

## The Offering Is Burned (Ages 3-6)

### Materials Needed

*Fire from the Staff* template for each child; scissors; crayons, colored pencils or markers; 12" (30cm) yarn or ribbon for each child; yellow tissue to tear into flames (4" x 4" (10cm x 10cm) for each child); tape *optional*: glitter and glue

### Prepare in Advance

Print a copy of the *Fire from the Staff* for each child. For very young children, prepare the templates ahead of time. Fold the template in the middle of the page along the thin gray line and cut out the oval shape. To cut multiples, "stack and whack": fold several templates, stack carefully so the pictures line up, and cut out projects.

The angel of the Lord did an amazing miracle to show Gideon that the Lord would be with him. The angel's power was from the Lord. The angel struck Gideon's offering, and fire came out of the rock and burned it up. Similarly, the Lord touches our hearts through true ideas we know from the Word. When our hearts are set alight with His love we are inspired to do what the Lord teaches.



Children will make a hanging showing the angel's rod touching the rock and setting the offering alight.

1. Invite the children to color the picture of the angel using crayons, colored pencils or markers.
2. If not prepared ahead of time, fold the templates in half and have the children cut around the oval shape.
3. Open the template up and lay down so the picture is not showing.
4. Tear the yellow tissue into "flames". Tape the flames down along the edge of one of the ovals.
5. Tape the yarn or ribbon to the back of the picture at the top. Create a loop for holding or leave a long string for hanging.
6. Close the template so the picture shows on one side and the quote shows on the other side. Tape the edges together.
7. Read the quote to the children and, if there is time, invite them to tell you what is happening in the picture.

### New Church Concept Fire

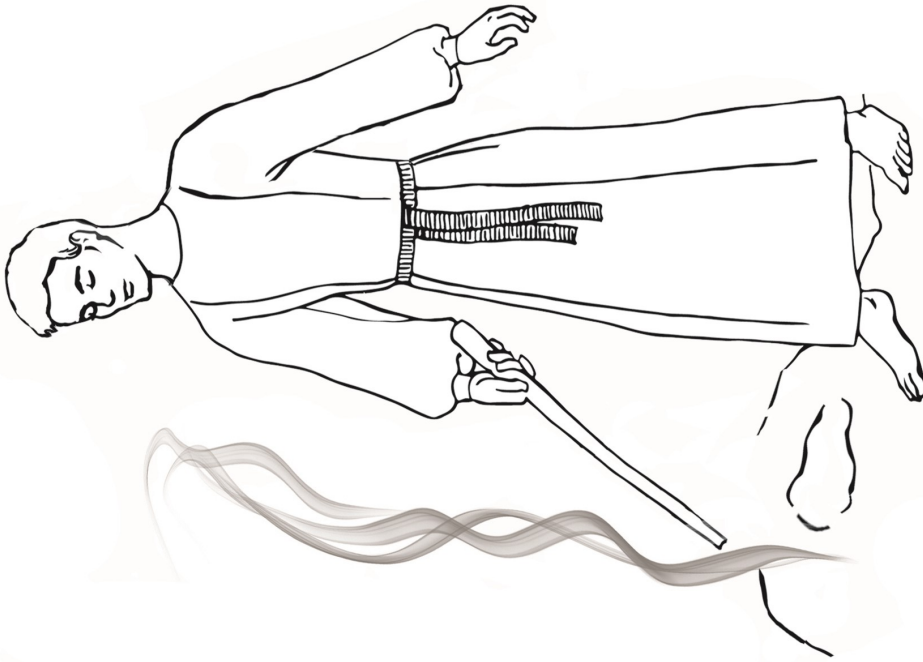
"The fire of heaven is Divine Love emanating from the Lord, and to be set ablaze by that fire is to will what is good."

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### New Church Concept Staff

"A rod and staff signify the power of Divine Truth because they were branches of trees, and these signify the knowledges of truth and good, which are the truths of the natural person; and as they were used to support the body, they signified power." *Apocalypse Explained* 727

## Fire from the Staff



**The angel of the Lord  
touched the offering,  
and fire rose  
out of the rock.  
See Judges 6:21**