

## Courage: Do what is right and God will be by your side.

### Daniel 3: The Fiery Furnace

*Pride is sin. Reading and Obeying God’s Word is the only way believers can stay on the path that pleases God. Obedience to God allows others to see God’s power in our lives.*

Acts 5:29 ***“We must obey God rather than men!”***

Daniel 3:17 ***“The God we serve is able to save us”***

King Nebuchadnezzar created a huge golden statue and wanted everyone to bow down and worship it. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refused to do that because they worshipped the real God. When King Nebuchadnezzar found out that they refused to obey his commands, he was furious. When the three guys were brought before King Nebuchadnezzar to get their punishment, they told The King that no matter what punishment he gave them, their God would protect them! King Nebuchadnezzar threw them into a fiery furnace that was so hot there was no way anyone could survive it!

Now, let’s read the whole story in the book of Daniel chapters 2 & 3 from the Action Bible to find out what happened next!

**Read: Pages 473 – 479 (A Deadly Dream & Facing the Heat) from the Action Bible provided.**

**Discuss:**

- King Nebuchadnezzar had an issue with pride and God had to humble him.
- God showed the king his great power by rescuing 3 guys- Daniel’s friends - Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego from a terrible situation.
- Well, the three did survive! God protected them and when they were taken out of the furnace, not even one hair on their head was burned! King Neb was amazed and realized that their God was the only God worth worshipping! We need to be brave like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and stand up for Jesus, too!
- So, have courage! Do not be afraid to stand up for what you believe and what is right – because God will honor that and be right by your side when you do.

**Review: Ask the kids some questions – like:**

1. What’s your favorite part of the story?
2. What’s one thing you learned from it?
3. Share a time you or someone you know did something really brave.
4. What did King Nebuchadnezzar want everyone to do?
5. Who refused to do it?
6. What happened to Daniel and his friends when they disobeyed the king?
7. Who protected them?

**Why is this lesson so important to us? \*(extra emphasis – if you have time).**

If we do not stay true to God, the devil can come in and take over our lives before we know it.

What it means for the devil to be the prince of the power of the air is that he has power over any person who does not allow God to be their ruler.

In this world there are always going to be two groups of people: believers and unbelievers.

One group has people who believe in the Lord Jesus and have placed their faith in His death on the cross for their sins and that He was raised from the dead. Because they believe in Jesus they will live forever in heaven.

The other group has people who do not believe in Jesus and have been blinded by the devil. Because this group doesn’t believe in Jesus they will be separated from God forever and be punished along with the devil for eternity in a place called hell.

The devil knows what is going to happen to him. His time is short and the time he has left he spends trying to get as many people to follow him as possible.

Because the devil can’t be God he does everything he can to act like Him. He deceives people and gets them to do things for him that they should be doing for the One True God.

As you read the Bible you can see how the devil tries to copy God in small ways so that he can trick people to turn to him instead of worshiping the One True God.

If you can picture two highways, one of those highways is the right one to God.

The other one looks like it is going in the same direction but if you follow it all the way to the end you see that it takes all the travelers off a deep cliff to be destroyed.

What does this information mean for me and you this morning?

If you and I are believers in Jesus Christ and followers of Him we need to be alert with our eyes wide open to ways God’s enemy the devil may try to get us to veer off God’s Highway and drive on his. The only way we can stay on the right highway is to read the Road Map that gives us the correct driving instructions.

That Road Map is the Bible, God’s Words written for every man, woman, boy and girl.

In the Bible we learn what pleases God and what doesn’t.

That which doesn’t please God is sin and deserves punishment. If we don’t read and study God’s Word and obey it, we can easily become like someone who gets sleepy as they drive and accidentally turns onto a road that we aren’t supposed to drive on. That road will take us away from God instead of closer to Him.

## Craft: The Fiery Furnace

**Materials** – Sticker kit provided by Oriental Trading Company.

## Coloring Page





"The God we serve is able to save us" Daniel 3:17

## End in prayer

Feel free to take a picture of their art work and post it on our Facebook page or share it on GroupMe.

Have a Blessed Day & Week!

Until we can meet again ~

*Teacher Chrissy*

Coloring page from: <http://www.daniellesplace.com>

Lesson help from: <https://ministry-to-children.com/> and The Action Bible