

Lesson Two: Do I Really 'Wanna' Be Guilty? (Preschool)

Lesson Theme

God is always there for me and helps me.

Bible Story - Daniel in the Lions' Den

Active Listening Activity

Before sharing the Bible story, teach the students four movements for them to do when they hear the matching words in the Bible story:

- 1) king – pretend to put on a crown
- 2) Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego – hold up 3 fingers
- 3) Furnace – fan your face (like it's hot)
- 4) God – point up

Daniel 3 (Paraphrase)

King Nebuchadnezzar made a huge statue in Babylon and sent for everyone to come to the dedication of the statue. Everyone who came to the dedication heard "You are commanded to fall down and worship the golden image every time you hear music. Anyone who doesn't fall down and worship the golden image will immediately be thrown into a fiery furnace!"

When the music played, the Chaldeans tattled on the Jews and told the king that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego weren't bowing and worshiping the statue like he commanded.

King Nebuchadnezzar was furious! He commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought before him. When they arrived he asked them, "Is it true that you do not serve my gods or worship the image I set up? When you hear the music, if you fall down and worship the statue, all will be forgiven, but if you do not worship the statue, I will immediately throw you into the fiery furnace! What god that can save you?"

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king and said, “We don’t have to explain ourselves to you. If this is your rule, our God can save us from the fiery furnace and from your anger O King. But if our God doesn’t save us, we will still not serve your gods or worship your statue!”

Then King Nebuchadnezzar was filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and he ordered the furnace to be heated to seven times hotter than normal. He ordered some of his strongest men (aka mighty men) to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the fiery furnace. Because the king’s order was so fast, the furnace overheated and as the mighty men were throwing Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego into the furnace, the mighty men died from the heat and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego fell into the fiery furnace.

The King was watching all of this and suddenly he jumped up and asked his counselors, “ Didn’t we throw three men into the fire?” They answered him “Yes, only three” and the King responded, “But I see four men walking around in the fire! They aren’t hurt or burned, and the fourth man looks like a son of the gods!”

Then Nebuchadnezzar went to the door of the fiery furnace and said, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, get out of there and come here!” So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out of the fire and all the governors, counselors, and rulers of the land saw that the fire didn’t harm them. The hairs on their heads were not singed, their cloaks were not burned, they didn’t even smell like smoke! Nebuchadnezzar saw this too and said, “Blessed be the god of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who saved his servants from the fiery furnace! They trusted in Him and chose the fiery furnace over worshiping any god but their own. Because of this, I make a decree that Any people, nation, or language that speaks anything against their God will be killed and their houses destroyed. There is no other god who is able to rescue the way that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego’s God does.” Then the king promoted them in Babylon.

Review Questions

What were the people commanded to do when they heard the music?
(Bow down to the golden statue)

What was the punishment for not bowing to the statue?
(They would be thrown into the fiery furnace.)

Did Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego bow when the music played?
(No!)

What happened when Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were thrown in?
(They were unharmed. Another man was seen with them. Etc...)

How many men were in the furnace? Who was the fourth man?
(4, Jesus or the Angel of the Lord)

Activities & Games

Musical Chairs Game (Introductory Activity)

What You Need:

- Chairs (1 less than the number of children)
- Music

How to Play:

- Explain that every time the music starts, the students must walk around the chairs in a circle.
- When the music stops, the students must sit down immediately.
- Remove one (or more) chair and continue as time allows.

Application:

- Ask the students if it was hard to stand up as soon as the music started and sit down as soon as it ended.
- Explain that music is a part of today's Bible story.

Craft Project: Fiery Furnace Hand Spinner

What You Need:

- Stiff paper (card stock), scissors, crayons/markers, glue sticks
- Wooden craft dowels or round chopsticks
- Print out a copy of Activity Sheet 2.3 for each child on card stock.

How to Make It:

- Have each child color and cut out both circles.

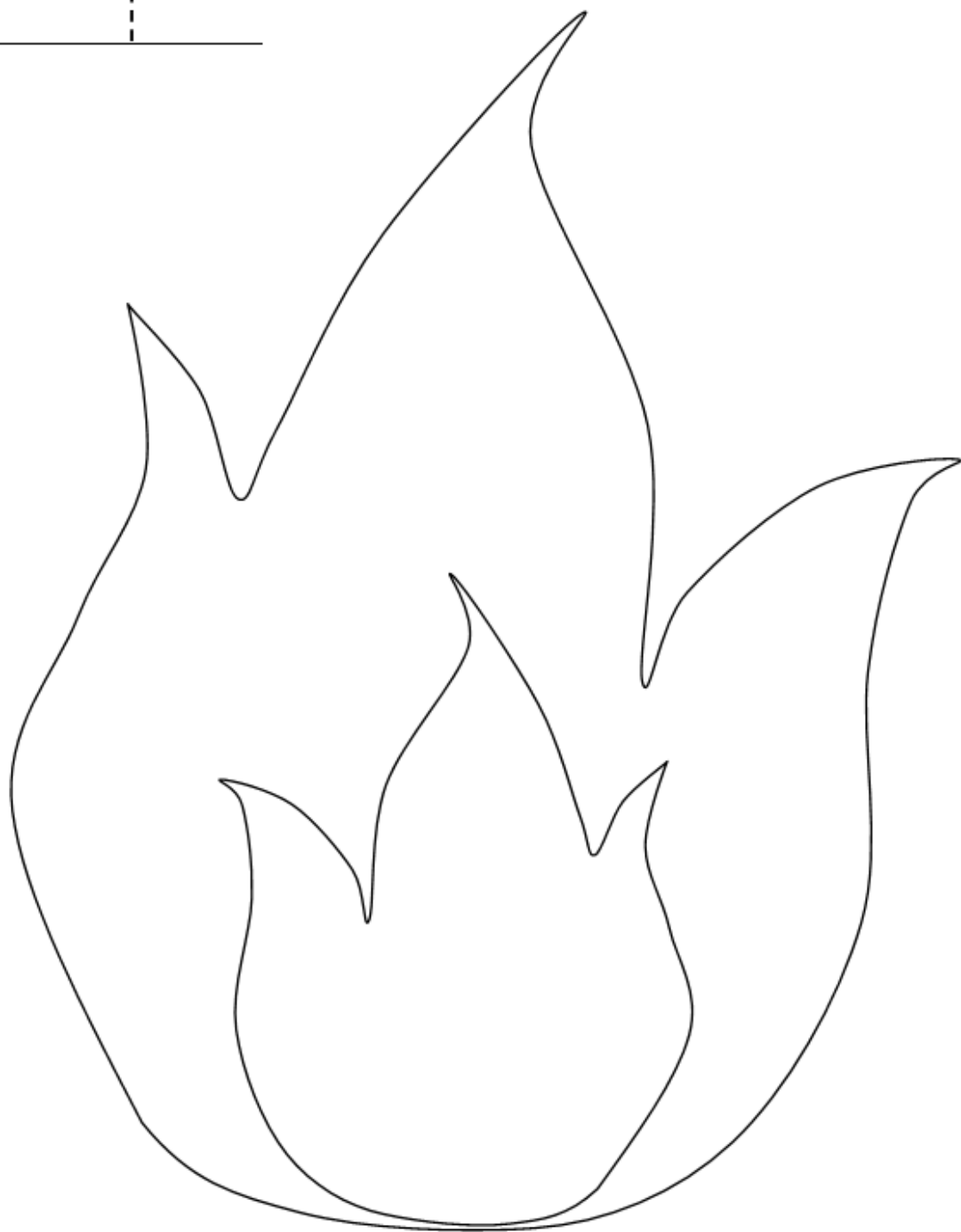
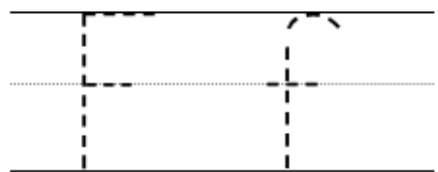
- Glue the wooden stick on the center bottom half of the back of one of the circles.
- Glue the other circle on top of the wooden stick. Make sure that the images are aligned with one another.

Application:

- Remind the students that God loves us and helps us, no matter where we are.

