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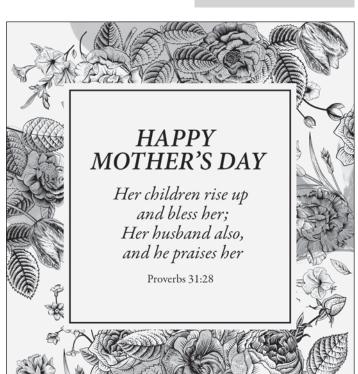
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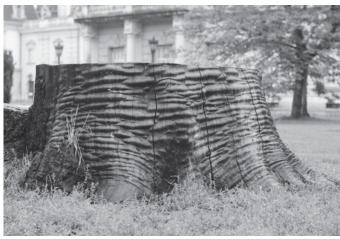


SPECIAL EDITION

SCRIPTURE

# TROUBLED KING HAS **ANOTHER DREAM**

DANIEL 4:1-18 (NIV)



(Above) A cut down tree stump, with roots in the ground, as seen in a vision by King Nebuchadnezzar.

<sup>1</sup>King Nebuchadnezzar, To the nations and peoples of every language, who live in all the earth: May you prosper greatly!

<sup>2</sup>It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and KN: Look, try spending seven wonders that the Most High God has performed for me. (See Page 2) vears in the wilderness,

## WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE.

# Daily Triumph

OAK HILLS CHURCH

# **KING RETURNS** FROM EXILE

Editor's Note: Following his return from seven years' exile, King Nebuchadnezzar sat down with the Daily Triumph for this exclusive interview.

DT: Your majesty, it's good to see you. How are you feeling, now that you're back in the palace after such a long time?

KN: You know, it just feels great to be back on the throne...issuing edicts, hosting banquets, seeing my every command carried out. Yeah, awesome.

DT: I'm sure our readers would like to hear about your time in exile...can you describe it for us?

KN: Challenging. That's the word. Challenging.

DT: Uh...could you be a bit more specific? There were reports...

KN: You mean rumors, don't you? Well, basically, you can tell your readers that their king overcame great obstacles to return to them.

DT: Your majesty, if I may...there were reports of certain...shall we say, physical changes that occurred during your time away? We heard your hair grew like feathers of an eagle and nails like bird claws—can you confirm that?

without servants to attend to personal grooming...what would you expect? But, hey, how do I look now? Better than before, right?

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DT: (Ahem) Yes, your majesty, very nice. What about your state of mind during that time? Were you aware that there were concerns for your...with all due respect...your sanity?

KN: Of course I heard that. It probably had something to do with my diet at that time. I went vegan, developed a yen for grass. It's delish!

DT: I see. Can you tell us how you returned to your...er, how the situation changed for you?

KN: Well, it's like I sort of woke up. I realized I had kind of freaked out and it was time to be kingly again. I began thinking about the Most High God-once I realized he had humbled me for my own good, I started praising him and feeling more like my old self again. God restored me. He is powerful! Bottom line: the King of Babylon now honors the King of Heaven.

DT: Thank you, your majesty.

Guests, please stop by Information Central for a complimentary CD and Welcome Packet.

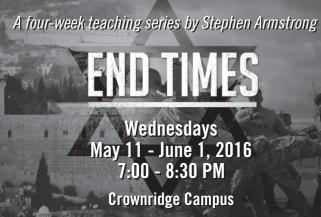
## FROM THE COVER

### DANIEL 4:1-18 (NIV) CONT.

<sup>3</sup>How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an eternal kingdom; his dominion endures from generation to generation.

<sup>4</sup>I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at home in my palace, contented and prosperous. <sup>5</sup>I had a dream that made me afraid. As I was lying in bed, the images and visions that passed through my mind terrified me. So I commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be brought before me to interpret the dream for me. <sup>7</sup>When the magicians, enchanters, astrologers and diviners came, I told them the dream, but they could not interpret it for me. <sup>8</sup>Finally, Daniel came into my presence





and I told him the dream. (He is called Belteshazzar, after the name of my god, and the spirit of the holy gods is in him.)

