

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego

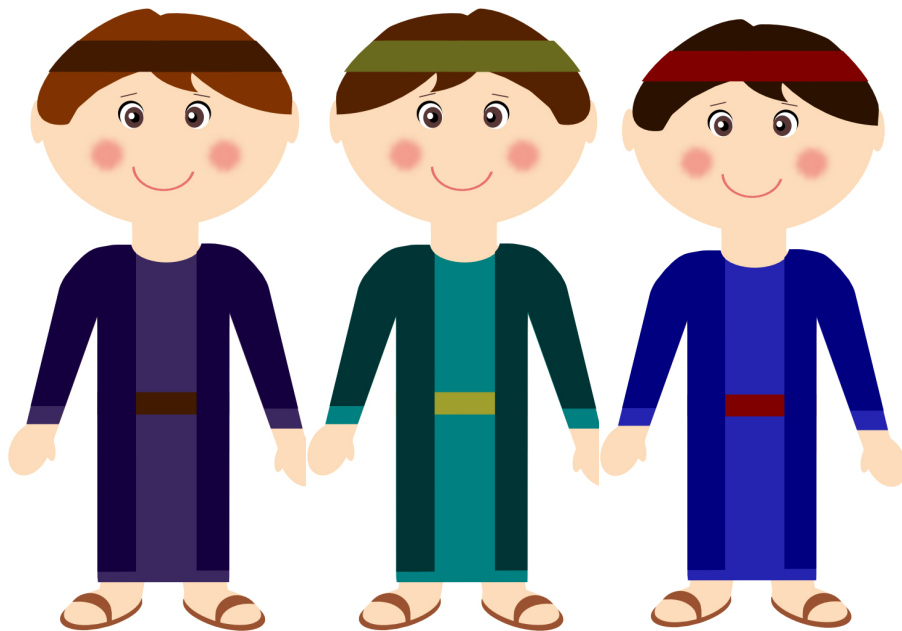
King Nebuchadnezzar made a huge gold statue ninety feet high and nine feet wide. Then he called all the people who worked for him together, and a servant said in a loud voice, "This is what you are all commanded to do: When you hear music, you must bow down and worship the gold statue that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. Anyone who doesn't bow down and worship will be thrown into a blazing furnace."

Now everybody was there. When they heard the music, they bowed down and worshiped the gold statue King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

Then some troublemakers came up and said to King Nebuchadnezzar, O king, there are some men that did not pay attention to your order. Their names are Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. They do not bow down and worship the gold statue.

Nebuchadnezzar became very angry and called for them. When they were brought to the king, Nebuchadnezzar said, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, is it true that you do not bow down and worship the gold statue? In a moment you will again hear the music. If you do not worship it, you will be thrown into the blazing furnace. What god will be able to save you then?"

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, saying, "Nebuchadnezzar, if you throw us into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from the fire. But even if God does not save us, O king, we will not bow down and worship the gold statue you have set up."

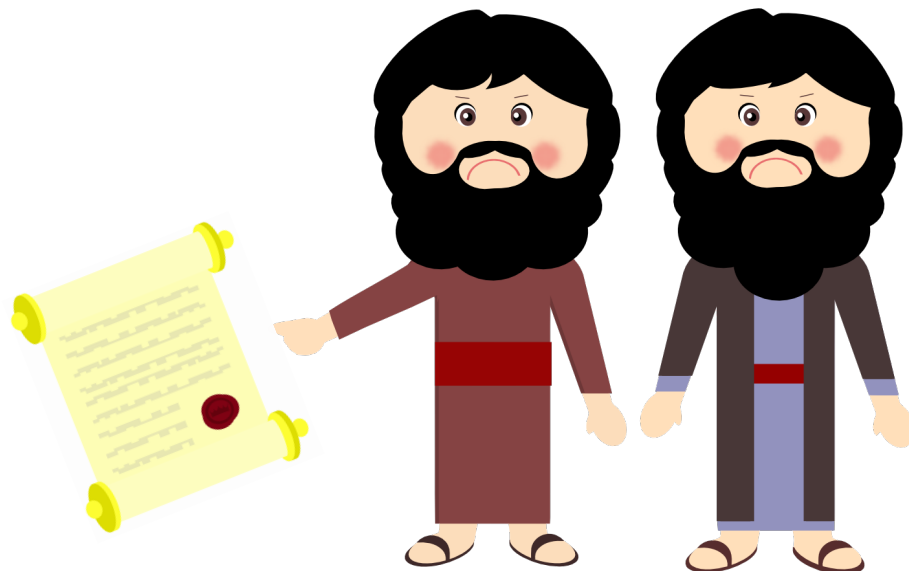


Then Nebuchadnezzar was very angry with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He ordered the furnace to be heated seven times hotter than usual. Then he commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and throw them into the fiery furnace.

So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were thrown into the fiery furnace. The furnace was made so hot that the flames killed the strong soldiers who threw them in. Then King Nebuchadnezzar looked into the furnace and was so surprised that he jumped to his feet. He asked the men who advised him, "Didn't we tie up only three men and throw them into the fire?" They answered, "Yes, O king." The king said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire. They are not tied up, and they are not burned. The fourth man looks like a son of the gods."

Then Nebuchadnezzar went to the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, come out! Servants of the Most High God, come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out of the fire, and everybody crowded around them and saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies. Their hair was not burned, their robes were not burned, and they didn't even smell like smoke!

Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Their God has sent his angel and saved his servants from the fire! These three men trusted their God and refused to obey my command. They were willing to die rather than worship any god other than their own. So anyone who says anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego will die. No other god can save his people like this." Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego .



Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego Puppet Skit

Years after Moses and David and Ruth,
God's people were captured, you know it's the truth.
The city of Babylon took some as slaves
That were handsome and strong, the best they did crave.

Three of the chosen were good Godly men
They prayed to the Lord again and again.
Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego by name
Wisdom and knowledge and goodness their fame.

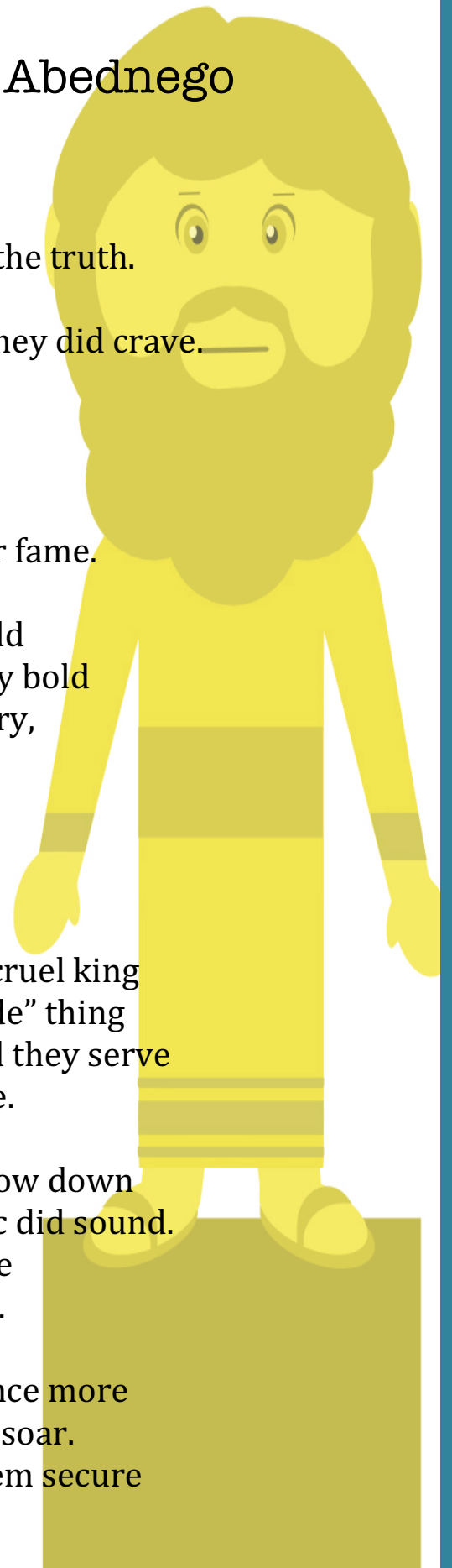
King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold
And summoned his people, a command very bold
"At the sound of the music" his herald did cry,
"all must bow down or soon they will die!"

