



3PK

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DATE

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego

LESSON TITLE

Daniel 3

WHERE TO FIND IT

God gives us courage.

MAIN POINT

schedule

First 10 minutes of the service hour:

Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

Next 5 minutes: Connect Time

Next 25 minutes: Large Group

Last 25 minutes: Snack and Small Group

Finish early? Repeat the activity! Kids this age learn through repetition. Or, check out the end of the activities section to find an idea for this week.

tips

Have activities ready for kids when they arrive. Place coloring pages and crayons on the table. Help kids engage in other activities like playing with a truck or working together on a puzzle. Use this time to get to know the kids individually. Ask them questions like: "Who brings you to church?", "What's your favorite...", etc.

check-in/out

Ask kids about what's inside their plastic bag!

large group heads up

Today, we're talking about how God saved Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego because they trusted him!



connect time

GOAL: *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (10 minutes after the service start time, when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter)**
- Line Up
- While in line, tell kids we're going to try and show our courage by doing some hard things! Tell them to:
 - Stand on one leg
 - Hop on one leg
 - Clap their hands and hop at the same time
 - Walk backward
 - Turn around with their eyes closed
 - Count from 1 to 5
 - Count backwards from 5 to 1

Remind kids to stay quiet for Large Group and tip-toe in together. You could have kids put on their "listening ears" as they enter!



instructions

Goal: to help kids review today's story and personalize God's love for them

Why? This story reminds us that we can have courage no matter what, as long as we trust God!

Tip: The names in the story today are long and hard to pronounce, repetition will help kids remember! And don't forget to end with the coloring page!

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. Who were the three friends in today's story? (Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego)
2. What did King Nebuchadnezzar want them to do? (Bow down to a golden idol)
3. What did Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego do instead of bow down to the idol?
4. What did the king do to Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego? (threw them in the furnace)
5. What happened in the furnace? (God saved them and they didn't get burned)
6. Can God save us too? (Yes!)

ACTIVITY

We're going to create a scene of the characters from today's story!

- For each kid, prepare **3 Popsicle sticks, a small plastic baggie, 1 piece of orange paper and 1 piece of red paper.**
- Give each kid 1 piece of red paper and 1 piece of orange paper, along with a small plastic bag. Tell them to tear their paper up into little pieces and put it all in their bag.
- Next, give each kid 3 Popsicle sticks. Tell them that these are Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego (have kids repeat the names with you after you say each one).
- Hand out markers and let kids decorate the Popsicle sticks any way they want. You can help them create faces and human features, etc.
- Have kids put their Popsicle stick creations into their bags along with the paper to show that Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were inside the fiery furnace, but God saved them from being hurt!
- Have kids color today's **coloring page** to give them another tangible way to remember part of the story!

***Pray together and thank God that he gives us courage to overcome anything.**

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Extra time? Play a version of Simon Says! Gather kids in a line or group, and tell them that they should do whatever you say next, but ONLY if they hear you say “Nebuchadnezzar” first. For example, say “King Nebuchadnezzar says pat your head”, “King Nebuchadnezzar says to do jump and down”, etc. Kids may not realize if you skip saying “Nebuchadnezzar”, so don’t worry about telling them to sit “out” if they lose.

special notes

The names in the story are pretty long, so be sure to repeat them often, and clearly. Emphasize how fun and crazy the names are!

presenter tips

Move around the stage as much as you can and be bursting with energy! Kids love it when you act silly and over-the-top, so go for it. They'll love it and it will help the lesson to stick.

Kid Bible Story Video for this week:
vimeo.com/104308767

script

*Click to play intro music

Presenter: Hi Friends! Welcome to Kid's Club. I'm _____ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend HOPS. She's going to remind us of the kind of choices we can make today in Kids' Club.

Video: HOPS 3 Put On Your Listening Ears (*about 1 minute*)

Wow, I can't wait to have some fun in Kids' Club today. Before we hear our story, can I see a big thumbs up from everybody who's ready to have some fun? (Let kids respond.) Great job! Now I think we're ready to hear God's story.

REVIEW

Presenter: (Hold up the **Bible** for kids to see.) This is where we can read about God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. It's God's Rescue plan.