<sup>9</sup>I said, "Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you, and no mystery is too difficult for you. Here is my dream; interpret it for me. <sup>10</sup>These are the visions I saw while lying in bed: I looked, and there before me stood a tree in the middle of the land. Its height was enormous. <sup>11</sup>The tree grew large and strong and its top touched the sky; it was visible to the ends of the earth. <sup>12</sup>Its leaves were beautiful, its fruit abundant, and on it was food for all. Under it the wild animals

found shelter, and the birds lived in its branches; from it every creature was fed.

<sup>13</sup>"In the visions I saw while lying in bed, I looked, and there before me was a holy one, a messenger, coming down from heaven. <sup>14</sup>He called in a loud voice: 'Cut down the tree and trim off its branches; strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the animals flee from under it and the birds from its branches. <sup>15</sup>But let the stump and its roots, bound with iron and bronze, remain in the ground, in the grass of the field.

"Let him be drenched with the dew of heaven, and let him live with the animals among the plants of the earth. <sup>16</sup>Let his mind be changed from that of a

## FAST FACTS

### Hanging Gardens of Babylon

- 75 feet high
- Built by Nebuchadnezzar for his wife. Amvtis
- One of seven wonders of ancient world
- Construction considered engineering feat



**Royal Palace** 

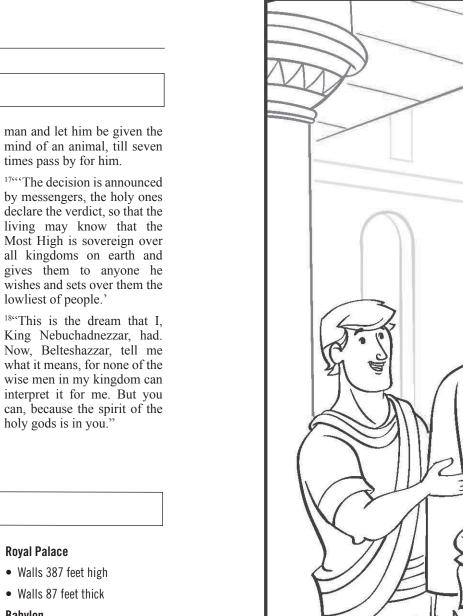
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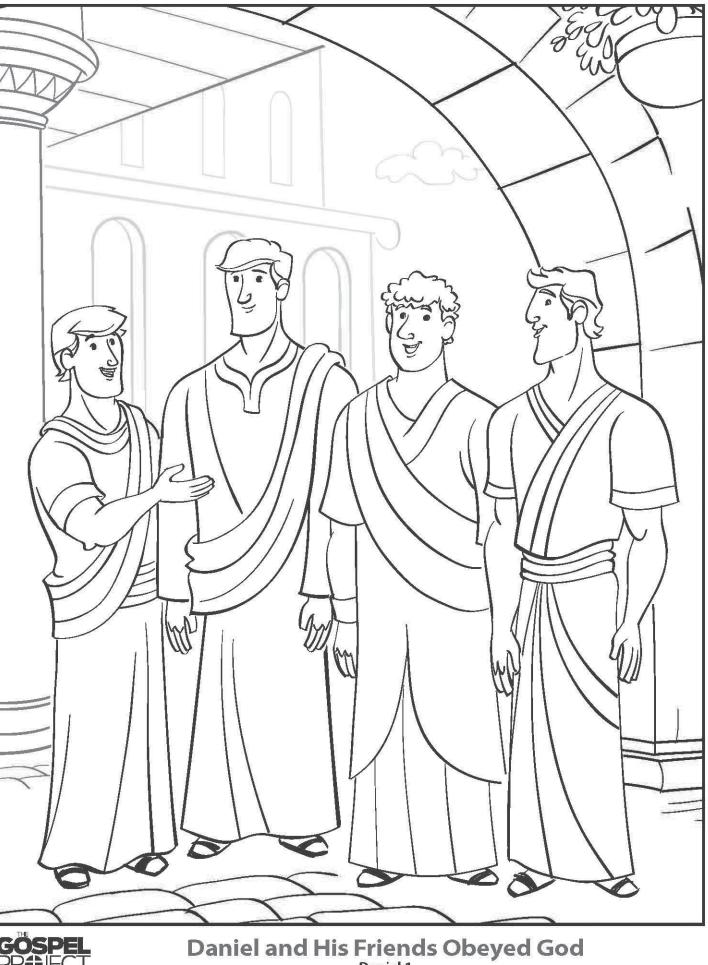
Population 2,000,000