"For failure to worship this idol so tall
Into a furnace of fire they will fall!"

Now the three Godly men who served this cruel king
Knew they wouldn't bow down to any "made" thing
They worshipped God only, only him would they serve
On this resolution they never would swerve.

So their foes ran and told that they didn't bow down
They stood straight and tall when the music did sound.
King Nebuchadnezzar was furious with rage
What he would do wasn't too tough to gage.

He gave them a chance to bow down just once more
If they wouldn't bow then, his anger would soar.
But the three said their God would keep them secure



From the flames of the furnace; they were ever so sure.

But if he did not keep them safe from the flame
They still wouldn't bow, pleasing God was their aim.

So the king made the furnace the hottest degree
It was 7 times hotter than it needed to be.
He ordered the three tied and thrown in the blaze.
He looked through the fames in an angry red haze.

But to his surprise the three were now four!
The fourth like an angel he saw through the door!
And none were tied up, they were all fit and well.
The fire did not burn them **at all** he could tell.

"Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego," he cried,
"Come out of the flames, praise your God up on High!
He saved you three men from the blazing hot fire,
That men worship your God is now my desire!"

So the trio of faith changed the mind of a king
They trusted in God, which is always the thing
That brings us a peace that God wants for our hearts
And shines His good light on a world in the dark.



The Song of Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego (tune- "The Battle Belongs to the Lord")

There once were three men that refused to bow down
To anything other than God
To the idol of gold they refused to bow down
Nor to anything other than God

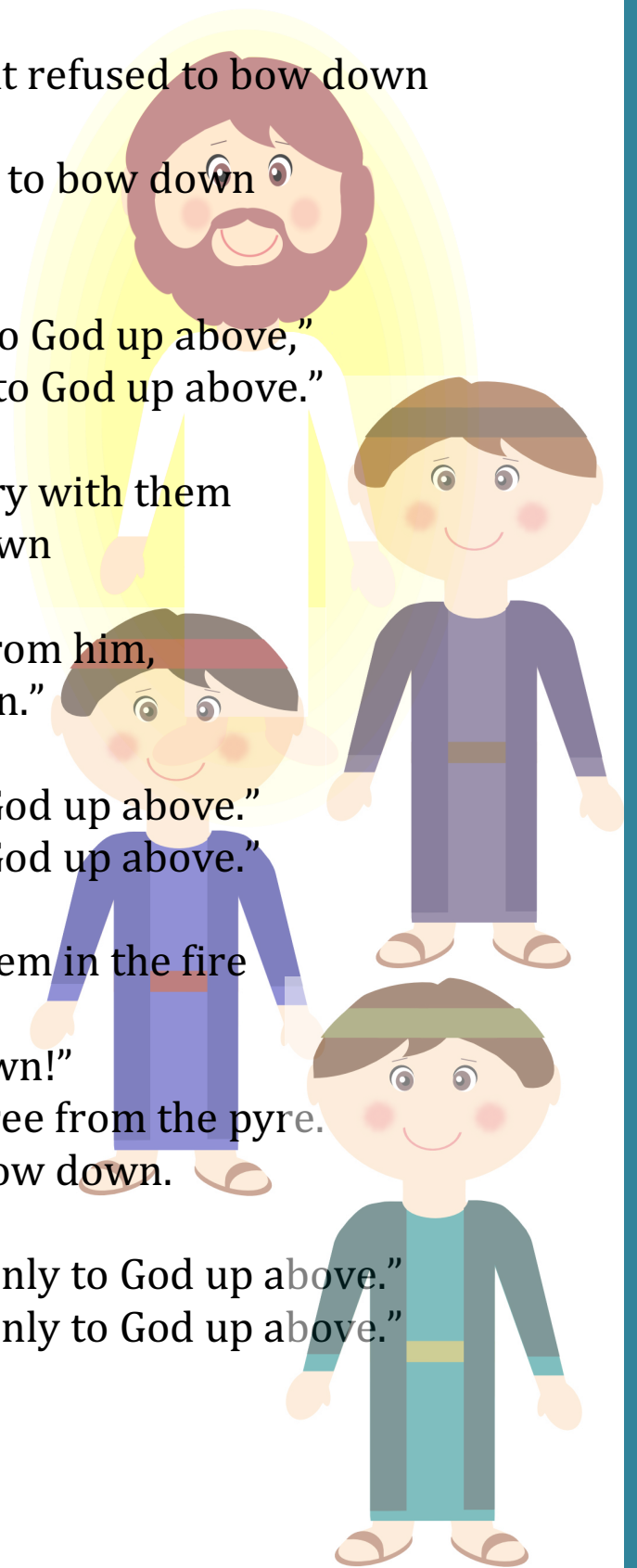
They said, "Glory, Honor, only to God up above,"
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King Nebuchadnezzar was angry with them
They simply refused to bow down
(whisper, "They said")
"Even if God does not save us from him,
We simply refused to bow down."