Remember how God made the whole world and everything was good? The world was perfect! Give me a smile! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone.) But THEN, something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and sadness and death came into the world... Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.) This was *really* sad.

But even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God...God loved them anyway! And he planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve—and you and me—can be close to God again.

INTRO: SHADRACH, MESHACH AND ABEDNEGO

Well, God started building a great big family for the Rescuer to be born into! But there were a lot of people in the world who didn't like God's special family, and they didn't like God either. They even tried to hurt God's family. Can you show me a sad face? (Make a sad face, have



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kids follow.) But you know what? God always protects his family, especially when people try to hurt them.

Today we're going to talk about three friends who really loved God. They had pretty funny names. Everyone put one finger up and say "Shadrach!" (Repeat *Shadrach* with kids.) Okay, now put another finger up and say "Meshach!" (Repeat *Meshach* with kids.) Now for the last one. Put a third finger up and say "Abednego!" (Repeat *Abednego* with kids.) Whew! Those are some pretty crazy names!

These friends lived in a place called Babylon. Can you all say "Babylon"? (Repeat with kids.) It was a big, big city. Let's all stretch our arms as wide as we can to show how big it was! (Stretch your arms out and let kids follow.) Wow, good job!

Because Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego loved God, they were FAITHFUL to him. Faithful means that you always follow God, even when you're afraid, or when things are hard! Has anyone in here ever been afraid? (Let kids raise their hands.) Yep, me too. But even though we might be afraid sometimes, God gives us the courage to get through anything!

KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego worked for a king with another funny name. He was called King Nebuchadnezzar. Let's all try to say it together! (Repeat *King Nebuchadnezzar* with kids) That's a pretty long name isn't it? This king did not love God.

King Nebuchadnezzar decided that he wanted the whole city to bow down to a big, golden statue *instead* of God! **(Click to show idol slide.)** This made God really sad, because God is the only one we should worship!

Now Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego loved God, so when the king asked them to do this, they had to make a choice! Bow down, or say no. Let's watch a video and see what they do. As we watch, pay attention to what God does when these three friends follow him, even when they're in danger.

VIDEO: KID BIBLE STORY: vimeo.com/104308767

Wow! Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego said "No!" to King Nebuchadnezzar, even though the king said he would kill them! That was really brave. King Nebuchadnezzar said (say in a deep loud voice:) "If you don't bow down to my statue, I'll throw you in a fiery furnace!" **(Click to show fire slide.)** A furnace is a big box with fire inside. It's used to cook things, or to heat a building! Would you all want to be thrown in a furnace? (Let kids respond.) No way!

If someone told me they were going to throw me in a furnace, I would be really scared. But you know what Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego did? They trusted God and had courage. They said that God would save them from the fire!

GOD WILL PROTECT US

So did God save them from the fire? (Let kids yell "Yes!") Yes he did! Because they trusted him, the fire didn't hurt them. It didn't even give them a sunburn! That's how powerful God is.



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You know, when we are scared or we feel like things are really hard, we can trust God to take care of us. He knows we're scared, but he's so big and powerful, that he can save us from anything!

Let's pray and thank God for protecting us. (Pray together, breaking it into small, repeatable phrases.)

Pray: Hi God! Thank you for saving your family from danger. Thank you for protecting us when we need it. We love you. A-men!

WORSHIP

Now let's stand up! (Let kids stand.) Let's dance and sing to thank God for protecting us. Let's celebrate how we can trust him no matter what

Song: Dance, Laugh, Love

Song: Trust in the Lord

Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop to their groups.)

Have extra time? Need to focus kids attention more? Try these two songs!