• Euphrates River flowed through

## **#DAILYTRIUMPH**

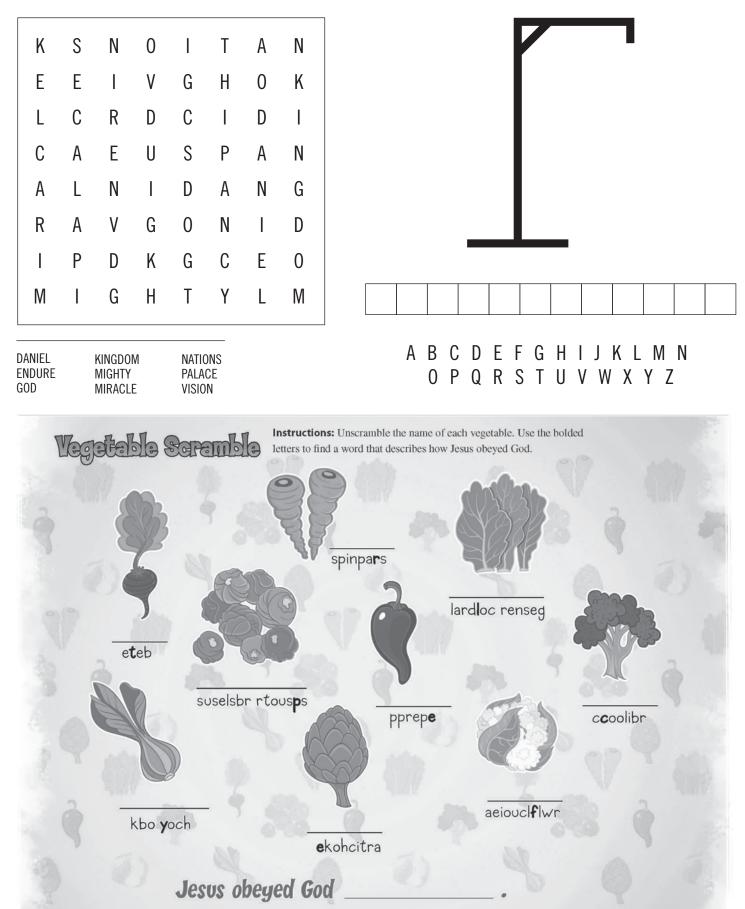
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## GAMES



## COMMUNITY

# **STEP INTO ACTION** 🐨 🕇 🏠 💮

The mission and vision of Oak Hills Church is very clear. We are the Body of Christ called to be Jesus in every neighborhood in our city and beyond. So how do we fulfill this mission and vision? Put simply, what do I do? It's as simple as 1-2-3.

### 1. Discover Your Strength!

Everyone has a strength. That's the true beauty of being the Body of Christ together. Your first step is to discover if you are more of a Belong person, a Grow person, or a Serve person. You can discover your strength using the BGS Strength Card. If you haven't yet discovered your strength, ask your Community Minister about the BGS Strength Card.

## 2. Use Your Strength!

Once you discover your strength, you have to use it. Everyone using their strength is the best way for us to be the healthiest Body of Christ we can possibly be. Everyone uses their strength in two places.

The first way you use your strength is by blessing your neighbors using the My5 card. Pick up a My5 Card from Information Central today. Take it home, and fill it out. Begin to pray for the way God might use you to be Jesus to your neighbors.

The second way you use your strength is by serving your OHC family at a weekend service. We ask everyone to use their strength-at least once a month-to serve the rest of the OHC family. You can do this in a variety of ways at each campus. If you have not started to use your strength by serving the OHC family, visit Information Central today.

All of us-together-using our strengths help us to be the healthiest "Body of Christ" we can be. We ask everyone who is a part of OHC to use their strength in these two ways.

## 3. Join a Team!

We want you to experience biblical community right where you live. We would love to help you fulfill the mission and vision of OHC on a Neighborhood Team with people that live near you. Reach out to your Community Minister to find out how to join a team.

When you take these three steps, you are well on your way to experiencing the mission and vision of Oak Hills Church!

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**BGS STRENGTH CARD** 

## B.L.E.S.S. "My5"

## **NEIGHBORHOOD TEAM**

## **MEET YOUR COMMUNITY MINISTER**

## BUSINESS



God has given Oak Hills Church a vision for reaching our city and beyond. We are being called in three specific areas: our Outer West campus, our Crownridge campus, and Global Outreach, to help facilitate the growth of the Church and to be a light to the city of San Antonio and the world.

