

# Calvary Kids

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The Fiery Furnace.  
Bible Passage: Daniel 3



## MEMORY VERSE

“Pray continually, give thanks  
in all circumstances.”  
1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

**Thank you so much for watching our Calvary Kids online message today!!  
Here are some fun ways to dig deeper into today’s lesson with the entire family.**

### 1. TODAY’S BIBLE LESSON SUMMARY

Nebuchadnezzar was the king of Babylon. He made a tall, gold, statue. The king announced to the people: “Anytime you hear music, you must fall down and worship the gold statue. Anyone who does not, will be thrown into a fiery furnace!” Three young friends from Judah, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, loved God and refused to bow down to the statue. Some other men noticed that the three friends did not bow to the statue and complained to King Nebuchadnezzar. The rule is for all the people to bow down and worship your statue, but the three friends did not bow down. This news made the king angry! He sent for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and asked, “Is it true that you do not worship or bow down to my statue?” He told them, “If you do not stop when the music plays, bow down and worship my statue, I will throw you all into the fiery furnace! What god will rescue you from my power?” All three friends said, “Our God can save us from the fiery furnace. Even if He chooses not to rescue us, we will not worship anyone but Him. We will not bow down and serve your statue.” This made the King very angry; he ordered the soldiers to make the fire hotter and tie up the three friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. King Nebuchadnezzar ordered the soldiers to toss the friends into the fiery furnace. But a fourth man, the Lord, was in the fire with them. King Nebuchadnezzar shouted, “Didn’t we tie up three men and throw them into the fire? Look? I see four men walking around in the fire. They are not tied up and the fourth man appears to be the Son of God!” The king called out to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from the furnace opening, “Servants of the Most-High God, come here!” The three friends emerged from the furnace, they had not been hurt from the fire or even smelled of smoke. King Nebuchadnezzar praised God: “The God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego rescued His servants!” The king made a new law for his people, “Anyone who speaks against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego will be punished. No other god can save people like this! Only their God can save people!” King Nebuchadnezzar gave each of the three friends, important jobs in his kingdom.

### 2. EXPERIENCE THE STORY

- **Family Activity (Do the following activity together as a family to reinforce the Bible Lesson and spend time together.)**

For a fun family activity, play a game of “Listen and Fall Down.” You will need a device to play some upbeat music on and someone that can turn the music off and on. Tell everyone that when the music is playing, they can wiggle, jump, sing, and dance as the music plays. When the music stops, everyone must collapse onto the floor and be still. Play again and have everyone be silly and have fun while the music is playing. When you are done with the game, talk about how in our lesson, King Nebuchadnezzar wanted the people to fall down and worship his gold statue whenever they heard music play. Discuss how God does not want us to worship other gods or things over Him. God wants us to worship and trust Him only. In our lesson, we learn how three friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, chose to worship God instead of the king’s gold statue and that God saved them from the fiery furnace. God rescued them and He sent Jesus to rescue us from our sins.

### 3. FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (Have a family discussion about the Bible Lesson and ask the following questions. Retell the story if needed by reading the Bible Passages from our lesson.)

1. **What did King Nebuchadnezzar want people to worship?** (To worship his large gold statue.)
2. **What would happen to anyone who did not stop and worship the statue?** (They would be thrown into the fiery furnace.)
3. **Which three men refused to bow down and worship the gold statue?** (Three friends from Judah, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.)
4. **How did King Nebuchadnezzar punish the friends?** (King Nebuchadnezzar had them thrown into the fiery furnace.)
5. **What did King Nebuchadnezzar see when he looked into the furnace?** (He saw them walking around in the fire, with a fourth person, the Son of God.)
6. **Why do you think God allowed the three friends to go into the furnace?** (Discuss how God used this scary situation to build the friends faith in Him and to show King Nebuchadnezzar that God is mighty in power to save His people. The friends went into the fire to bring glory to God.)
7. **What are some idols that you are tempted to worship?** (Talk about how good gifts from God can turn into idols if we love them more than we love God. When we ask for forgiveness of our sins, God will change our hearts to love Him more.)
8. **How does knowing that God does everything for your good and His glory, help you face scary situations?** (Talk about how God promises to be with us, always. He does not promise us physical safety, He promises, to never leave us and to help us through the difficult times.)

**4. PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE: (Help kids memorize and understand their Bible Verse.)**

“Pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances.” 1 Thessalonians 5:17-19

**SAY:** Our memory verse tells us to give thanks in everything. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego loved God and worshiped Him always, in good times and hard times. They must have been beyond thankful that God kept them all safe from the fire. Even King Nebuchadnezzar praised God for saving them. God wants us to remember to rejoice, pray, and give thanks in every circumstance. Even when times are difficult and it seems hard to praise God, we should still give thanks to Him. We should make sure to pray constantly. We can talk to God about anything at any time. We can pray to God because we can trust in Him and know that He hears us. God has a plan for all of us even in the hard times and we can trust that He is good all the time.

**5. FAMILY REFLECTION AND PRAYER: (Time to reflect on the over arching theme of our Bible Lesson and spend time in Prayer.)**

**SAY:** God showed Himself faithful to the three friends even though He allowed them to be put in the fiery furnace. God showed His power to King Nebuchadnezzar and the others watching that day. God was with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fire. Only God could rescue them. God rescues us too, through His son, Jesus. Only Jesus can save us from our sins. Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross provided the way for us to be rescued from sin and be with Him forever.

**For some additional activities and discussion questions, please check out the Family Experience Page below.**

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## In 2021 Remember To

“Stand on God’s Hope! Jesus is our hope, our joy, our peace, our comfort, and our security.”

## The Fiery Furnace.

God delivered Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from the king.

## FAMILY TIME QUESTIONS

- Do you think Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were scared to be thrown into the fire? Why?
- How does knowing God has power over everything make you feel?
- What people or things do you sometimes put before God?

## FAMILY ACTIVITY

Spend time together as a family.

- Gather the family together and if the weather permits, make a large fire in a fire pit. Roast some marshmallows together and enjoy some family time. Discuss what Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego might have felt as they faced the furnace. Talk about how the three men trusted God, even when they did not know what was going to happen. Talk about how we should trust in God and remember that He is always with us.

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