



Kindergarten-2nd

November 12-13, 2016

DATE

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego

LESSON TITLE

Daniel 3

WHERE TO FIND IT

God goes through hard things with us.

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (15 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (30 minutes): Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

Small Group (15 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you all have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

At the end of the hour, don't be afraid to keep kids in Small Group, even if they've finished the activity! Check out the "Extra Time" options at the end of the Small Group time for ideas about how to keep kids engaged if the service runs extra long. It's always a win if parents see their kids actively participating in Small Group when they pick them up!

check-in/out

As kids leave, ask them to show you what they drew on the back of their verse card!

large group heads up

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were three guys who trusted God during a really hard time. They knew that God would be with them no matter what, even inside a fiery furnace! Today we'll see that when we go through hard things, God will always be there alongside us too.

connect time

GOAL: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

GO FISH

- Break into small groups and have kids sit in a circle on the floor. (If you have a smaller group, you can keep them all together.)
- Place a small object in the middle of the circle (a toy, a book, etc.) Make sure the circle of kids is spaced out so that there are several feet between each kid and the object in the middle of the circle.
- Pass out a deck of **Go Fish cards** (evenly distribute so kids all have the same amount of cards.) Explain that we're going to play a fun version of "Go Fish." Each kid will get a turn to ask the group if anyone has a card that matches his/her own:
 - The first kid asks, "*Does anybody have a...goldfish?*" If anyone has a goldfish card, he/she has to run to the object in the middle of the circle and then back to his/her starting spot before being tagged by the kid who called out the card. If the kid gets tagged, he/she is out.
- Play the game for about 10 minutes, or until only 1 kid is left in the game. Remember to collect the cards and put them back in the bin, so they can be reused!

TALK ABOUT IT

- How did you feel when it was your turn to run to the middle?
- What do you get nervous or worried about?

Before you go to Large Group, you can ask kids how their week went. You can also remind kids of the expectations for Large Group behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) understand that Shadrach, Meshach and and Abednego trusted and followed God, even when facing something scary, (2) God rescued them and was with them through the hardest time in their lives, and (3) recognize that God goes through hard things with us too!

Why? Trials are a part of everyone's life, but we can have peace knowing that God will never let us go through them alone.

Tip: To help kids understand "trials," share a personal example from your own life.

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. What did King Nebuchadnezzar want people to do? (Bow down and worship a giant golden statue.)
2. What did Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego do instead? (They refused to bow down to the statue, and only worshipped the real God.)
3. What did the king do when they refused to bow down? (He threw them in a furnace.)
4. What happened when the King put them in the furnace? (God/an angel of the Lord appeared and stayed with them in the furnace; they were protected from the fire.)
5. What hard thing did Jesus go through to rescue us? (He died on the cross to rescue us from all the wrong things in the world.)
6. What's one way you need God to be with you right now? What's a hard thing you're going through?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

- Hand each kid a **"fiery flame" verse card**, and read the verse together. Remind them that God stayed with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego when they were going through something hard, and God will always be with us too!
- Pass out **markers**. Have kids turn their card over, and draw a picture in the blank space of one way they can follow God this week, even if it's something hard or scary. (It could be things like: talking to someone new, saying you're sorry to someone, inviting a friend to come to Kids' Club with you, praying out loud, reading the Bible, helping someone do their chores, sharing, etc.)
- Then, have them draw Jesus in the picture, going through that hard thing with them!
- If there's time, teach kids some fun motions to go along with **Isaiah 43:2!** Find the motions on the next page.

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- **Isaiah 43:2**
 - **When you go through deep waters** (Pretend to swim)
 - **I will be with you** (Point yourself, then point forward)
 - **When you cross rivers** (Make a watery “wave” motion with one hand)
 - **You will not drown** (Shake your head “No”)
 - **When you walk through fire** (March in place)
 - **You will not be burned** (Shake your head “No”)
 - **The flames will not hurt you** (Raise hands, wiggle fingers and pretend they’re flames)

Extra time? Do a coloring page. Then, pass out the cards from Connect Time and play another round of Go Fish!

special notes

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were young, but that didn't stop them from trusting God in a huge way! Emphasize to kids that they can trust God in big ways too, no matter how young they are.

presenter tips

You can watch today's "Kid Bible Story" video here:

<https://vimeo.com/104308767>

script

WELCOME AND INTRO

Main Goal: Review Connect Time and introduce the lesson.

Notes:

**Click to play intro music.*

- **Welcome:** Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. We're so glad to have you here! You did a great job playing that crazy version of Go Fish. What did you have to do when your card was called? (Let kids respond.) Yeah, you had to run to the middle as fast as you could without being tagged! But what happened if you DID get tagged? (Let kids respond.) Yep, you were out! That wasn't very fun, was it?
- **Ask:** Was anybody nervous to have to run to the middle? Maybe you wondered if you'd be fast enough? (Let kids respond.) What if you could run to the middle with lots of other people? Would that be easier? (Let kids respond.) Probably! Then the tagger wouldn't just be trying to tag you!
- **Ask:** What else is it hard to do by yourself? (Let kids respond.) Yeah, those would be pretty tough on your own.
- **(Image of sports/play/chores)** What about playing a team sport? Could you do that on your own? (Let kids respond.) No! That wouldn't be fun at all. How about playing tag by yourself? (Let kids respond.) Nope! You'd just be running forever! What if you had to do ALL the chores for your whole family? (Let kids respond.) That would take a *long time*.
- **Say:** Let's watch a clip from Finding Nemo, where a couple fish have to work *together* to get through something dangerous! Try to figure out how Dory gets through it!

WE ALL NEED HELP

Main Goal: Watch a video clip and discuss what it's like to go through hard things alone, or with someone else.

Notes:

- **Video: Finding Nemo / Jellyfish Scene**
- **Ask:** What would have happened if Dory had gone through the jellyfish all by herself? (Let kids respond.) Yep, she never would have escaped! She needed someone else to help rescue her during a really hard time.
- **Say:** Do we go through hard things like Dory just did? (Let kids respond.) Yeah, sometimes we go through tough things that make us sad or angry or afraid. But today we'll see how God never leaves us alone. He will ALWAYS be with us through hard things.

SHADRACH, MESHACH AND ABEDNEGO

Main Goal: Introduce Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and understand why they were in a difficult situation with the king.

Notes:

- **Say:** Our story today revolves around three guys with some pretty interesting names: Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. Can you say those names with me? (Let kids repeat along with you.)
- **(Image: Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego)** These guys were a part of God's family, and they were living in a place called Babylon.
- **Say:** The king of Babylon was named Nebuchadnezzar, and he decided to make a statue for everyone to bow down and worship. Now this wasn't just a regular statue that you see everyday. It was about 90 feet tall, and made of gold!
- **Ask:** How do you think the King acted if someone refused to bow down to his special statue? Happy....or angry? (Let kids respond.) Yep, he got really, *really* angry. He said that anyone who didn't bow down to the statue, had to get burned up in a furnace! Yikes!

GOD STAYS WITH THEM

Main Goal: Use a video to show how God stayed with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego during a really scary time!

- **Say:** Well Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego weren't scared of King Nebuchadnezzar. They only worshipped the one true God. We're going to watch a video and hear about what happens next. As you watch, try to figure out who is with them throughout the story!
- **Video: Kid Bible Story / Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego**
- **Say:** So who was with them the whole time? (Let kids respond.) Yep, God was with them, and he rescued them! They went through something really hard and scary...but God never left them alone.

THE KING DEMANDS WORSHIP

Main Goal: Understand why the king made an idol, and see how Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego followed God instead.

Notes:

- **Say:** Back in the beginning of our story, everyone was doing what the king asked, because they didn't want to go in the furnace. Have you guys ever felt like you had to do something because all your friends were doing it? (Let kids respond, and if they want, they can share an example.) Yeah, we've probably all felt that way.
- **Say:** Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego didn't care that everyone was worshipping the golden idol, though, and they didn't care that the king would throw them in a furnace! Who remembers why they weren't scared? (Let kids respond.)
- **Say:** That's right, because they knew God would be with them! Let's watch another short clip to remind us what happened next, and picture what it was like.
- **Video: God's Story Clip / The Furnace**
- **Ask:** Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego had faith in God. That means they trusted him, and they knew he would take care of them! And guess what else? They said that even if God chose *not* to save them, they would *still* follow him! They trusted God no matter what happened.