Support the vision of Oak Hills Church and plans for future expansion.

Stop by Information Central or make your commitment at oakhillschurch.com/called



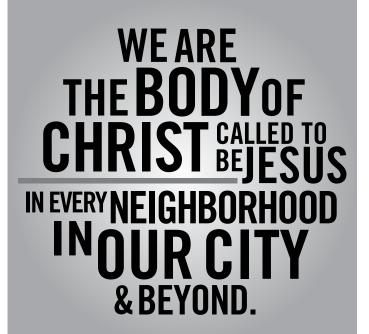
(Above) Aerial view of the Crownridge Campus, including the existing classroom wings and new Worship Center construction, taken on April 8, 2016. Photo Credit: Areo Photo



We invite you to attend our membership class to learn our story, find community and begin your journey of belonging, growing, and serving.

FREDERICKSBURGSunday, July 10 - 12:30 pmJOURNEY FELLOWSHIPSunday, June 12 - 12:15 pmOUTER WESTSunday, June 5 - 9:00 amNORTH CENTRALWednesday, June 1 - 6:30 pmWESTSIDESunday, July 17 - 2:00 pm

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(Above) Aerial view of the new

Alamo Ranch Campus, including the

church building and parking lot,

taken on April 8, 2016. Photo Credit:

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## STORIES

# THE JOY OF SERVING

## by Marissa Villa

There are some things that can only be taught by experience.

Julie and Ted Croy knew that what they had experienced as new believers on the mission field was something they wanted to pass down to their children. But it would be years before they would be able to do that.

Julie was a new believer when she went to Ghana for the first time. The experience affected her so much she encouraged her husband to go on a short-term trip himself. Back then, going as a family was out of the question since their three children were all younger than five.

"It took a lot of faith to just go, but we did," Julie said. And the experiences changed the course of their family's story.

For years, they waited patiently until the opportunity for the family of five to go on a short-term mission trip together arose.

That opportunity came through the Manos de Cristo project in 2014.

"God laid it on our hearts that it was time to go. We began praying where God would send us and after a missions potluck at Oak Hills, we knew that we were going to Nicaragua," Julie said. The Croys were drawn to the Manos de Cristo project because of its timing – near Christmas – and because they knew they would meet those they were serving. Their children not only chose what they would put in the Manos de Cristos gift boxes, but also prayed over them and hand delivered them to the kids who benefited from them.

"This was really an awesome thing just to be able to experence that, to watch our kids embrace children from another culture," Julie said.

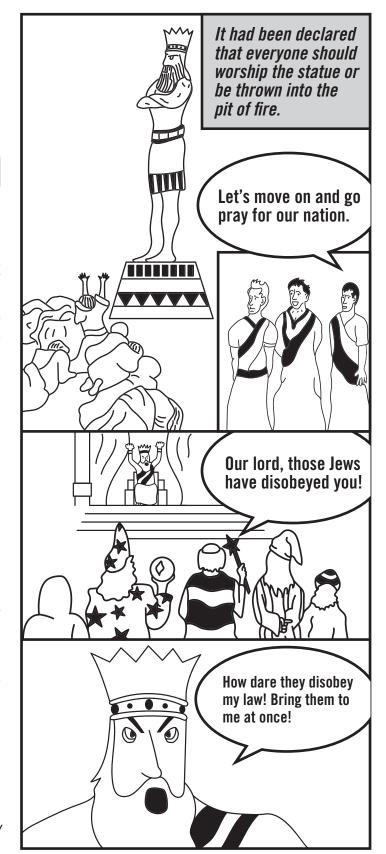
That trip laid the groundwork for their oldest daughter Kaytlyn to go and serve on her own – she went to Haiti last fall on another mission trip with a group from Oak Hills. Julie says Kaytlyn's trip was something that served as a reminder of the triumphs that come from teaching what it means to serve.

"This helped us to know that God has been triumphant in our lives and has allowed us to find Him and try to change the next generation," she said. "We know there are more victories ahead, but we're hoping we've given them a good foundation."

To learn more about OHC Mission Trips, go to *oakhillschurch.com/ shorttermmissions* 

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## COMICS



by Michael Craddock