

FAMILY DEVOTION

EPIC

“Who Am I Trying To Please?”



“I’m Gonna Please God, Not Please People!”



“Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God?”
– Galatians 1:10a (NIV)

Say:

Have you ever wanted to do something just because everyone else was doing it? Maybe your friends were making a choice that didn’t feel right, but you didn’t want to be different or be left out. It can be really hard to do what’s right when the crowd is doing something wrong. Today, we’re going to hear about three boys in the Bible who stood up for what was right, even when it was very, very hard.

Read:

Daniel 3

Discuss:

- How tall was the statue of King Nebuchadnezzar?
- How many people decided not to worship the statue?
- What were their names?
- Was the king happy they did not bow down?
- How many people were seen in the furnace?

Say:

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were brave! Everyone around them was bowing down to a statue, but they said, “No way!” They knew God didn’t want them to worship anyone but Him. Even though it was scary, they made up their minds to obey God. And do you know what? God was right there with them! He kept them safe in the fire and they weren’t burned!

God loves when we stand up and do what’s right, even if it’s hard. In our Power Verse, we find a very important question that we have to ask ourselves often: “Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God?” We must choose to please God—just like those three brave friends did. God is our unmoving, unshakable ROCK we can build our lives upon. When we choose to please Him, He will always take care of us!

Pray:

Pray with your children who may have been struggling with living to please others. Lead them in a prayer of consecration to God. Pray that they will daily choose to please God, not people!