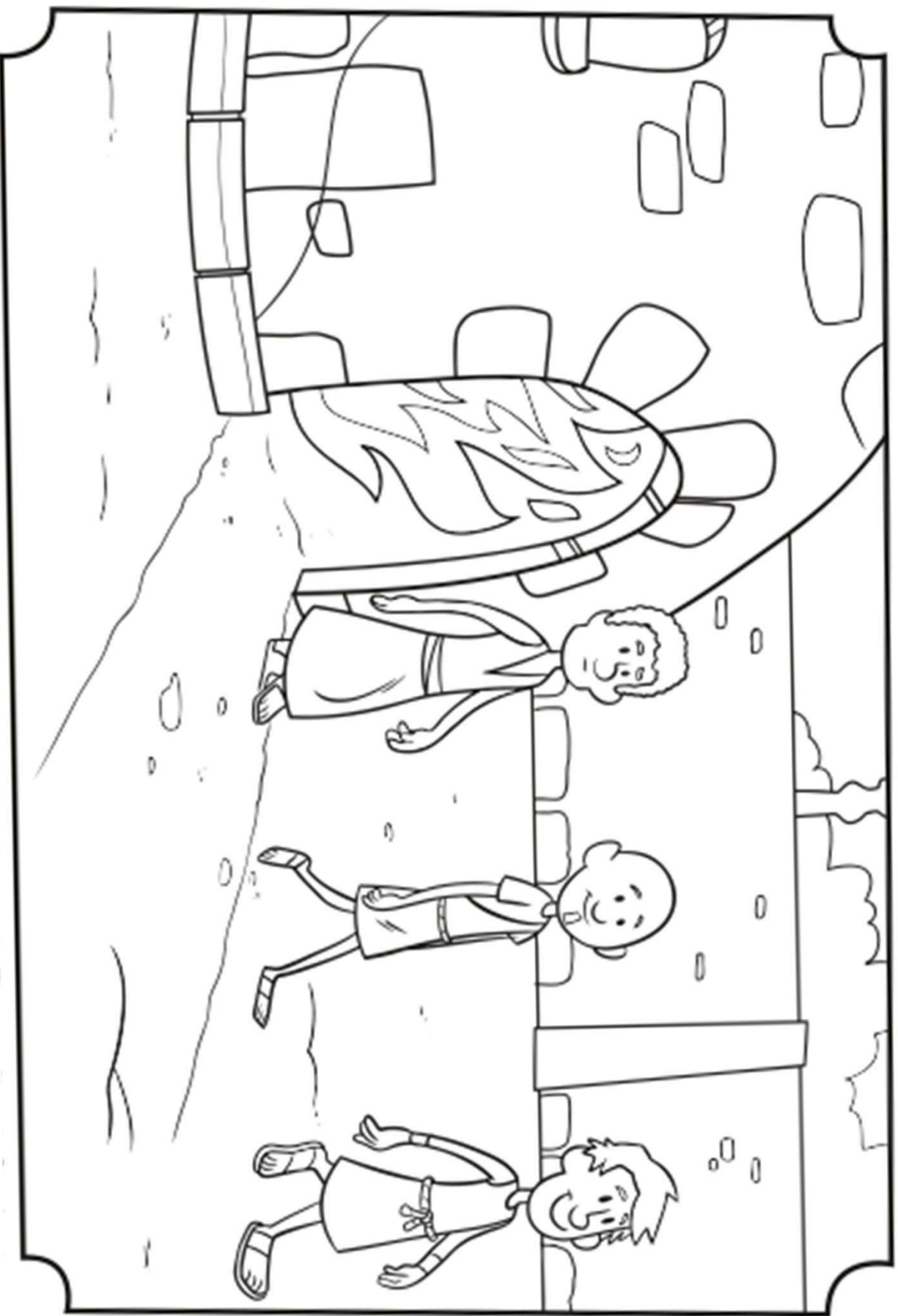
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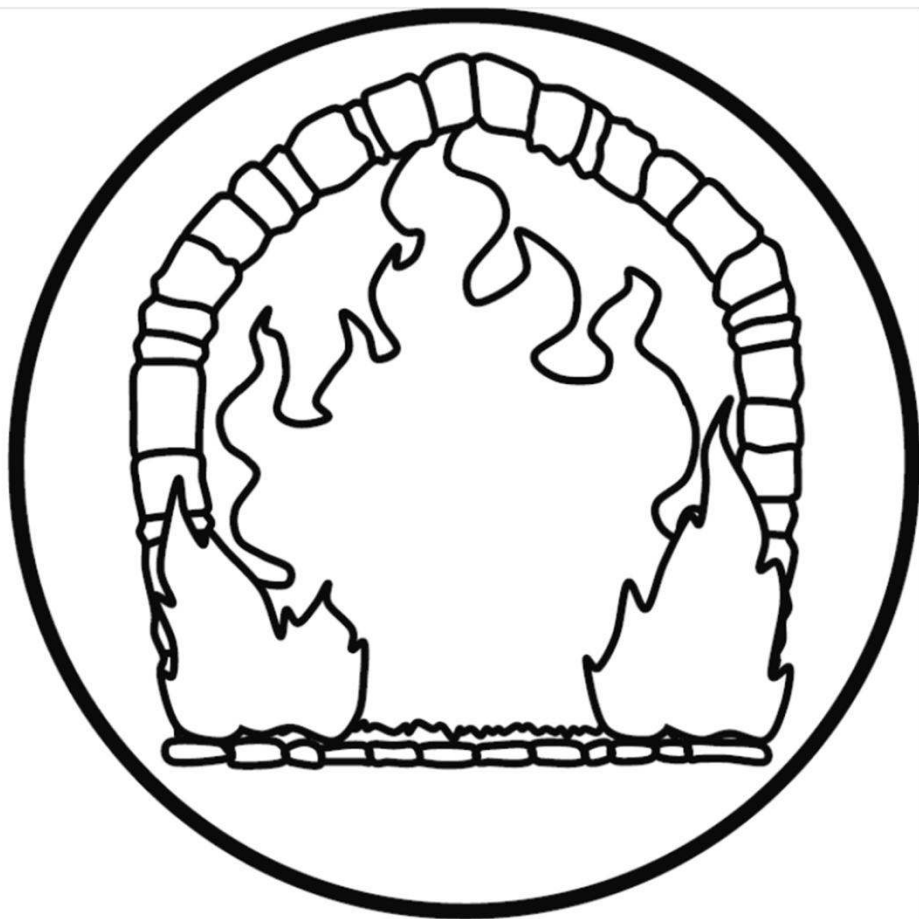
- 2.1 – “Fire Tracer” Coloring Page
- 2.2 – “Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego” Coloring Page
- 2.3 – Fiery Furnace Hand Spinner
- 2.4 – Easy Word Search
- 2.5 – Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego Maze



