## PARENT CORNER

**TODAY: NOVEMBER 22-23** 

weekly

Bible Story: Shadrack, Meshack, and Abednego Daniel 3

Big Idea: God deserves our thanks

Focus: God deserves our thanks because He is always with us

Memory Verse: "Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good. His faithful

love continues forever" Psalm 136:1 (NIrV)

### **Bible Story Summary:**

Read and meditate on Daniel 3; Isaiah 41:10; Deuteronomy 31:8; Joshua 1:9

King Nebuchadnezzar made a huge golden statue and put a law into place that whoever did not bow down to the image would be thrown into a fiery furnace. Shadrack, Meshack, and Abednego chose to obey God rather than bow down to the golden statue. The king was so furious he had the furnace heat turned up 7 times hotter. Shadrack, Meshack, and Abednego were thrown into the fire, but they weren't alone. God was in the fire with them and protected them. God deserves our thanks because He is always with us.

He Question: How can God be with everyone all the time?

God is present everywhere, at all times, and in all creation. He is not limited to time or space.

We Question: What does it mean to me to know that God is with us?

We can always know that God is with us in the good and hard times, and He will help us and work all things out.

Me Question: How is God inviting me to respond?

Kids will be given the opportunity to reflect on the truth they learned about God and respond accordingly.



While you are driving, talk to your child about how God is always with us. While you go to the store, God is with you. While you go to the library, God is with you. Talk with them about how no matter where you go or what you face, God is with you. He will help you in the good times, but more importantly in the hard times and we can thank Him for that.

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DAY 1

**READ** "Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever". Psalm 136:1 (NIrV)

This month you are working to memorize this verse in Psalms. I am sure you are going to eat a lot of turkey and pumpkin pie to celebrate Thanksgiving this week, so let's do some exercises to get you moving. Practice saying the verse while you do jumping jacks. Then practice saying the verse while you do high knees. Next try saying the verse while you do some lunges. Lastly, say the verse while you do big arm circles.

Which exercise did you enjoy the most?

PRACTICE this memory verse as a reminder that God always deserves your thanks

DAY 2

**READ** "Here is what I am commanding you to do. Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the Lord your God. I will be with you everywhere you go." Joshua 1:9(NIrV)

Find a mirror in your house. In the mirror, pretend you are the strongest and most brave person in the world. Show off those muscles. This verse tells you to be strong and brave. It says to not be afraid. When you go to school and have a hard day, is God with you? YES! When you are nervous for your basketball game, is God with you? YES! He is always there for you when things are good and when things are hard. You can be brave because God is with you. He loves you so much and will work all things out.

# DAY 3

### READ Daniel 3 (NIrV)

This week we learned about Shadrack, Meshack, and Abednego. They were instructed by King Nebuchadnezzar to worship a golden statue or else be thrown into a fiery furnace. They chose to obey God rather than bow down to the statue. You read they were thrown into the fire but they were not burned and we discover that God was with them adding a fourth person in the fire. This is a great reminder that God is always with us and we can give him thanks for that. No matter what you go through, He is right there with you. With the help of a parent, draw the 3 men and God with them in the fire.



BE THANKFUL because God is always with you

## **HEY PARENTS** SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

**READ** "So do not be afraid. I am with you. Do not be terrified. I am your God. I will make you strong and help you. I will hold you safe in my hands. I always do what is right." Isaiah 41:10(NirV)

In our Bible story this week, you learned that God was with Shadrack, Meshack, and Abednego in the fire. They were not afraid and they trusted God to keep them safe. God is with you too! He is with you when you have a good day and He is with you when you have a hard day. He never leaves you. He will hold you in His hands and help you through it.

Take a moment and pray. Thank Him for loving you so much. Ask Him to help you remember that He is with you always.

"Dear God, I love you so much! Thank you for always being with me. Help me to remember that even in the hard times, You are there. I know You will never leave me and will give me strength in all situations. In Your name I pray, Amen."

## parent CUE:

We want to let you know that we have an amazing opportunity for you and your child. We are learning the importance of giving (tithing) in UpTown. For many years the kids in UpTown have been caring for children through Compassion International and Forgotten Children Worldwide. We are currently sponsoring a boy named John that lives in Tanzania and a girl named Akeelo that lives in Uganda.

Our support will provide John and Akeelo with:

- Food to combat malnutrition
- Health care and immunizations
- Education and income generating skills
- The Gospel message and spiritual guidance
- The love and support of the church staff

Every week during Studio24 and Clubhouse, your child will have the chance to give an offering to help sponsor John and Akeelo. We pray that you will partner with us in this. Learning to have a heart of generosity will help your child grow to have a heart like Jesus.





## **Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping**

November 29-30 December 6-7 December 13-14

January 10-11 **January 17-18**  3rd Grade 2nd Grade 1st Grade Kindergarten

4th Grade

## **Ways to Earn Bible Bucks**

Come to church ...... 1 Buck

Bring your Bible ..... 1 Buck

Recite Bible Verse .. 1 Buck

Do your GodTime ... 5 Bucks



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Child's Name: