Family Lesson - The Fiery Furnace (Daniel 3) Level 2 — Four Men in the Fiery Furnace

Introduction to the Project

Read or retell the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego being thrown into the fiery furnace. Then make the finger puppets and the stage to re-enact the story.

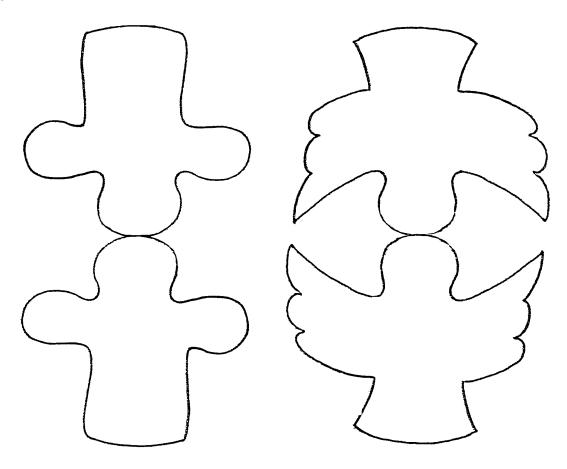
Materials needed

2 pieces white paper crayons or markers scissors, scotch tape shoebox (without lid)

optional: instruments such as bells, tambourine, drum, recorder

Making the Finger Puppets

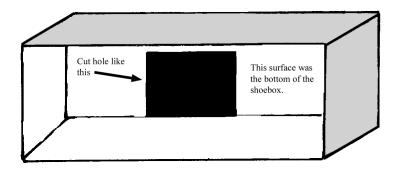
- 1. Cut out the pattern pieces below and trace around 3 men and one angel on a piece of paper.
- 2. Color the 4 puppets.
- 3. Cut out the puppets so that the heads stay attached, as shown.
- 4. Close the two sides of each puppet by taping them at the sides below the arms. Tape the angel's wings closed as well.



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Making the Shoebox Stage

- 1. Color the second piece of white paper full of flames. Fill the entire page.
- 2. Turn the shoebox on its long side and cut a 5" x 5" hole in the center of what is now the back of the stage, as pictured.



- 3. Tape flames into shoebox, covering the back and floor. (The paper may not cover the ceiling, which is fine.) Cut away the part of the flames that covers the hole and use that extra piece for the inside walls of the stage.
- 4. Set the stage up at the end of a table, so that the performer can kneel behind the table, out of sight.

It is fun to act out the whole story! A family member can help by reading, playing King Nebuchadnezzar, or playing an instrument when it is time to bow to the golden statue. (Any object may be used as the statue.) This is a wonderful story that the family will enjoy watching.

