

# 55. The Fiery Furnace

## *The Word of the Lord: The Old Testament for Young Children*

### Notes for Parents & Teachers

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- a. Note how stupid it was that Nebuchadnezzar made a statue and told the people that it was a god.
- b. You can explain how there was no breath in the great statue, but the Lord Himself, the true God, is alive, and makes us all alive.
- c. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego did not worship the statue. When the King asked, they said they would not do it.
- d. Describe the burning fiery furnace, how hot it was, with all the flames inside it, and how the king said to make it even hotter. It even burned those who threw the three men into it.
- e. When the king saw four men, walking without being tied up, in the furnace, you can make it dramatic. Who in the world would join the three men in such a furnace?
- f. The king called them out, and there was no damage from the fire at all.
- g. The king learned that his statue wasn't anything like the Lord.



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## The Lord Sends an Angel to Save Daniel's Friends

King Nebuchadnezzar made a statue of gold that was 90 feet high and he put it in a field near Babylon. Then he sent out a message to all the people to say, "When you hear the sound of all kinds of music, you shall fall down and worship the golden statue. And those who do not fall down shall be thrown into a burning fiery furnace." And so all the people when they heard the sound of music fell down and worshipped the great golden statue.

Then some people came to Nebuchadnezzar and accused Daniel's three friends, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego of not obeying the king. The king was very angry and said to Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, "Is it true that you do not serve my gods and worship the golden statue which I have set up?"

The three friends answered and said to the king, "O, Nebuchadnezzar, we will not serve your gods, nor will we worship the golden statue." Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of anger and he called his men to heat the furnace seven times more than it was already heated, and he had his mightiest men tie up the three friends and throw them into the furnace.

Suddenly, Nebuchadnezzar, who was watching, was amazed and he called his wise men and said to them, "Did we not tie up three men and throw them into the middle of the furnace?" The men answered and said, "True, O king." But the king said, "Look, I see four men untied, walking in the middle of the fire. They have no hurt on them. And the appearance of the fourth man is like the Son of God."

Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the gate of the burning fiery furnace and said, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, you servants of the most high God, come out, come here." Then the three friends came out of the middle of the fire, and all the people gathered around saw that the men were not burnt, or even had the smell of fire on them. Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent His angel and saved His servants that trusted in Him, and would worship Him alone."

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