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**Lesson #11: THE FIERY FURNACE
(DANIEL 3)**



The Bible says that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego lived in Babylon. They were Daniel’s 3 friends. Back home in Judah they were called Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.

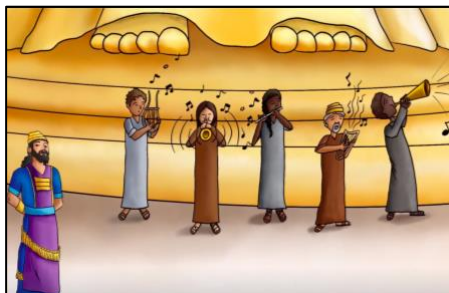
Sometimes when you move to a different country, the people speak a different language and so your name might change. When they were taken to Babylon, their names became Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.



One day, proud king Nebuchadnezzar did something very wrong. He made a statue as tall as a big building and covered it in gold. Then he made a rule that people from all around his kingdom had to come and worship the statue.

Does that remind you of the 10 Commandments?

Yes, one of God’s 10 Commandments was “Do not make statues and worship them.” Nebuchadnezzar’s rule was the opposite of God’s rule!



King Nebuchadnezzar said, “When you hear the music, you must bow down and worship this statue. If you don’t, you will be thrown into a hot fiery oven.”





When the music sounded, everyone worshipped the statue. Everyone except for 3 men — Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. They did not bow down to the statue. because that would mean they would have to disobey God’s rule. And there was NO WAY they were going to do that.

This made the proud king very angry. He yelled. “Is it true that you don’t worship my statue? I am going to throw you in the fiery oven! And there is no god who can rescue you from me!” “O Nebuchadnezzar,” the men calmly answered, “The God we serve can rescue us from the fire, and from you. But even if He doesn’t, we are not going to serve your fake gods or worship your statue.”



The proud king got even angrier. He had his soldiers tie up the three men with ropes. Then he threw them into the fiery furnace.

As Nebuchadnezzar looked into the fire, he said “Look in the fire! I thought we only put three men into the fire. Now there are four! And the fourth one looks like an angel!” The three men were not even tied up anymore. They were just walking around inside the fiery oven, with the angel from Heaven!



Nebuchadnezzar said, “Come out of that fire right now!” Do you think they were burned? No! King Nebuchadnezzar and all the important men gathered around to see them. But their hair wasn’t burnt, their bodies weren’t burnt, and their clothes weren’t burnt. They didn’t even smell like smoke!

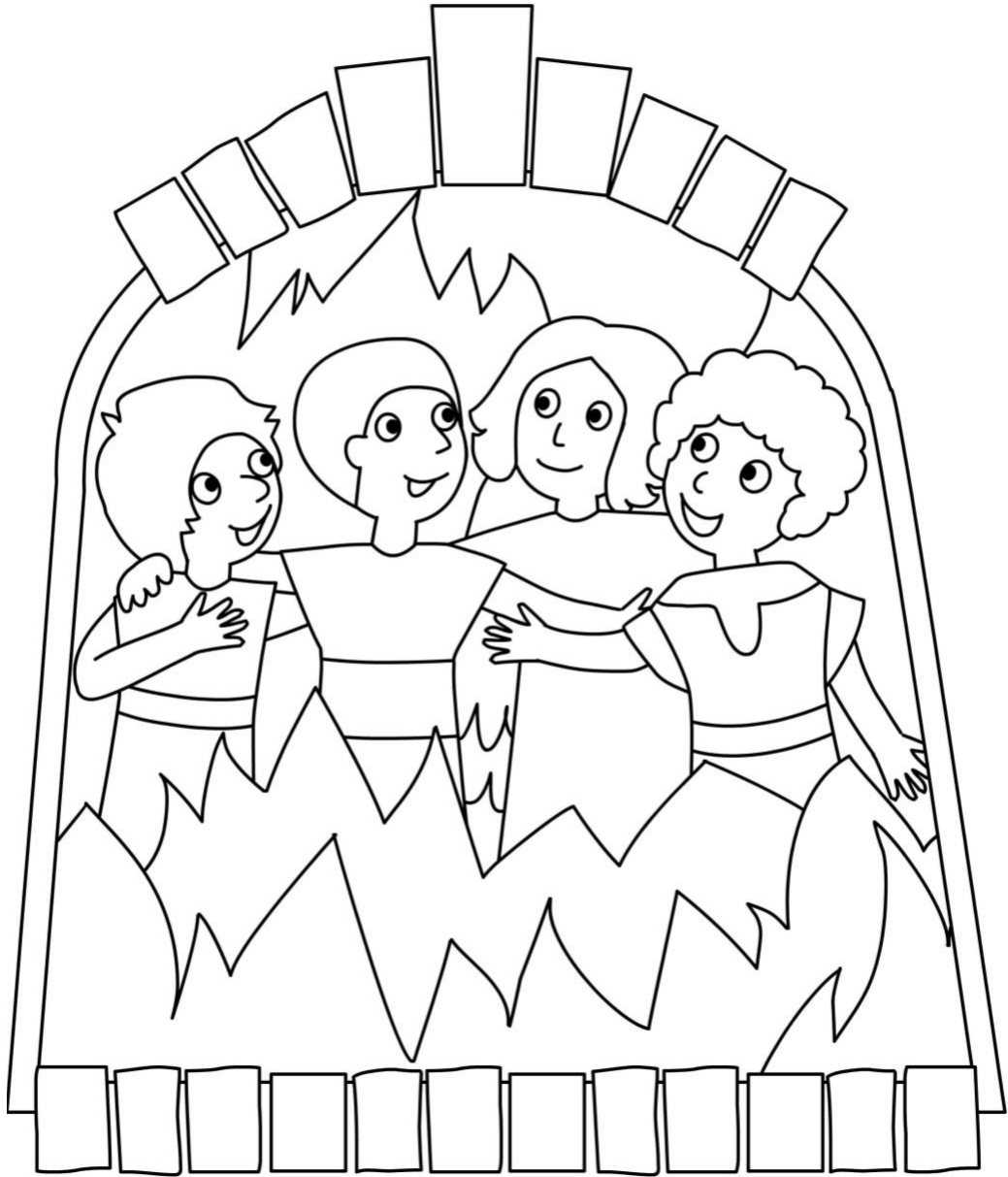
Then the proud King Nebuchadnezzar was amazed at God again and said, “The God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego is awesome! No other god can save like this!”

PRIMARY GRADES ACTIVITY

Color the picture.

God will save us.

Daniel 3:17



UPPER GRADES ACTIVITY

Complete the activity from Bible Pathway Adventures

Choose some words to describe the miracle of the fiery furnace.

Imagine you are King Nebuchadnezzar. What do you think when you see four men alive in the fire?

This miracle teaches me...

Draw the fiery furnace. Use your imagination!

