

Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Daniel 3 from the Bible.



Did you know that emperor penguins stand tall and strong even in the harshest conditions? Unlike other birds that might hunch over or hide during storms, these penguins refuse to bow down to the freezing Arctic winds—even when temperatures drop to -60 degrees!

When King Nebuchadnezzar ordered everyone to bow down and worship a golden statue, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stood tall and strong in their devotion to God. Even when it meant they would face a blazing-hot furnace, these young men knew the greatness of God, and they trusted in His power to protect and help them.

When the king looked in the furnace, he was shocked to see four men walking in the fire. And when he realized that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were completely unharmed by the fire, King Nebuchadnezzar acknowledged God's greatness and praised Him as the one true God.

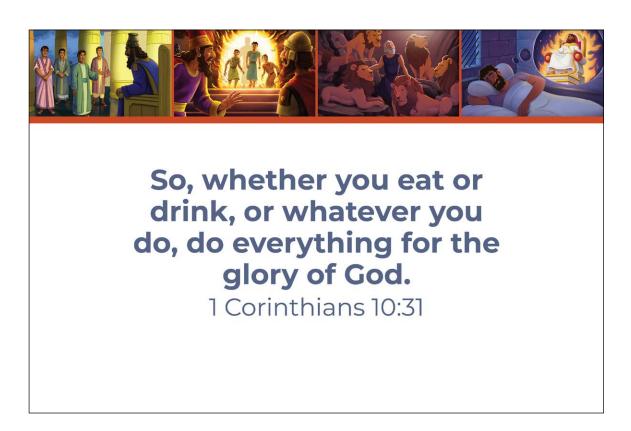
We can stand firm in our faith and devotion to God because He is the one true God. We can have a right relationship with Him because He sent His Son, Jesus, to save all who believe in Him.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to bow down to anything but God. When we trust in Jesus and God brings us from death to life, we turn away from worshiping anything else. Jesus is Savior and Lord over our lives.

Pray: God, thank You for always being with us just like You were with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fire. Help us see Your greatness and Your goodness and help us worship only You, no matter what. Amen.



The key passage below is focused on at church. Consider talking about what this passage means and memorizing it as well.





Finish your family worship experience by playing the key passage song. This song is a helpful way to worship as your family learns and memorizes the key passage.



Mornings

Ask God to help you when you face pressure and temptation to go along with the crowd by following others in sin. Ask God to give you wisdom and strength to trust Him and worship Him even when things are hard.

Evenings

Thank God for His Word and how it tells us how great and awesome He is. Thank Him for allowing us to know and worship Him. Take some time to read Psalm 145 and praise God for the many reasons listed in this psalm.



For Fun

Glue small pieces of orange, red, and yellow tissue paper to the outside of a clear vase or mason jar. Once the glue dries, place a battery-powered tea light candle inside the jar. Turn off the lights and see how the tissue paper makes the light look like a flame. Discuss the pressure Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego faced. Remind kids that God is bigger and more powerful than any problem we face, and we can worship Him no matter what.

To Serve

Decorate blank cards with uplifting Bible verses and messages for individuals who might need encouragement. Spend time praying as a family for these individuals. Deliver the cards in person and encourage the recipients to continue trusting God even when things are hard.