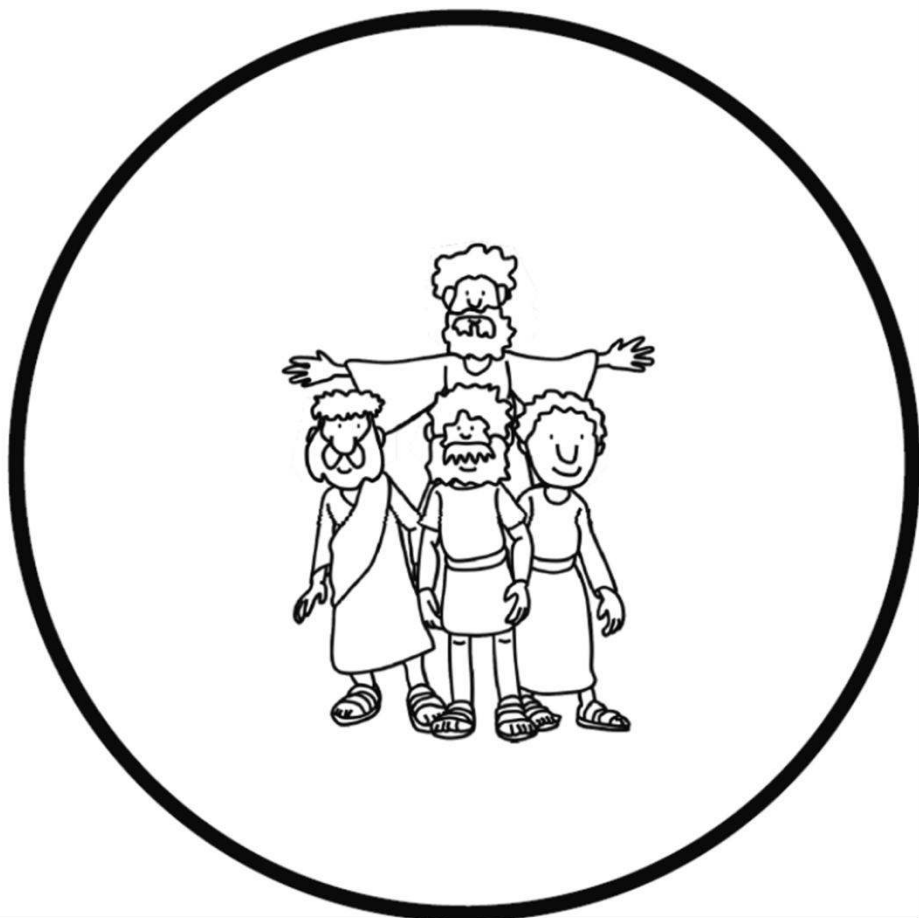
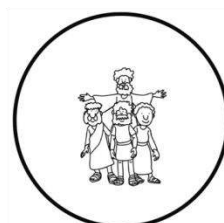
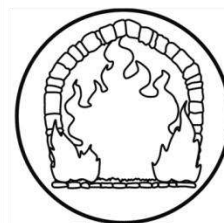
fire

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego





Fiery Furnace Hand Spinner



Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego Word Search

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C I S U M N J O
T J Y F O R T H
X T R U S T Y M

ANGEL
FORTH
HOT
MUSIC
TRUST



Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego Maze

Help King Nebuchadnezzar see the FOUR men in the fire and free them.

