



Unit 11, Lesson 43

TODAY'S EPIC STORY: THE THREE HEBREWS

DANIEL 3

THE STORY @ HOME

In today's Epic story, King Nebuchadnezzar built an image of gold that was 90 feet tall. He ordered everyone to bow down to it and worship it every time the horn, flute, and other instruments started playing. Otherwise, they would be thrown into a burning furnace. Everyone did—except Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego who refused. They said, “Our God is powerful enough to save us from the furnace, and even if God does not save us, we wouldn't worship you.” When King Nebuchadnezzar had them thrown into the furnace, they didn't burn up and they were joined by someone who looked like a “son of the gods.” The king called Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to come out of the furnace. Then, he said, “Praise be to your God. No other god can save in this way” and promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- What did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego do that no one else was doing? Why?
- Wonder together: how do you think these three guys felt when the king ordered everyone to worship the image of gold? How did they feel when the king found out they weren't worshipping the image?
- What do you think it was like inside the furnace?
- Would you be willing to do what Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego did, even if you weren't sure whether God would choose to save you or not?

TOGETHER @ HOME

King Nebuchadnezzar's idol was made of gold, but we're often guilty of making things more important than God in our lives. Any chance we get, we turn those things on, listen to them or play them, just like the Babylonian people did every time the music sounded. Is there something in your lives that could become an idol? Work together to make a plan to turn it off, put it away, or choose a different activity at least once this week.

BIBLE MEMORY @ HOME

“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.” (1 Corinthians 16:13)

Strike a pose. Write each phrase of this verse on a scrap of paper. Then, designate one person to choose one of the phrases and shout it out. Have everyone else “strike a pose” that they think best illustrates the phrase. The person who shouted out the phrase chooses the person with the best pose to call out the next phrase.

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