Bible Story Summary

- Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, did not love God.
- Nebuchadnezzar made a tall statue made out of gold.
- He made a new rule that when the people of Babylon hear music they must fall on their knees and worship the gold statue.
- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego knew God did not want them to worship anyone or anything but Him. When the music played they did not worship the statue.
- The king found out that they did not worship the statue and this made him mad.
- He told them that if they did not worship the statue that he would throw them into a very hot fire.
- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego told him that their God could save them from the fire but even if He did not save them, they would not worship anyone but Him.
- The king tied them up and threw them into the fire. But a fourth man—the Lord!—was in the fire with them! The men came out safely. The king worshiped God and said, “Only your God saves!”

Family Discussion Questions

As a family read Daniel 3

- Why do we worship God?
- How has God rescued us?
- What are some things that we sometimes put before God?

FAMILY

Activity

Make a large fire
in a fire pit or use the oven to roast marshmallows and make s'mores and discuss what Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego might have felt as they faced the furnace. Remind your kids that the three men trusted God even while unsure whether He would save them.

Craft

When the king looked in the fiery furnace, he did not just see Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He saw a fourth person in the fire with them. God saved Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from the fire. They were not burned and did not even smell like smoke. Jesus came to save us in an even better way. Jesus died so we wouldn't be punished for our sin. He took the punishment for us. Jesus saves us so we can be with God forever.

What you need:

Online Printable
Two paper plates
Paper brackets
Crayons or markers
Scissors
Glue
Hole punch

- Print, cut out, and color the online printable.
- Color one paper plate to look like the door of a furnace.
- Cut the furnace door in half vertically.
- Glue the printable to the second paper plate.
- Place the furnace door plate on top of the second plate.
- Punch two holes in the bottom of both paper plates.
- Thread the paper brackets through both plates.
- The top paper plate should open like furnace doors to see God saving Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

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