

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

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THE FIERY FURNACE

Start with a game of “Hot and Cold”

Hide a small toy somewhere in the room. Challenge kids to find the item. Give clues as kids move about the room, saying “getting warmer” or “getting colder” depending on how close to, or far from, the object kids move. As kids get very near to finding the object, use hyperbole such as “you are burning up!” or “you are on fire!” to emphasize how close they are. Remind kids that obviously they weren’t truly on fire--in fact, fire is very dangerous! Today’s story is about some people who were in a dangerous fire...but it didn’t end the way you might think it would!

Then, read Daniel 3 as a family.

After you’ve read it, discuss the following:

1. Why do you think King Nebuchadnezzar built a gold statue?
2. When these three men refused to bow down to the statue, did they believe God would save them? (Look at Daniel 3:18.)
3. Do you think it was easy for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to decide to disobey the king? Why?
4. God delivered Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from the king. How did King Nebuchadnezzar respond after he saw four men in the furnace? (Look at Daniel 3:26.)
5. What are some ways you can choose to put God first in your life?

Even though the friends knew they would face death if they disobeyed the king, they chose to obey God. They trusted that God could save them from the fire and even knew He might choose not to rescue them. Still, they trusted that God had the best plan. God is the only one who deserves our worship! This story also reminds us that God is our Rescuer. God delivered Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from the king, and He rescues us from sin through Jesus—the only One who can save us!

Art Activity: Encourage kids to either draw or write about some things they want to pray for. Remind kids that God is always with us and listens to our prayers. We can pray about things that are scary and ask God to help us be brave, and we can pray to thank God for being there for us.

*Bonus! If you have an extra journal or notebook around, encourage kids to decorate it and use it as a prayer journal.