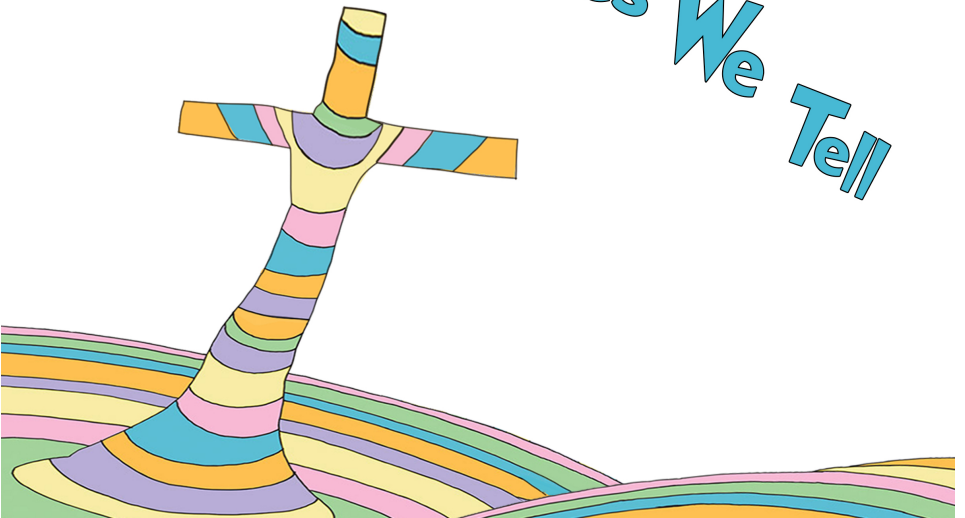


Community Group Discussion 06.28 - 07.26

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*This series is uniquely designed for kids, students, and adults. Below you will see discussion questions for all Community Groups, as well as studies and activities for families to use with their students or kids.*

# **Group Discussion**

*Daniel 3:1-29, 1 Peter 4:12-13*

1. How do you most naturally, and most often, respond to culture around you? Confrontational? Compliant? Courageous? With conviction and grace?
2. Read Daniel 3:16-18. What stands out to you most from this section?
3. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stood apart because they refused to worship what everyone else was worshipping. What are the things our culture worships? How can we live radically different lives that point to Jesus?
4. The “furnace” is inevitable. What is the furnace you’ve been through, or are currently in? Has God used the “furnace” to refine you and shape you?
5. How has God been with you in the “furnace?” What does this tell you about who our God is? How does this point to Jesus and the way that he saves us?

# **Students: Middle & High School**

## **Icebreaker**

If your next meal had to be cooked over the fire, what would you choose?

## **Activity (Optional)**

*Fire Pit*

- Spend some time with your family around a bonfire, a fire pit, or even a fireplace. Go through the questions in this relaxed environment.

## Questions

- Read Daniel 3:12-18
- How do you naturally want to respond to culture - Confrontational, Compliant, or Courageous conviction and grace?
- What is a furnace you feel like you're standing in right now?
- **Challenge:** What is the culture around you asking you to worship? What can it look like for you to live with courageous conviction & grace?

# Kids: Pre-School & Elementary

## Discussion Questions

1. How would you feel if you were Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?
2. Would you have been scared? Why or why not?
3. Why didn't the three men bow before the image of gold?
4. What did God's command tell them about bowing before an image or worshipping another god?
5. Did the pressure of everyone around them and Nebuchadnezzar's rage change their minds? Why or why not?
6. Do you think that the three young men were scared for their lives?
7. Are people usually able to come out of a fire unharmed?
8. How does this lesson show that God will take care of us?
9. What happens when we remain faithful to God's commands?

## Game:

### *Musical Statues*

Everyone must dance when the music plays and then stop when it stops. Whoever is still moving when the music stops gets splattered by the water gun and is eliminated from the game.

**Game:**

Divide your family into two teams. Have each team line up behind one of their players. The first player will lie down and each player will take it in turns to put a cookie on their forehead, one at a time. In this way they will build a cookie tower. When the tower topples over they must start from the beginning again. When the time is up the team with the tallest cookie tower is the winner.