Angel in the Furnace Tissue Paper Project



Nebuchadnezzar ordered his guards to throw three bound men into a furnace. The furnace was so hot that the guards died while throwing them in. But when Nebuchadnezzar looked into the furnace he saw *four* men, unbound, walking freely in the furnace. The fourth man looked like the Son of God. Create a tissue project showing Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the furnace. Hang the project in a window to reveal the angel protecting them.

1. We are going to create a picture of the furnace that Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were thrown into by king Nebuchadnezzar.
2. Give each child a prepared *Fiery Furnace Frame* (p. 2), a piece of orange or yellow tissue paper and glue. Turn the frame so that the printed side faces downward on the table. Spread glue around the middle of the frame. Place the tissue over the frame. Turn the project over to show the furnace with the flames inside. Set aside to dry.
3. Give each child the *Fiery Furnace Figures* (p. 3) and a pair of scissors. Invite the children to cut out the figures. *Optional*: Decorate the figures with crayons or markers.
4. Turn the figures of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego so the front side faces down on the table. Spread glue on the back of each figure. Place the figures on the *front side* of the tissue paper on the *Fiery Furnace Frame*. Tell children to be careful in placing the figures as they will be difficult to move on the thin tissue paper.
5. Spread glue on the *front* of the Angel figure. Turn the *Fiery Furnace Frame* so that it faces down and the figures cannot be seen. Place the Angel carefully on the back side of the tissue paper where it can show through above or beside the three other figures.
6. Allow the project to dry. Hang the project in a window. When the sun shines through the picture, all four figures will be seen, reminding children of the Lord's angels that are with us all the time, offering protection.

Materials Needed for Each Child

copy of *Fiery Furnace Frame* p. 2 printed on stiff paper, four of the *Fiery Furnace Figures* p. 3, pieces of orange or yellow tissue paper as big as the *Fiery Furnace Frame*, glue, scissors *optional*: different colored paper, crayons or markers

Prepare in Advance

Print pages. *Optional:* Print *Fiery Furnace Figures* p. 3 on different colors, using white for angels. Fold the *Fiery Furnace Frame* p. 2 in half and cut out the center to create a frame. Divide *Fiery Furnace Figures* p. 9 into sets of four. If your class is young cut out the figures as well.

New Church Concept Temptation

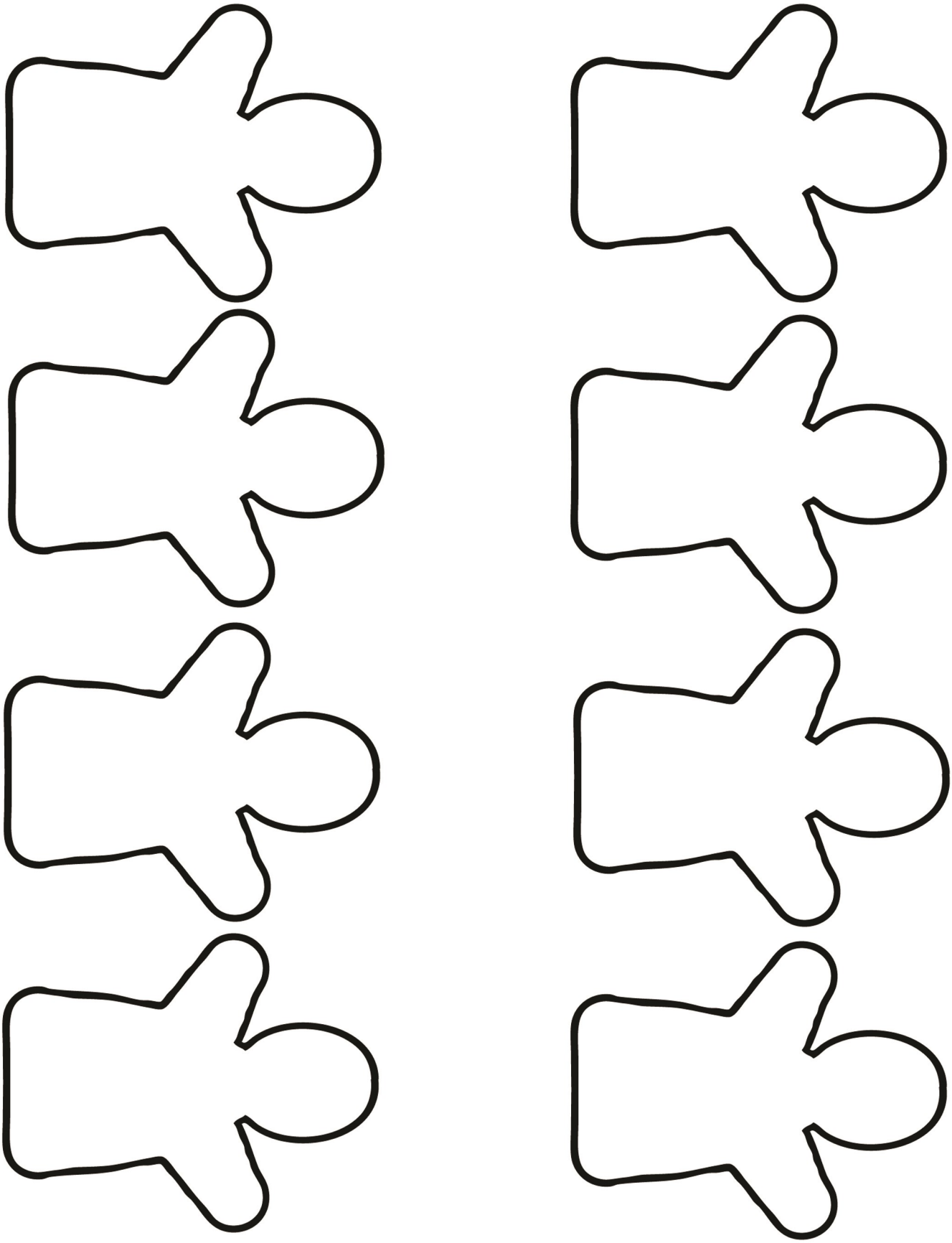
No one overcomes temptation unless he is steadfast in the spiritual affection of truth, even to the end of his life in the world; then the work is finished. See *Apocalypse Explained* 128

A person who is in temptation is in doubt concerning the end in view. If the end which is loved were not put in doubt, there would be no temptation. See *Heaven and Hell* 603

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Fiery Furnace Figures



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