

Three Men in the Fiery Furnace

Daniel 3

The Story

Parents: Review this lesson with your child.

What safety rules do you know about fire? What do things look like when they've been in a fire? Today we will hear about three men who were protected by God in a fiery furnace.

While King Nebuchadnezzar was still ruling over the people of Israel, he decided to have a very large idol built. It was very and covered with gold. All of the people in the land were told to bow down and pray to the statue when they heard music. The king decided that anyone who did not bow down and pray would be thrown into a fiery furnace. There were three men who believed in the true God and knew it would be a sin to bow and pray to the idol.

One day the sound of music was heard, but Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego did not bow down. Some of the king's men saw this and told the king.

Nebuchadnezzar asked that the three men be brought to him. He gave the men one more chance to bow to the statue or they would be killed in the furnace.

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were not afraid of the king's words, and said to him, "O king, our God is able to save us from being killed in your fiery furnace. If our God wants to save us, we will not die in the fire. But even if the Lord wants us to die that way, we will never bow down to your idol of gold."

This angered the king, who made the fire seven times hotter than before, and ordered the three men to be tied and thrown into the furnace. It was so hot that the guards died. To the king's surprise, the three men did not die. In fact, when he looked into the

furnace, he saw 4 men. The fourth man was an angel of the Lord.

Nebuchadnezzar said, "Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?"

So he ordered that the three men be brought out of the furnace. He was surprised to see that not one hair had been burnt, and their clothes didn't even smell like smoke. When Nebuchadnezzar saw this he said that there was no other god that could have saved the three men but the true God. Then he made Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego leaders in his country.

The three men believed in the one, true God.

We believe in the one, true God.

Passage

Matthew 4:10 - You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.

Hymn & Prayer - TLH #252 v. 1

We all believe in one true God,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present Help in need,
Praised by all the heav'nly host,
By whose mighty pow'r alone
All is made and wrought and done.



Classroom Activity - Picture Review

- Read the sentences aloud to the children. Have them draw lines to match the sentence with the picture answer.

1. Who was King Nebuchadnezzar? ●



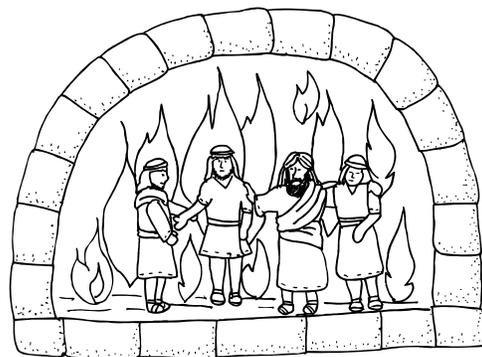
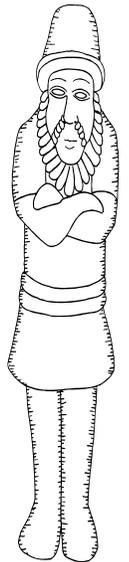
2. What did he make of gold? ●



3. Who would not bow down? ●

4. Where were they thrown? ●

5. Who was with them in the fire? ●



Classroom Art Activity - Fiery Furnace Plate - Each child will need a paper plate, furnace outline, men in fire and glue stick. Fold back about 2" of the paper plate. It should stand up by itself. Color, cut out and glue the figures to the plate as shown. Color, cut out and glue the furnace to the outer edge as shown.

