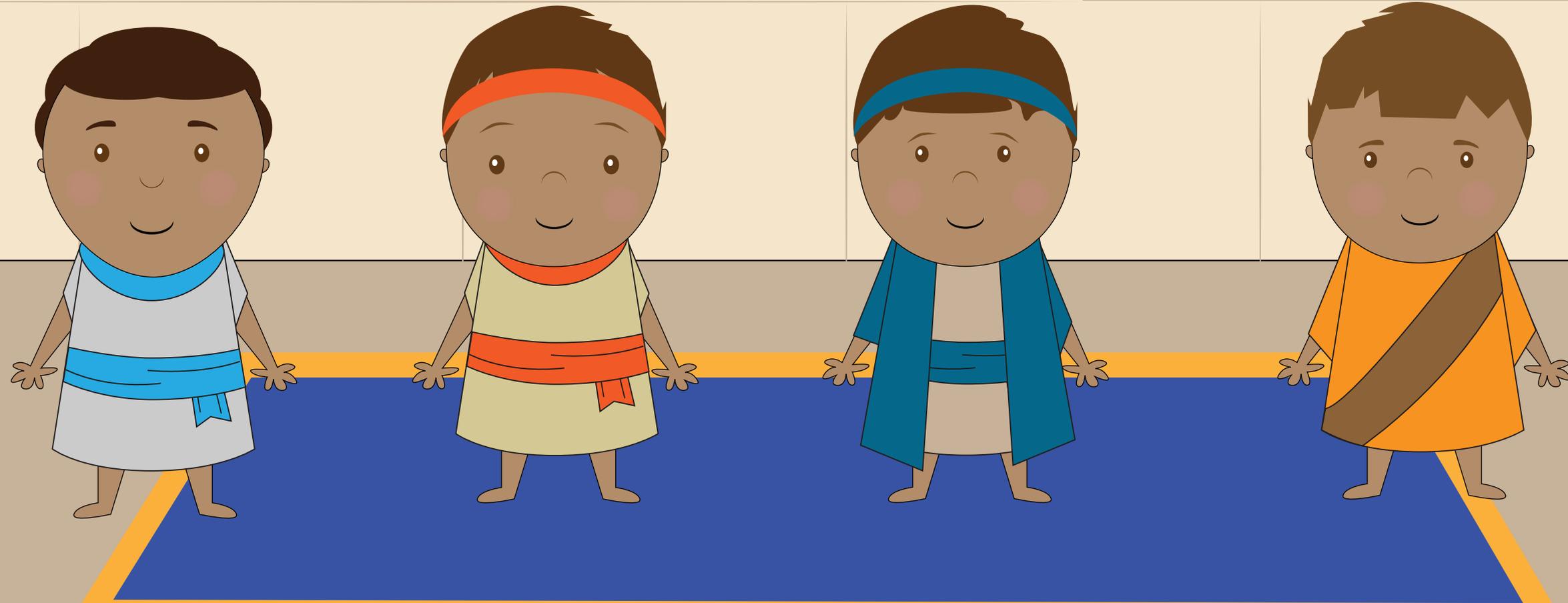
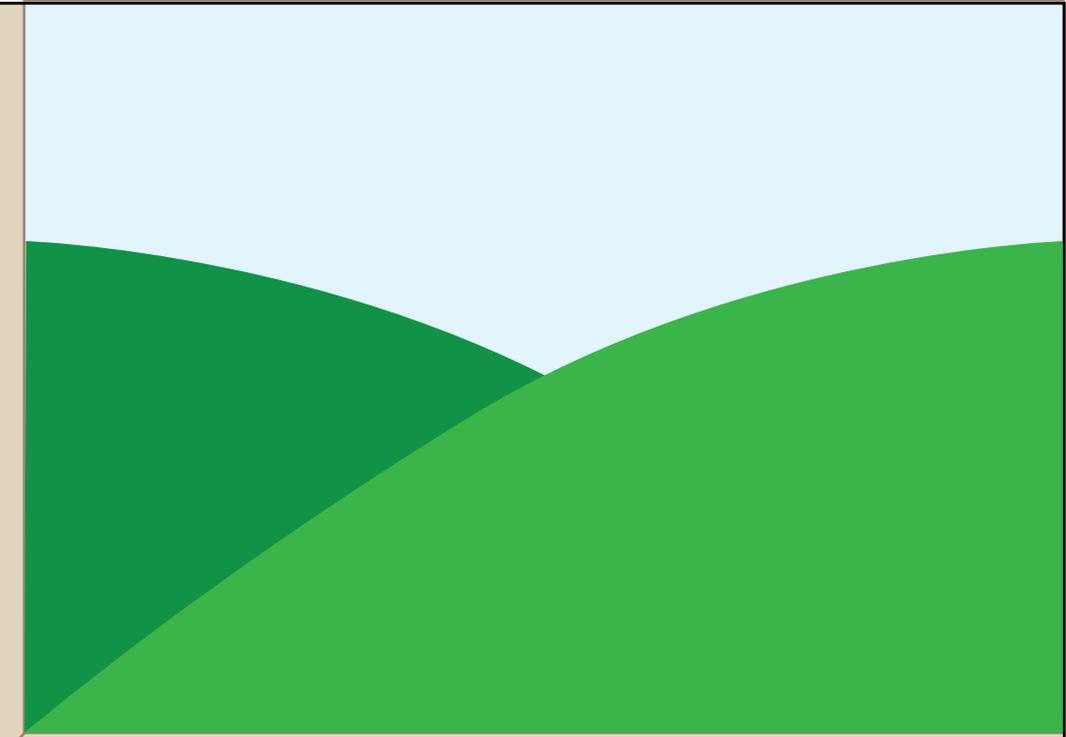


Daniel was a prophet from Israel but he was now living in a city called Babylon. The king of Babylon wanted to turn Daniel and his other Jewish friends into Babylonians. To do this, the king wanted them to learn what the Babylonians learned and eat some of the king's best, most delicious food to make them look like the best Babylonians

But Daniel did NOT want to be a Babylonian. He belonged to Israel's God and refused to put the king's food in his body. Daniel knew God would provide everything they needed even when they refused to eat the king's food so he asked for only vegetables and water for him and his friends.



There was a guard who watched over Daniel and his friends. He was nervous because he would get in trouble if they stopped growing big and strong. But Daniel knows **God shows His power by taking care of us because we belong to Him.** He told the man to bring **ONLY** vegetables and water for ten days. The man agreed and at the end of the ten days, without the king's food, God made Daniel and his friends' bodies the strongest and best looking! He also made them smarter and able to understand things that the Babylonians could not understand. Even though the others had the king's food, they did not look as good or know as much as Daniel and his friends!



God does this with all of His children. He shows **His power by taking care of us because** we belong to Him. Any time we feel confused, hurt, sad or unsure of who to trust, we can trust that God will be there to care for us. This is what Daniel did when he refused to eat the king's food. Daniel knew that he belonged to God. He also knew that the king of Babylon did not want the same thing so Daniel knew that we would only trust God and obey Him.

God knows that we won't always obey God and trust Him especially when we're feeling unsure. But **because we belong to Him, He shows His power and takes care of us** by giving us Jesus. Jesus is perfect and is the only One who can save us because He obeys God, His Father, perfectly.

