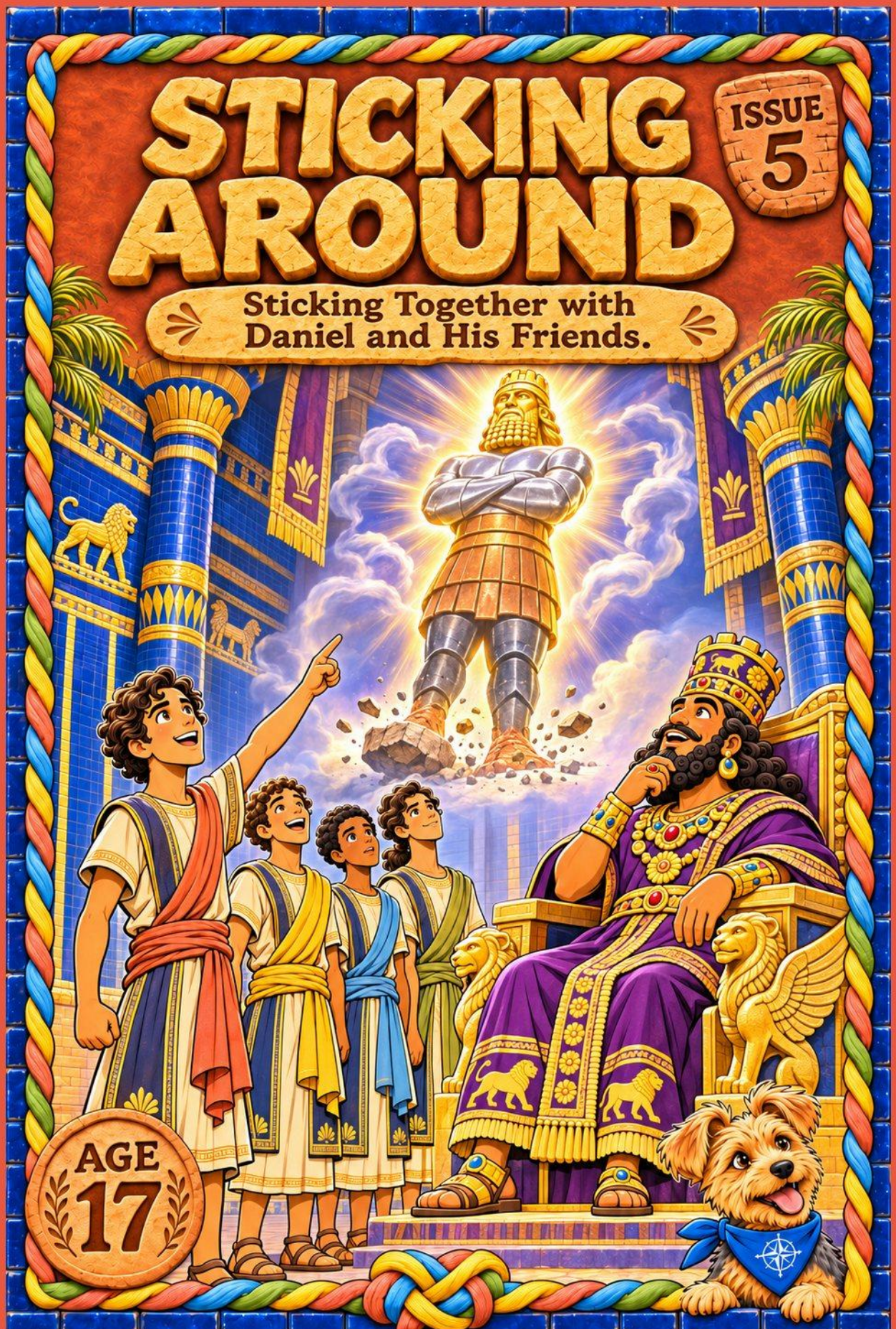
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STICKING AROUND

ISSUE 5

Sticking Together with Daniel and His Friends.