Song: Be Strong

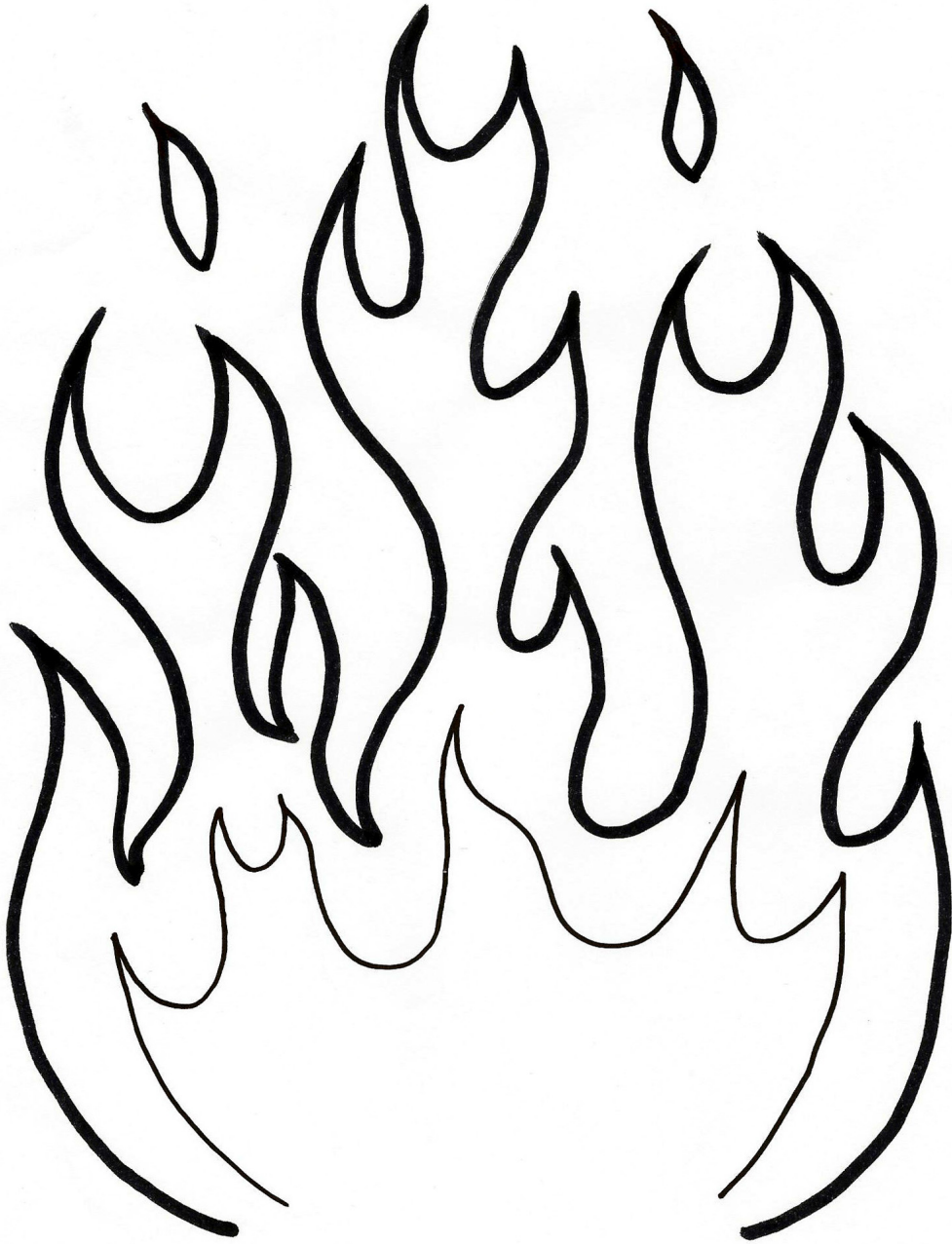
Song: Because You Love Me



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

Showing courage game – no supplies needed

small group supplies

Per kid:

Coloring pages: Fire
3 Jumbo Popsicle sticks
¼ page piece of orange paper
¼ page piece of red paper
1 plastic Ziploc baggie

Per group:

Markers

large group supplies

Bible

a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: HOPS 3 Put On Your Listening Ears (<http://vimeo.com/99633582>)
3. Image: Gold idol
4. Video: KBS/Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego vimeo.com/104308767
5. Image: Fire
6. Song: Dance, Laugh, Love
7. Song: Trust in the Lord
8. Song: Be Strong
9. Song: Because You Love Me

connect questions

Tell me about Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.
How can we trust God?

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