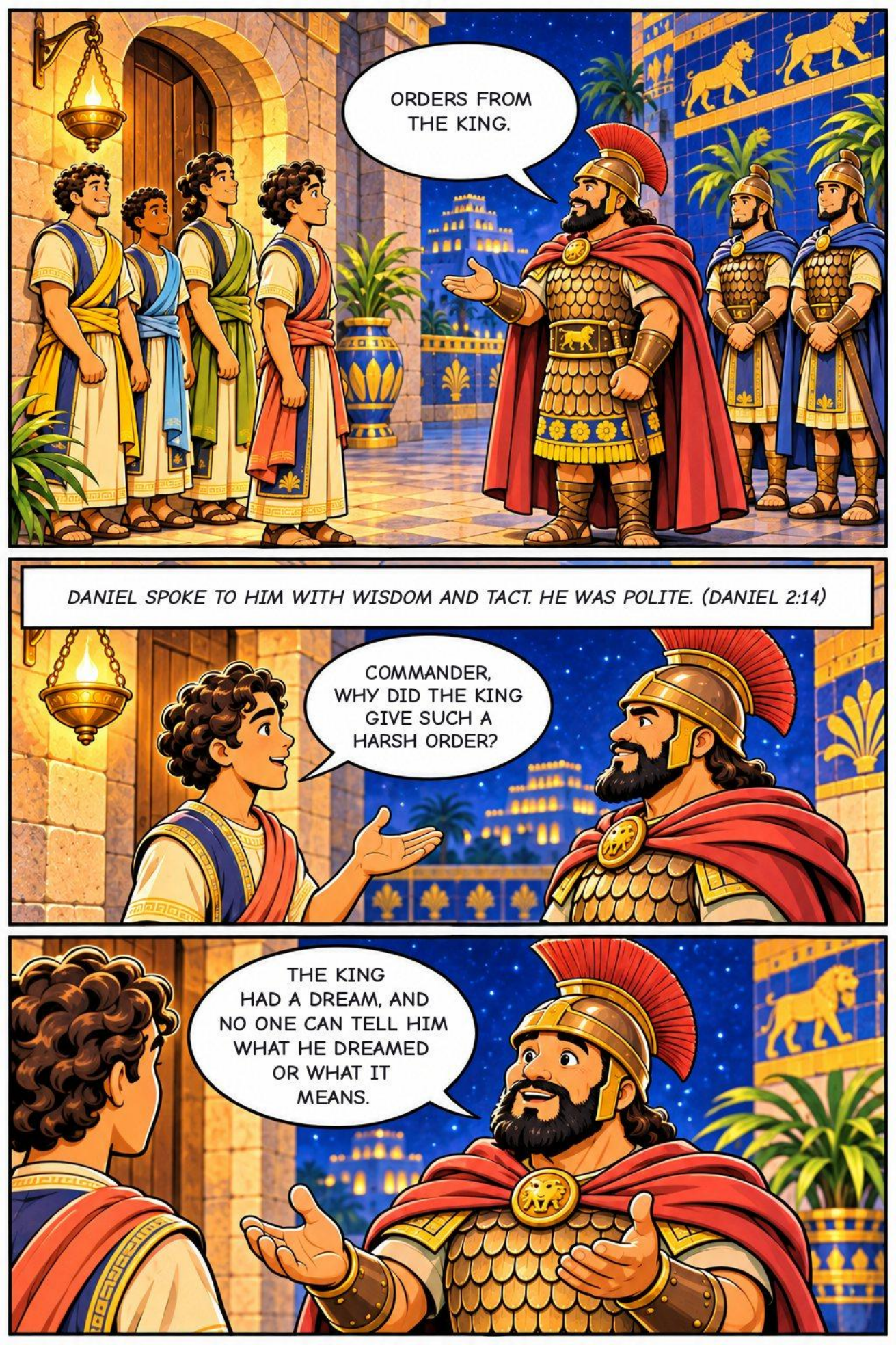
Grab my bandana, and we're off. In this series we visit Daniel and his three friends, who were taken far from home to Babylon. They held on to God, and to each other. Watch for their cord: four strands, one for each friend.


WEDNESDAY NIGHT, BEFORE KIDS' CHURCH.
SOFIA? WHAT'S WRONG?
MY DAD LOST HIS JOB. HE HAD AN INTERVIEW FOR A NEW ONE, BUT NOW WE HAVE TO WAIT TO SEE IF HE GOT IT. MY MOM KEEPS SAYING "WE'LL BE FINE," BUT SHE LOOKS WORRIED.


WAITING IS THE WORST. WANT TO SEE FRIENDS WHO WAITED TOO?


BABYLON. DANIEL AND HIS FRIENDS ARE ABOUT 17.
THAT DREAM... WHAT DOES IT *MEAN?*
TELL US YOUR DREAM, YOUR MAJESTY, AND WE'LL EXPLAIN IT!
NO. *YOU* TELL *ME* WHAT I DREAMED. THEN I'LL KNOW YOU'RE NOT MAKING THINGS UP.


IMPOSSIBLE! NO ONE ON EARTH CAN DO THAT!
TOO BAD! THEN *ALL* THE WISE MEN WHO CAN'T DO IT WILL BE KILLED!
DANIEL AND HIS FRIENDS GOT JOBS AS WISE MEN!
YEP. THEY'RE ON THE LIST.


ORDERS FROM THE KING.
DANIEL SPOKE TO HIM WITH WISDOM AND TACT. HE WAS POLITE. (DANIEL 2:14)
COMMANDER, WHY DID THE KING GIVE SUCH A HARSH ORDER?
THE KING HAD A DREAM, AND NO ONE CAN TELL HIM WHAT HE DREAMED OR WHAT IT MEANS.

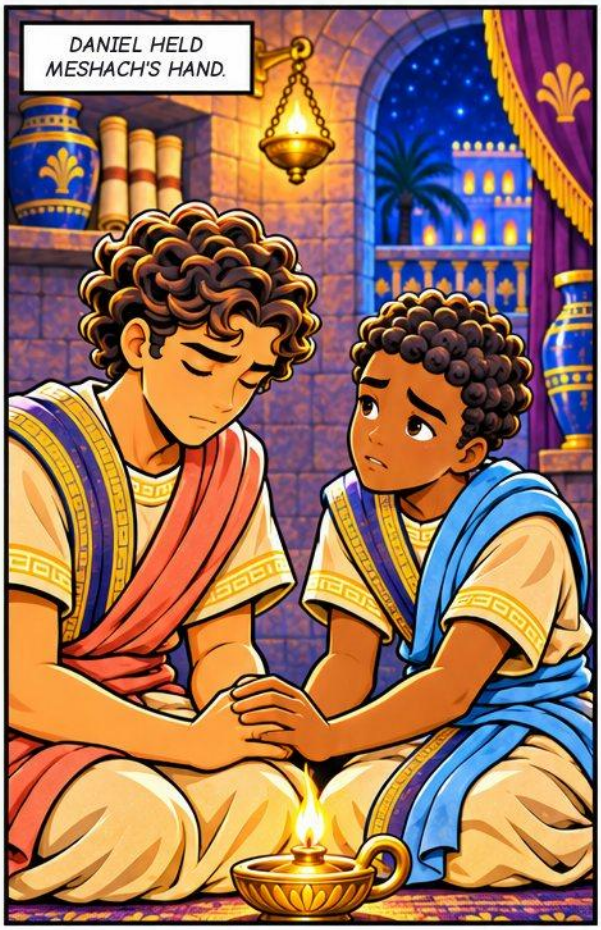

YOUR MAJESTY, PLEASE GIVE ME SOME TIME, AND I WILL TELL YOU.
FINE. BUT YOU'D BETTER BE RIGHT.
HE DIDN'T PANIC. HE WAS POLITE AND ASKED FOR MORE TIME TO SOLVE THE DREAM.
WHILE YOU'RE WAITING, GOD IS WORKING. HE'S FIXING THE PROBLEM.