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

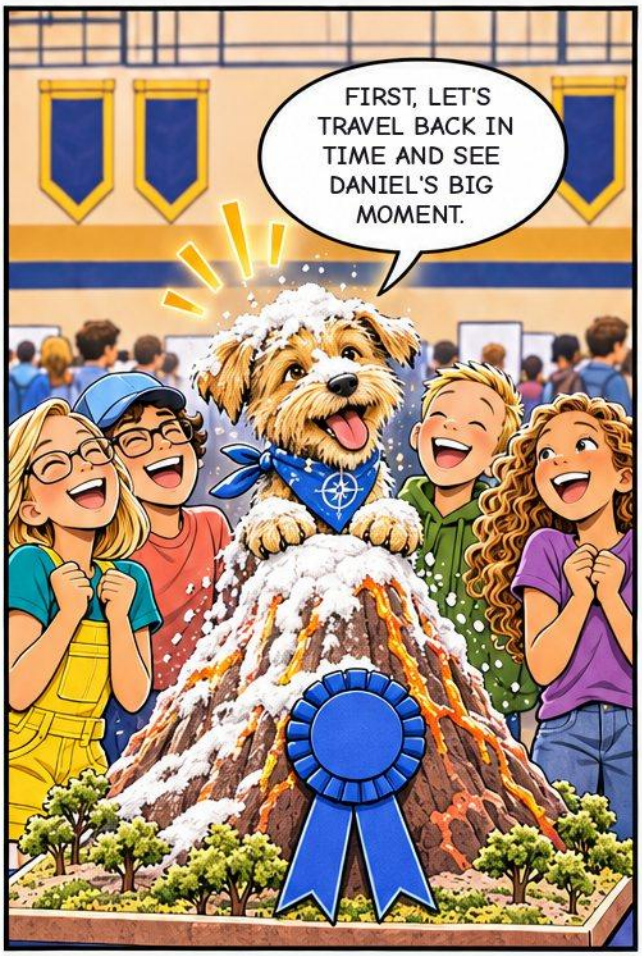
Grab my bandana, and we're off. In this series we visit Daniel and his three friends, who were taken far from home to Babylon. They held on to God, and to each other. Watch for their cord: four strands, one for each friend.

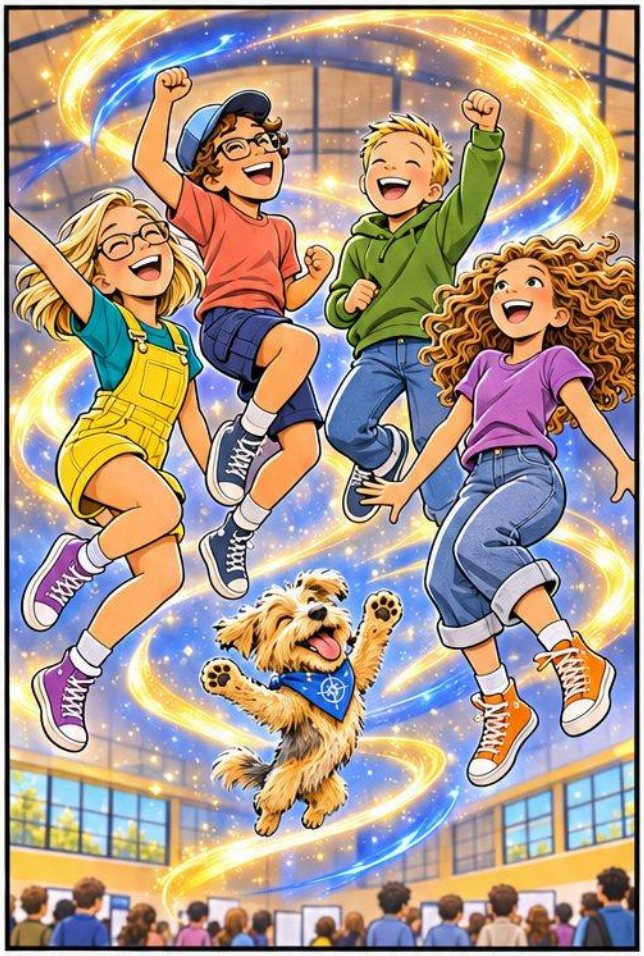

THE SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR.
MAYA, YOU WON! YOU GET TO PRESENT IT FRIDAY!
WAIT. THEY HELPED TOO...

ELI BUILT THE FRAME. SOFIA PAINTED IT. SAM MADE IT FIZZ.





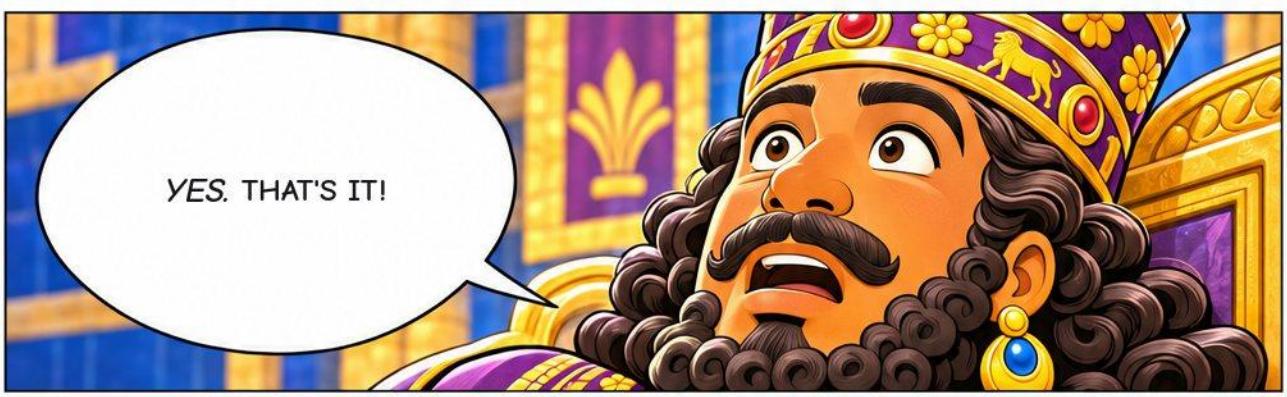





BABYLON, THE NEXT MORNING.
DON'T KILL THE WISE MEN! I HAVE GOOD NEWS. TAKE ME TO THE KING.
HE'S SAVING THE STAR-WATCHERS' LIVES TOO? THEY DON'T EVEN BELIEVE IN GOD!
DANIEL CARED ABOUT PEOPLE, EVEN IF THEY WERE VERY DIFFERENT FROM HIM.


CAN YOU TELL ME MY DREAM *AND* WHAT IT MEANS?
NO WISE MAN CAN. BUT GOD CAN. AND HE SOLVED THE MYSTERY.
HE SHOWED ME, NOT BECAUSE I'M SMARTER THAN ANYONE, BUT SO YOU CAN KNOW WHAT IT MEANS.


YOUR MAJESTY, YOU SAW A HUGE, AMAZING STATUE...

