

GOD PROTECTS DANIEL'S FRIENDS

Daniel 3:1-30

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¹King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, ninety feet high and nine feet wide, and set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. ²He then summoned the satraps, prefects, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the other provincial officials to come to the dedication of the image he had set up. ³So the satraps, prefects, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the other provincial officials assembled for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up, and they stood before it.

⁴Then the herald loudly proclaimed, "This is what you are commanded to do, O peoples, nations and men of every language: ⁵As soon as you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes and all kinds of music, you must fall down and worship the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. ⁶Whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace."

⁷Therefore, as soon as they heard the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp and all kinds of music, all the peoples, nations and men of every language fell down and worshiped the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

⁸At this time some astrologers came forward and denounced the Jews. ⁹They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! ¹⁰You have issued a decree, O king, that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes and all kinds of music must fall down and worship the image of gold, ¹¹and that whoever does not fall down and worship will be thrown into a blazing furnace. ¹²But there are some Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon—Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego—who pay no attention to you, O king. They neither serve your gods nor worship the image of gold you have set up."

¹³Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king, ¹⁴and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up? ¹⁵Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?"

¹⁶Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. ¹⁸But even if he does

not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

¹⁹Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual ²⁰and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. ²¹So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. ²²The king's command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, ²³and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace.

²⁴Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?"

They replied, "Certainly, O king."

²⁵He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods."

²⁶Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!"

So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, ²⁷and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them.

²⁸Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. ²⁹Therefore I decree that the people of any nation or language who say anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego be cut into pieces and their houses be turned into piles of rubble, for no other god can save in this way."

³⁰Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What did the king order the people to do when they heard music?
5		2.) Why didn't Daniel's three friends bow down to the image of gold?
5		3.) What happened to Daniel's friends?
5		4.) Why do you think God protected Daniel's friends?

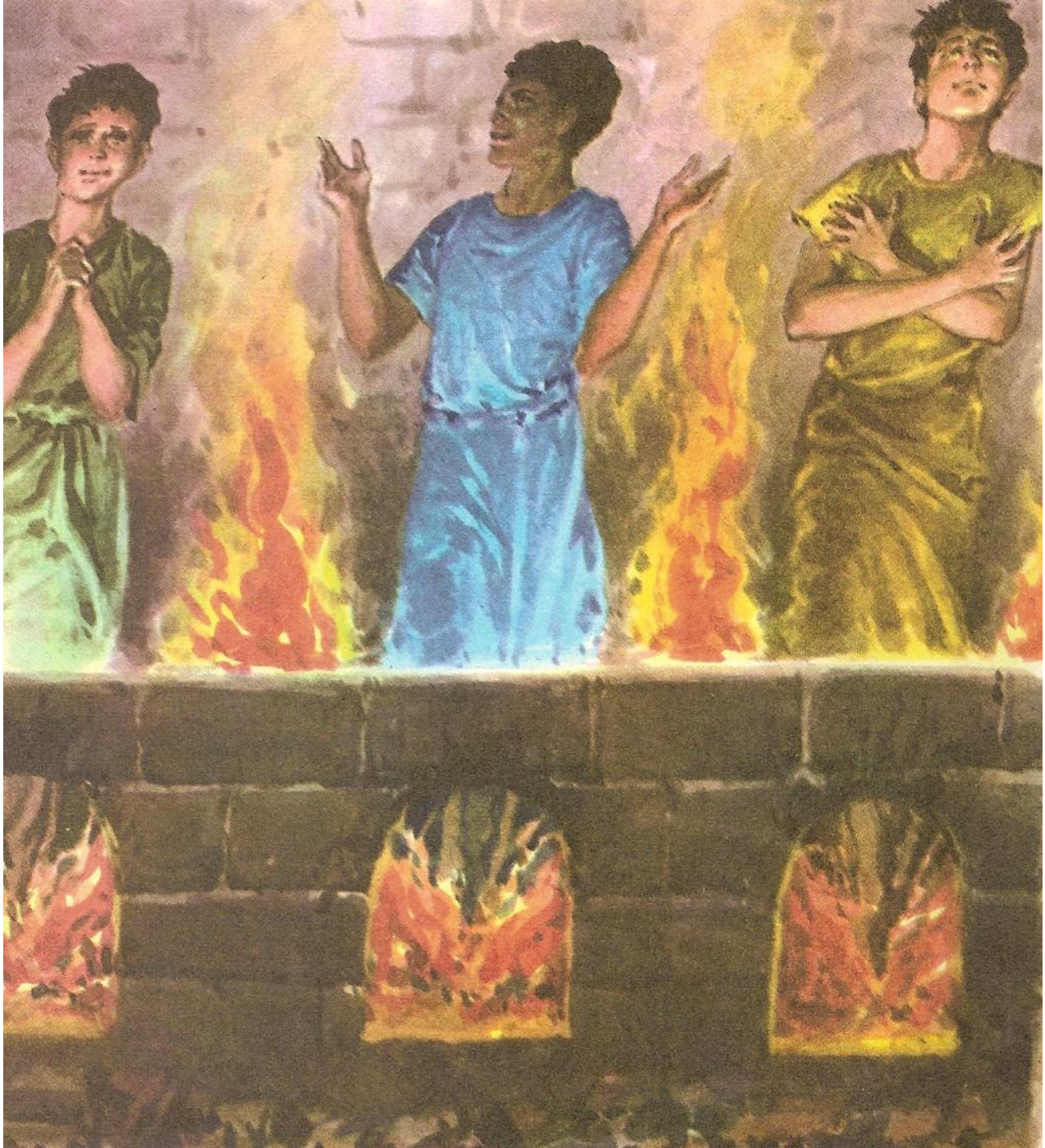
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“Deliver me from my enemies, O God; protect me from those who rise up against me.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Psalm 59:1</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	<p>LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ____/____/____</p>

