

Dear Parents,

This week in our Bible time we will explore the joys and challenges associated with living godly lives, doing what is right in spite of circumstances, and telling others about the Lord.

There is something you, as parents, can do to reinforce the week's lesson at home. During the week, try to really accentuate the choices you make so that your child can easily observe the process. Involve him/her in making some actual choices, encouraging your child to tell you why one choice might be more pleasing to the Lord than another. Remind the child that God is pleased when we help others make right choices.

Have a wonderful week teaching your child to do right in spite of consequences.

Three Brave Boys

King Nebuchadnezzar made a huge gold idol. It was 90 feet tall and 9 feet wide. The king told the people, "When you hear the music play, everyone must bow down to the idol. If you don't bow down, you will be thrown into a blazing furnace."

The people of Israel had been taken captive and some of them were now living in the land of Babylon. Among them were three young men who had become leaders in the land of Babylon. They were Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These three young men believed in and worshiped the true God, and they would not bow down to an idol. They said, "Our God will deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and even if He doesn't deliver us, O king, we will not serve your gods, nor will we worship the golden image which you have set up." What bravery!

The king had the furnace heated 7 times hotter than usual. He had the men tied up and thrown into the furnace. The fire was so hot, it killed the men who threw them in. When the king looked into the fire, he was amazed. The men were untied, walking around, and there was a fourth person in the fire with them? He said, "Didn't we throw three men in the fire? I see four men loose, walking around, and they are not hurt." The fourth person looked like a heavenly being. He called their names and ordered them to come out of the fire. When they came out, they were not hurt at all. Their hair had not been burned, and they didn't even smell like smoke.

The king made a law that everyone should honor the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego because no other God could deliver like he could.

This story of the Three Hebrew Boys can be found in the book of Daniel chapter 3.

Memory verse:

Then 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. "

Daniel 3:28

*You can listen to the story of The Three Hebrew Boys at:
<http://gardenofpraise.com/bibl19s.htm>*