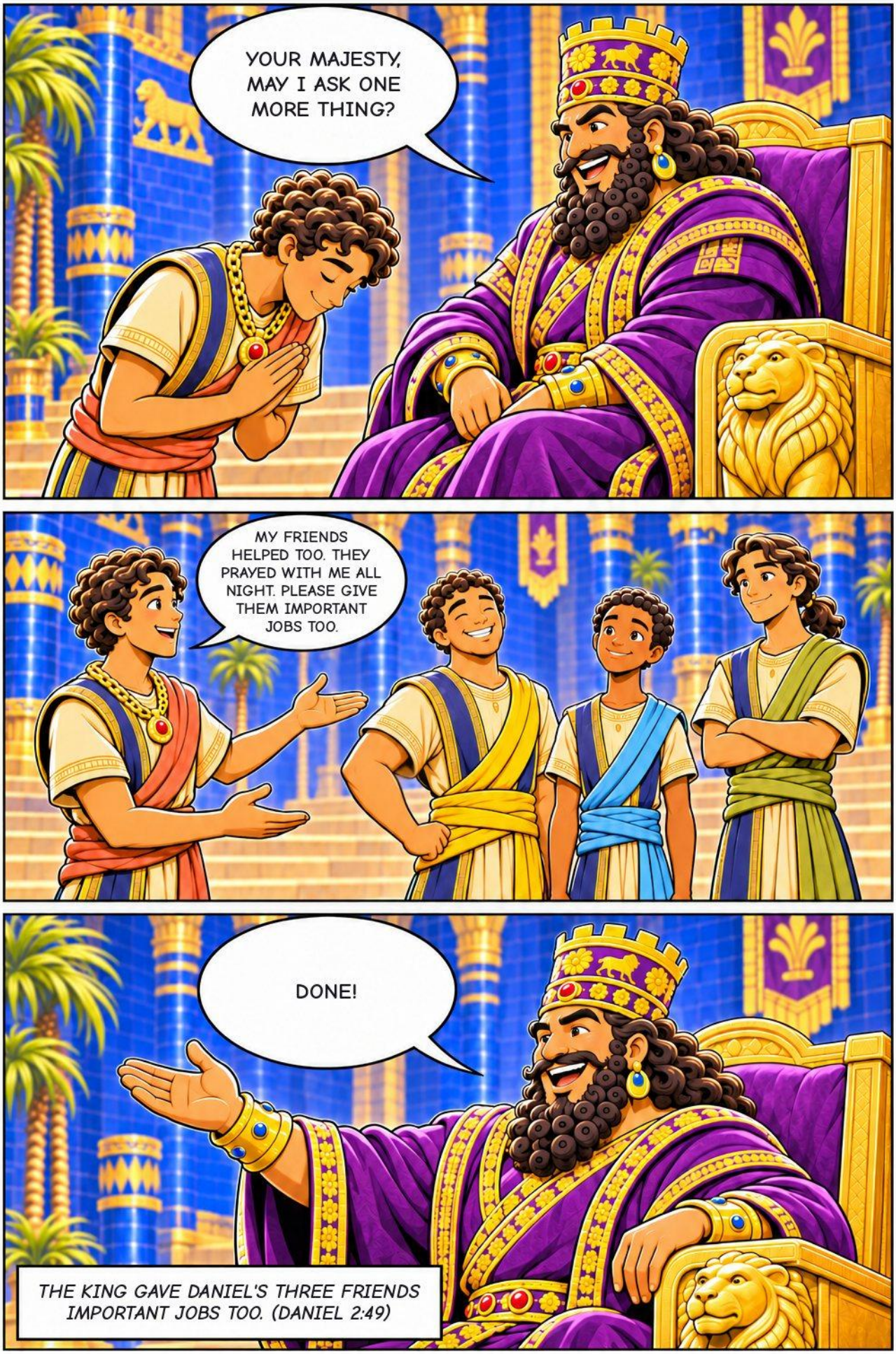

YES. THAT'S IT!


THEN A ROCK THAT NO PERSON MADE CAME FLYING AND SMASHED INTO ITS FEET.
THEN THE ROCK GREW INTO A MOUNTAIN SO BIG IT COVERED THE WHOLE EARTH!


YOUR MAJESTY, IN YOUR DREAM, YOU ARE THE GOLDEN HEAD.
I'M THE *GOLD!*
DID HE HEAR THE PART WHERE IT ALL FALLS APART?
NOPE. KINGS ARE LIKE THAT.
KINGDOMS ARE HERE ONE DAY AND GONE THE NEXT. BUT GOD'S KINGDOM WILL NEVER END.


SURELY YOUR GOD IS THE GOD OF GODS AND THE LORD OF KINGS!
DANIEL GAVE GOD THE CREDIT FOR TELLING HIM THE KING'S DREAM. HE NEVER TOOK THE CREDIT HIMSELF.


YOU WILL RULE THE WHOLE COUNTRY OF BABYLON AND BE THE BOSS OF ALL MY WISE MEN!


YOUR MAJESTY, MAY I ASK ONE MORE THING?
MY FRIENDS HELPED TOO. THEY PRAYED WITH ME ALL NIGHT. PLEASE GIVE THEM IMPORTANT JOBS TOO.
DONE!
THE KING GAVE DANIEL'S THREE FRIENDS IMPORTANT JOBS TOO. (DANIEL 2:49)


I'M AN *ADMINISTRATOR!* DOES ANYONE KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS? I'M ONE, THOUGH!
WE DID THIS TOGETHER, SO I ASKED THE KING TO REWARD YOU TOO.
YOU DIDN'T FORGET US!


THIS HONOR BELONGS TO ALL OF US.
AND TO GOD FIRST.
GOOD THINGS ARE BETTER WHEN YOU SHARE THEM.

