

Nebuchadnezzar's Statue Bowling

Materials Needed

Copies of *Nebuchadnezzar's Statue Bowling*, p. 2; markers or crayons in gold (yellow), silver (light grey), bronze (orange), iron (dark grey) and clay (brown) colors; tape or stapler; bowling ball (larger balls increase success); area for bowling. *Optional*: glue and glitter (gold, silver, bronze); cushions or blocks to set up "bumpers", guiding the ball towards the "statue".

Prepare in Advance

Print copies of *Nebuchadnezzar's Statue Bowling*, p. 2. Gather supplies for coloring and decorating the statue; balls; cushions for bumper bowling if desired.

New Church Concept Proper Priorities

When the loves of the Lord, the world and ourselves are properly ordered in us, they are arranged so that the highest love, the love for heaven, is inside the second love, the love for the world, and by means of this in the third or lowest love, which is self-love. The love which is inside has complete control over the one which is outside. See *True Christian Religion* 395

Nebuchadnezzar dreamed of a great statue. Its gold head represented Nebuchadnezzar, who was the head of a powerful nation. In the Word gold corresponds to love to the Lord. Correspondences sometimes have an opposite meaning. In this case, Nebuchadnezzar was powerful but also selfish, and so the gold head means the love of self, which opposes love to the Lord.

While Nebuchadnezzar was a great, powerful and glorious king, he thought he was better than everyone else. The rock cut without human hands pictures true ideas from the Word that expose and blow away this false perspective, for it is truth that sets us free.

The children will make a model of Nebuchadnezzar's statue and use a ball (representing the rock of truth) to knock it down.

1. Give each child markers or crayons and a copy of *Nebuchadnezzar's Statue* p. 5. Invite children to color the parts of the statue. The head should be gold (yellow), the arms and chest silver (grey), the belly and thighs bronze (orange), legs iron (dark grey), and feet iron mixed with clay (brown/grey).
2. *Optional*: Decorate the top three sections of the statue with glue and gold, silver or bronze glitter. Allow to dry.
3. When finished, bend the picture into a tube shape and tape or staple in place.
4. Stand the *Nebuchadnezzar's Statue* on the floor. (*Hint*: a bare floor may work better than carpeting.)
5. Roll or bowl a ball towards the statue to knock it down. Remind children that the ball is true ideas from the Word that can knock selfishness out of our lives.
6. *Optional*: Improve the chances of knocking down the statue by creating "bumpers" with blocks, cushions or chairs to guide the ball.



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