FACING THE FIRE

Main Goal: Describe what it was like when Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were facing the king's demands, and the fiery furnace.

- **Ask:** What do you think they were thinking at that moment, when they were facing the fire? (Let kids respond.) Yeah, they might have been afraid. It would be pretty scary for anyone to face that fire! But they trusted God, so even if they were afraid, they were at peace.
- **Say:** What happened next? (Let kids respond.) Yep, after the 3 guys went into the furnace, the king saw something amazing. There were now *four men* in the furnace! And they were all walking around, like nothing was wrong!
- **(Image: 4 men in the furnace.)** The Bible says an angel of the Lord was with them, which is basically a way of saying that God himself was there, going through the fire with them! After that, the king opened up the furnace and let Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego out. Not a single hair on their heads was burnt.
- **Say:** God didn't just rescue them from the fire...he actually went into the fire with them! And guess what? God does the same for us. When we're facing something hard, or sad, or scary, He doesn't leave us to deal with it alone. He goes through it with us.

GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US

Main Goal: Understand that God wants to go through hard things with us too.

Notes:

- **Say:** Let's read this verse from Isaiah that helps us understand just how much God loves us, and wants to go hard through things with us.
- **Slide: Isaiah 43:2** **When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. When you cross rivers, you will not drown. When you walk through fire, you will not be burned. The flames will not hurt you.**
- **Ask:** Do you think God is talking about *actual* water and fire? What else might He be talking about? (Let kids respond.) Yeah, He's saying that he'll walk with us through painful times, when we're worried or afraid.

RESPONSE TIME

Main Goal: Give kids a chance to actively respond to what they heard, and listen to what God is telling them.

- **(Loop: Fire)** Now, let's take a minute to think about what our own "fiery furnace" is. Not a *real* fire, but something in your life that's hard for you right now. Maybe something is making you sad or angry. Maybe a person is being unkind to you. Maybe you need God to help you do something.
- **Say:** Whatever it is, close your eyes, and picture it. (Let kids have a few moments of silence.) Now picture that God is standing beside you, as you go through it. He's with you, no matter what. (Let kids remain silent for a few more seconds, then lead into prayer.)
- **Pray:** God, we trust that you will be with us no matter what, even when we go through hard things. Thank you for loving us so much, that you'll never leave us alone. Amen!
- **Say:** In a minute, we're going to worship, but first, I have a special announcement! Next week, everybody in Kids' Club is going to get something really special. This is a box with a tear-off calendar all about God's story. Next week, everyone gets to take one home!
- **(Click to show a quick video of God's Story 365)**
- **Say:** Knowing who God is, is the best way to remember how much he loves us and helps us, no matter what!

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Main Goal: Close the lesson with prayer and worship.

- **Say:** In fact, God loves us so much, that he sent his son Jesus to rescue us from all the wrong things in the world. Jesus went through the hardest thing imaginable, harder than anything we could ever go through, and he actually died for us. Let's celebrate that right now by worshipping!
- **Music Video: Dance Laugh Love**
- **Music Video: Do Like You Do**

Dismiss kids to small groups.

PREP needs



connect time supplies

Per group: room toy/small object

Per small group: 1 Go Fish deck (Dollar Tree: Card Games, 3-ct. Packs)

small group supplies

Per group: Bible, markers

Per kid: 1 fiery flame verse card (double sided, color, 4 images per 8.5x11 cardstock, Page 11 and 12)