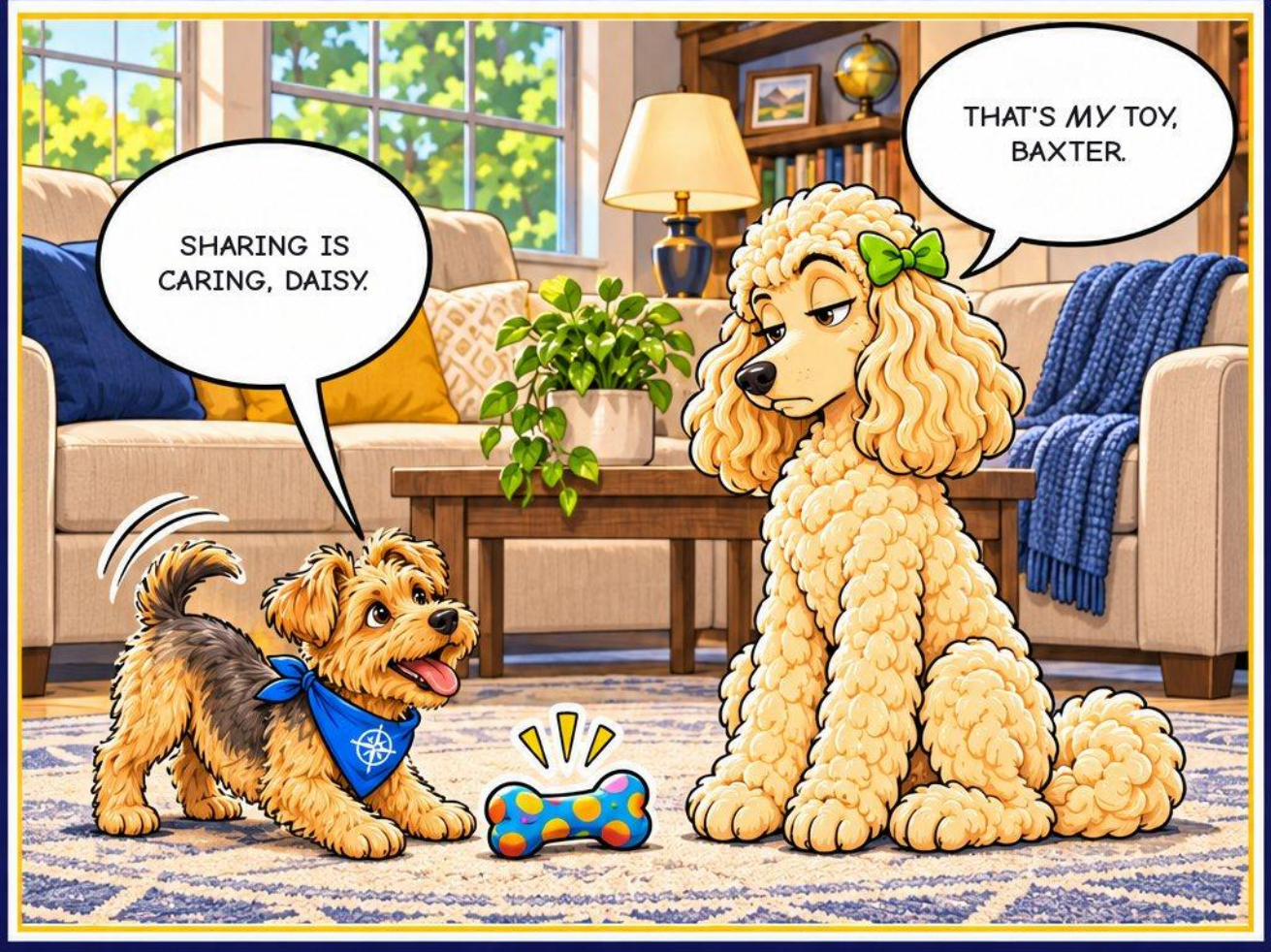

FRIDAY.
BEFORE I START, I WANT TO SAY SOMETHING.
THIS PROJECT WASN'T JUST MINE. ELI BUILT IT. SOFIA PAINTED IT. SAM MADE IT FIZZ.
CAN THEY COME UP HERE WITH ME?




YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THAT.
WE DID THIS TOGETHER. I WOULD NEVER LEAVE YOU OUT.


AND THANKS, GOD, FOR HELPING ME WITH THE HARD PARTS. THE *REALLY* HARD PARTS.


THAT WAS REALLY NICE, WHAT YOU DID.


SHARING IS CARING, DAISY.
THAT'S *MY* TOY, BAXTER.

REMEMBER IT!

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GIVE GOD THE CREDIT. BRING YOUR FRIENDS ALONG.

HAND MOTION

Point up (give God the credit), then sweep your arm toward you like you're waving friends in (bring your friends along).

MEMORY VERSE

"None of you should look out just for your own good. Each of you should also look out for the good of others."
Philippians 2:4 (NIrV)



BAXTER'S BARK: EVERY BIG EMPIRE IN HISTORY IS GONE NOW. ONLY GOD'S KINGDOM LASTS FOREVER. (ALSO MY SQUEAKY TOY. I'M KEEPING THAT.)

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 5 OF 8

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

The knotted cord, with a gold thread running through all four strands.

TALK IT OVER

1. When something good happens to you, who helped you get there?
2. Daniel saved people who didn't believe in God. Why do you think he did that?
3. How can you share credit with a friend this week?

TRY IT THIS WEEK

The next time someone praises you, thank God and name a friend who helped.

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