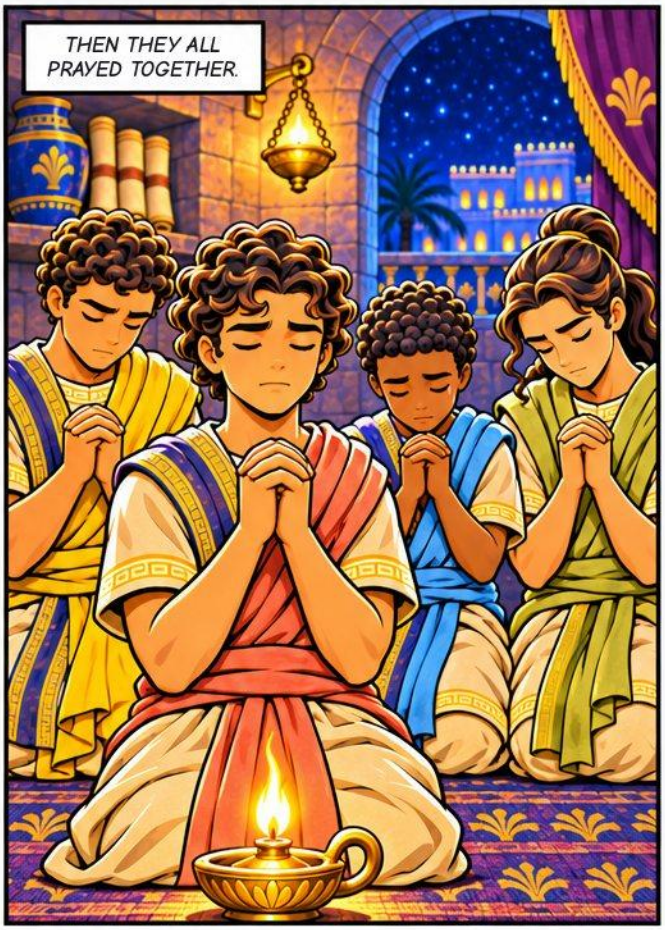

THEN DANIEL WENT HOME AND TOLD HIS FRIENDS. (DANIEL 2:17)
SO... BAD NEWS, OR REALLY BAD NEWS?
I CAN'T DO THIS ALONE. WE NEED TO PRAY. ALL OF US. TONIGHT.


HE ASKED THEM TO PRAY TO THE GOD OF HEAVEN FOR MERCY. (DANIEL 2:18)
GOD, I USUALLY MAKE JOKES. NOT TONIGHT. PLEASE HELP US.


ABEDNEGO SAT CLOSE TO DANIEL.


SHADRACH HUGGED MESHACH.


DANIEL HELD MESHACH'S HAND.


THEN THEY ALL PRAYED TOGETHER.


DURING THE NIGHT, GOD SHOWED DANIEL THE MYSTERY DREAM IN A VISION, LIKE A DREAM OF HIS OWN. (DANIEL 2:19)
HE REALLY DID IT! GOD ANSWERED OUR PRAYER!


WAIT. FIRST WE THANK GOD.
LET'S *GO!* BEFORE THE KING CHANGES HIS MIND!
PRAISE GOD FOREVER! HE GIVES WISDOM. HE ANSWERED WHAT WE ASKED!
THEY THANKED GOD FIRST!