large group supplies

Per Group: Bible

Per kid: none

a/v needs

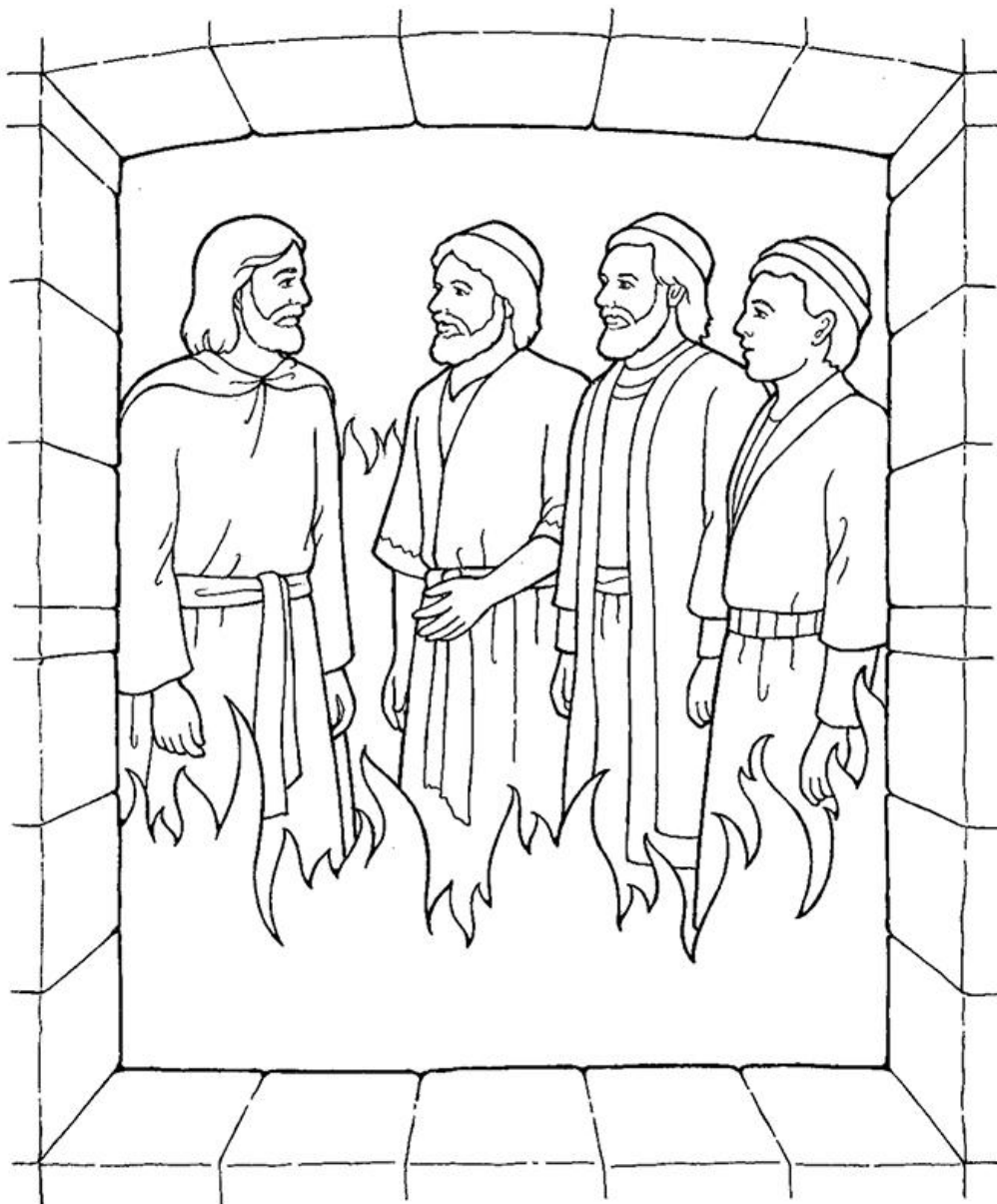
1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Image: Sports, play, chores (put 3 images on 1 slide)
3. Video: Finding Nemo / Jellyfish Scene (0:00-3:02; <https://vimeo.com/8402214>)
4. Image: Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego
5. Video: Kid Bible Story / Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego (<https://vimeo.com/104308767>)
6. Video: God's Story Clip / The Furnace (1:29-2:16; <https://vimeo.com/160752128>)
 - a. For AV need #8, here's a note to help mark where the clip should start and end. The first words should be "that's because..." and the last words should be "the king had never seen a god who would rescue like that!"
7. Image: 4 men in furnace
8. Slide: Isaiah 43:2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. When you cross rivers, you will not drown. When you walk through fire, you will not be burned. The flames will not hurt you.
9. Loop: Fire (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ccrFctUfty8>; overlay with this sound: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwhmS-L7Rm8>)
10. Video: God's Story 365 (in progress with Dave)
11. Music Video: Dance Laugh Love (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_3kJ_HOjC1A&feature=youtu.be)
12. Music Video: Do Like You Do (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zxe8-yMmJZI&feature=youtu.be>)

connect questions

Tell me about Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

How can we trust God when we go through hard things?

name





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