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Daniel's friends are safe in the fiery furnace

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A SPECIAL REPORT ON DANIEL 3:1-30

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King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold that was 90 feet high and 9 feet wide. The king called together his officials and stood before the idol.

The people were told to fall down and worship the golden idol when they heard music play. If anyone did not

worship the idol, they would be thrown into a fiery furnace.

Some astrologers came to the king to tattle on Daniel's friends. Daniel's friends refused to worship the idol. The astrologers wanted Daniel's friends to be thrown into the fiery furnace.

The king asked to see Daniel's friends. The king was angry that they did not worship the idol. He threw Daniel's friends into the fiery furnace. The king ordered that the furnace be heated seven times hotter than usual. The fire was so hot that the flames killed the soldiers who took Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to the furnace!

The king was surprised when he saw four men in the furnace, not three. The king called for Daniel's three friends to come out of the furnace. When the three men came out, they were unharmed! An angel had kept the three men safe. Not even a hair their heads was burned!

Then King Nebuchadnezzar began to praise God. He ordered that no one say anything bad about God. Anyone who said anything bad about God was cut to pieces and their houses were destroyed.

Daniel's friends were given more important jobs than they had before.

To find out more, read Daniel 3:1-30 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

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MEMORY VERSE

"Deliver me from my enemies, O God; protect me from those who rise up against me." Psalm 59:1

BREAK THE CODE

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1 3 9 7

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1=O

2=P

3=N

4=I

5=W

6=R

7=Y

8=G

9=L

10=H

11=D

12=S

Ideas For Home:

Today your child learned how God protected Daniel's friends from the fiery furnace.

1. Have your child finish coloring this book.
2. Help your child learn the *Memory Verse*.
3. Practice the *Bible Story Rhyme*.
4. Read and discuss the bible story with your child.
5. Discuss how God is with us in good times and in bad.

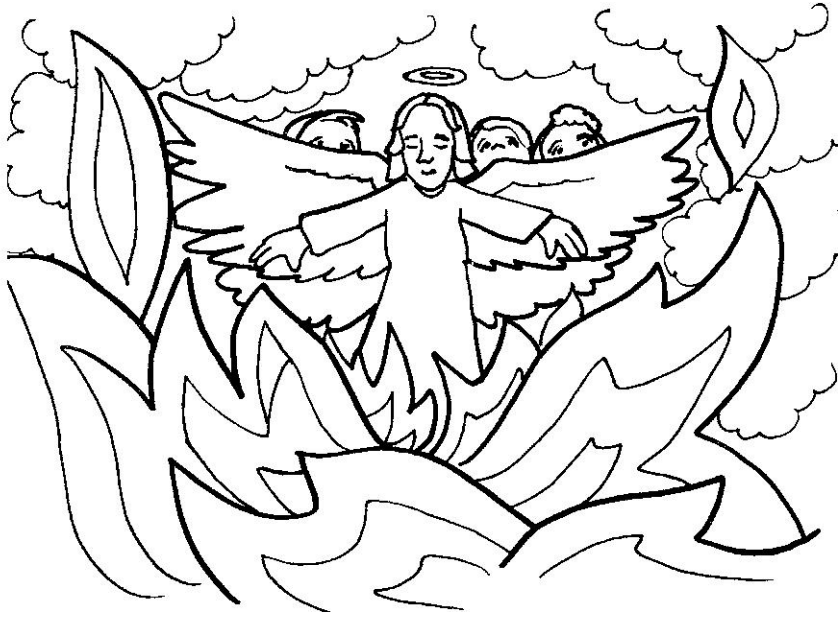
Bible Story Mini Book

God Protects Daniel's Friends



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The king saw an angel
protecting Daniel's
friends. The king let
Daniel's friends go.



Daniel's three friends
worshiped the one true
God.

Memory Verse

“...Oh God protect me...”
Psalm 59:1

Bible Story Rhyme

Godly Daniel had three friends,
(Hold up three fingers)

God protected all of them.
(Give yourself a hug)

In the fire his friends were thrown,
(Hold up both hands and wiggle fingers)

**But don't you worry; they weren't
alone!**
(Shake pointer finger from left to right)



**King Nebuchadnezzar built
a golden statue and
ordered everyone to
worship it.**

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PRESCHOOL BIBLE STORY RHYME



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