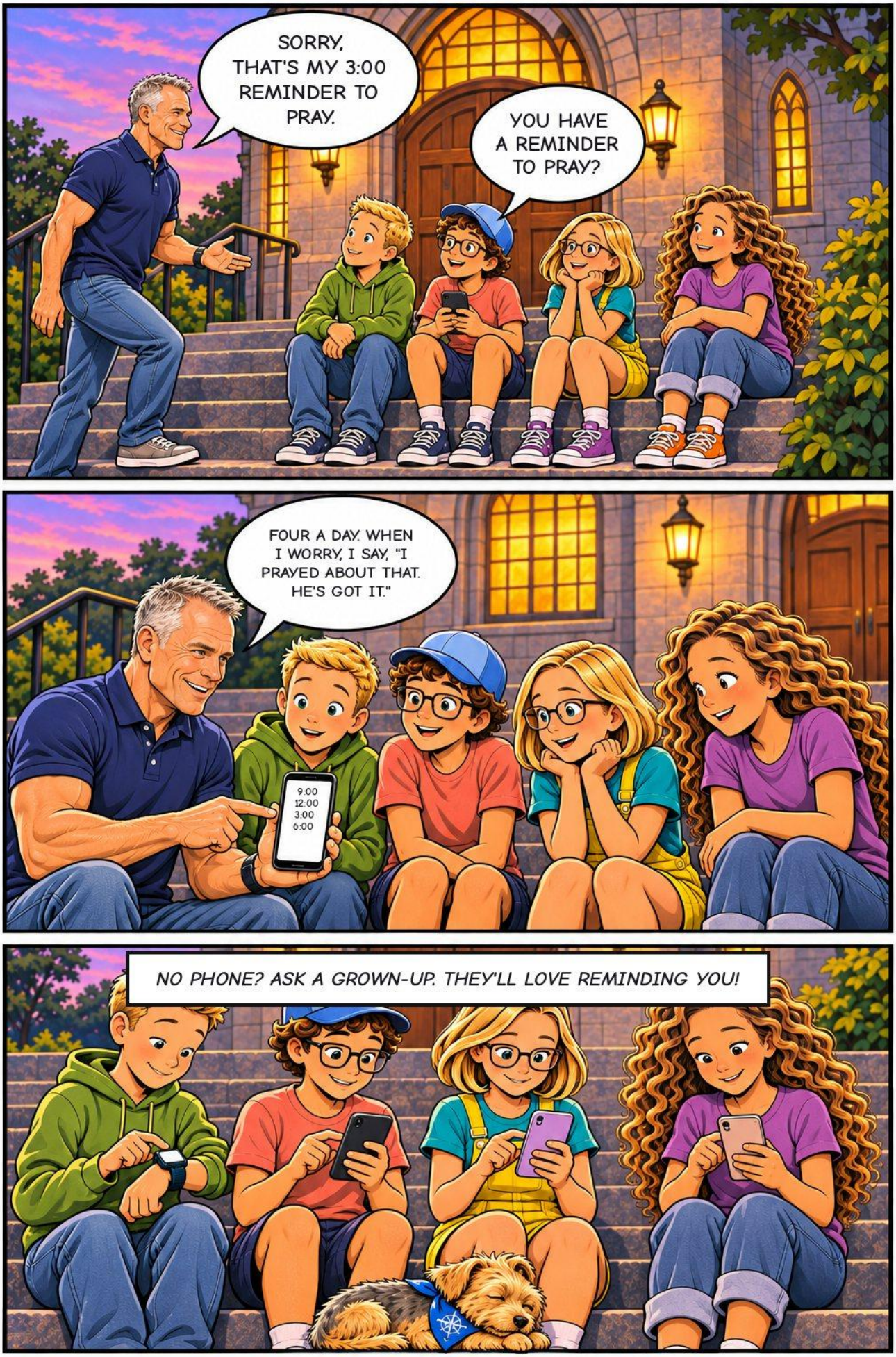


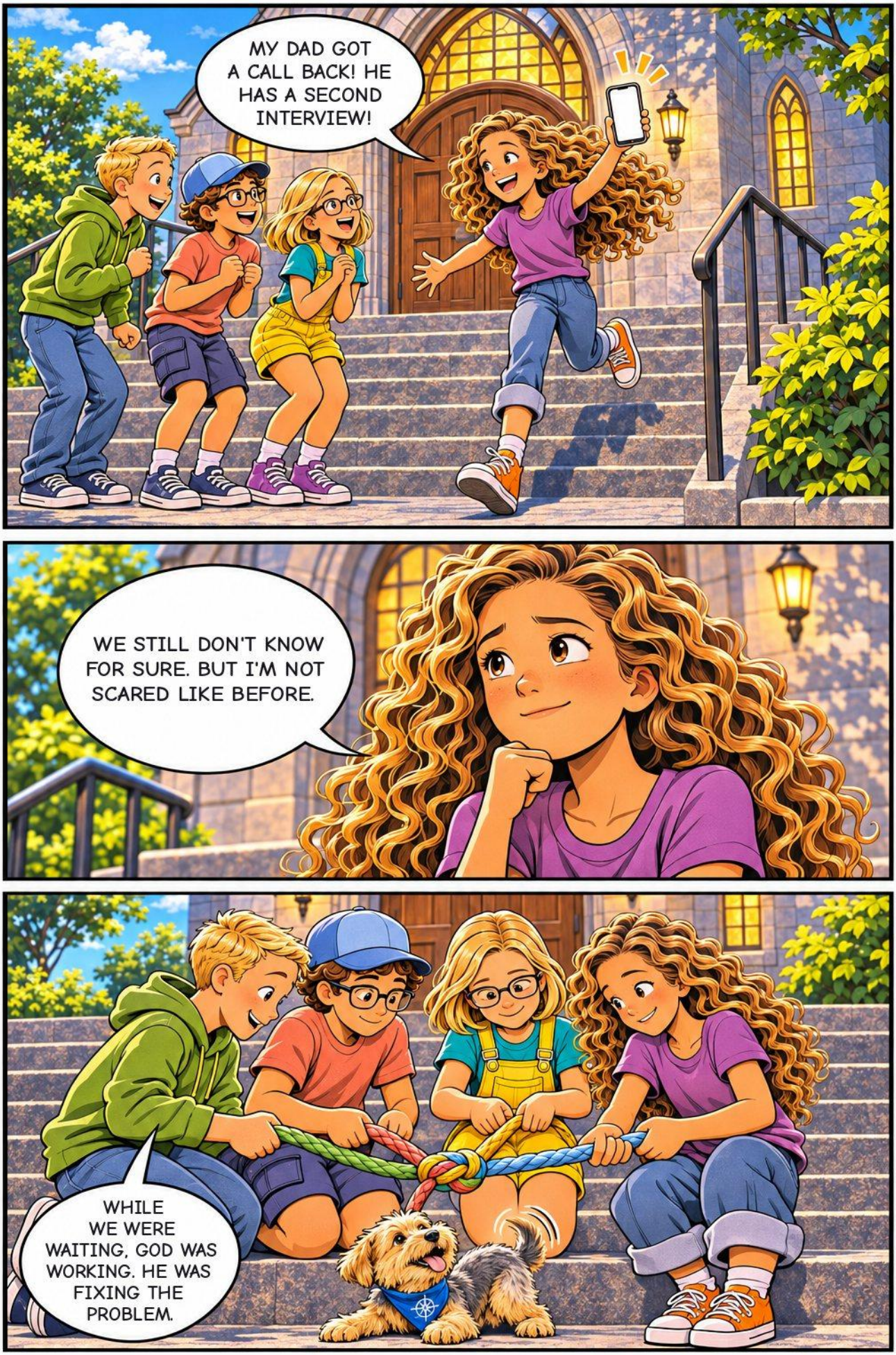


EACH FRIEND TIED A PIECE AROUND HIS WRIST. FRIENDS WHO WANT WHAT GOD WANTS, TIED TOGETHER.




DANIEL COULDN'T FIX HIS PROBLEM UNTIL THEY PRAYED. TOGETHER.
THEN THAT'S WHAT WE'LL DO.


SORRY, THAT'S MY 3:00 REMINDER TO PRAY.
YOU HAVE A REMINDER TO PRAY?
FOUR A DAY. WHEN I WORRY, I SAY, "I PRAYED ABOUT THAT. HE'S GOT IT."
9:00
12:00
3:00
6:00
NO PHONE? ASK A GROWN-UP. THEY'LL LOVE REMINDING YOU!


MY DAD GOT A CALL BACK! HE HAS A SECOND INTERVIEW!
WE STILL DON'T KNOW FOR SURE. BUT I'M NOT SCARED LIKE BEFORE.
WHILE WE WERE WAITING, GOD WAS WORKING. HE WAS FIXING THE PROBLEM.

REMEMBER IT!

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PRAY FOR ONE, FIND ONE, BE ONE.

HAND MOTION

Fold your hands (pray for one), shade your eyes like you're looking (find one), point to yourself (be one).

MEMORY VERSE

"One person could be overpowered. But two people can stand up for themselves. And a rope made out of three cords isn't easily broken."
Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NIrV)



BAXTER'S BARK: PASTOR RICK ONCE DREAMED JOY WAS A SECRET AGENT. SOME DREAMS ARE JUST DREAMS. THE KING'S DREAM WAS NOT ONE OF THOSE.

WHO'S WHO · SAY IT LIKE THIS

DANIEL *DAN-yul*
red sash · Babylon called him Belteshazzar

SHADRACH *SHAD-rak*
gold sash · Hebrew name: Hananiah

MESHACH *MEE-shak*
blue sash · Hebrew name: Mishael

ABEDNEGO *uh-BED-nee-go*
green sash · Hebrew name: Azariah

The king: Nebuchadnezzar *(neb-uh-kad-NEZ-er)*

THE ROPE · KNOT 4 OF 8

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

The four strands, now tied in a strong knot.

TALK IT OVER

1. What are you waiting on right now?
2. Who could you ask to pray with you? Who could you pray for?
3. Which is harder for you: lending your strength to a friend, or letting a friend be strong for you?

TRY IT THIS WEEK

Set a reminder to pray for one friend every day. If you're worried about something big, talk to a grown-up you trust.

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