We say, "Glory, honor, only to God up above."
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King Nebuchadnezzar threw them in the fire
(whisper, "He said")
"They simply refuse to bow down!"
But God up above saved the three from the pyre.
Cause they simply refused to bow down.

The king cried, "Glory, Honor, only to God up above."
The king cried, "Glory, Honor, only to God up above."



Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego Memory Verse



“Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego said,
‘Oh king, if you throw us into the blazing
furnace, our God is able to save us. But even
if God does not save us,
we will not serve your idol.’”

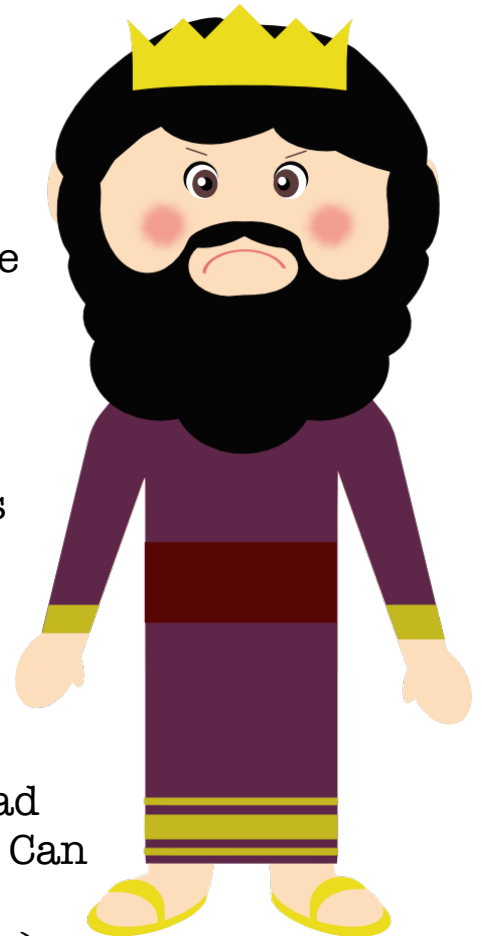
Daniel 3:16-18

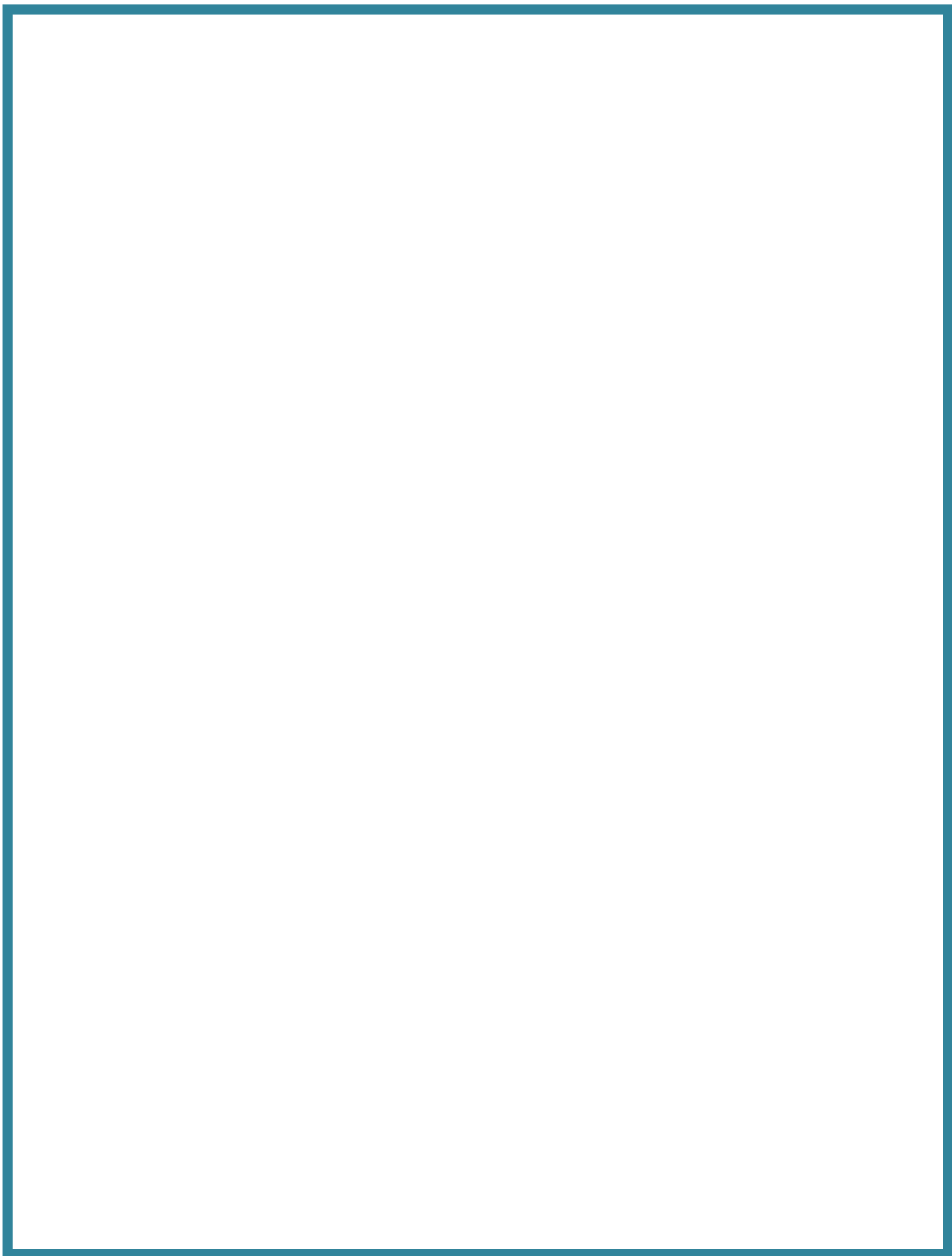
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Application Questions

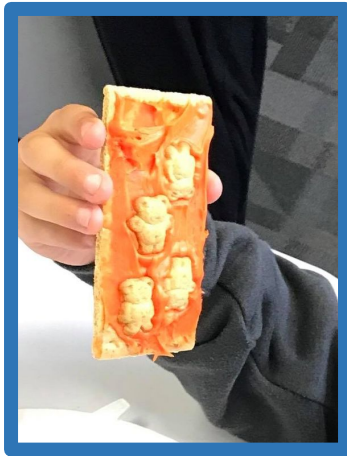
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were so brave! They trusted in God to save them from the fiery furnace!

1. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego got in trouble because they wouldn't bow down to the king's golden idol. Why wouldn't they? (they would only worship God)
2. When the king found out, he called for them to give them one more chance to bow down to the idol, but they refused. What did they say? (God would take care of them, God could stop them from getting hurt, but even if he didn't, they still wouldn't bow down to the idol)
3. How did this make the king feel? (angry, mad)
4. When they were thrown into the furnace, a fourth man appeared in the flames. Who was it? (an angel from God)
5. When they came out of the furnace, what was surprising? (they didn't even smell like smoke, their clothes were fine)
6. Did the king feel differently about God after this? (yes, he believed in God after this)
7. Do you think it helped Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego that they had each other in this scary time? (yes) Can good friends help us today in scary times? (yes) How? (various answers)



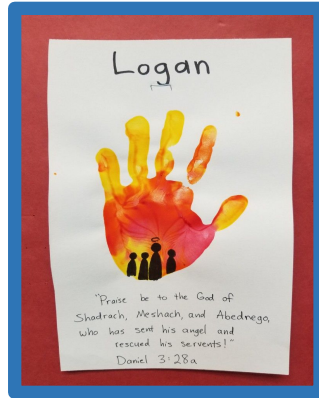


Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego Crafts



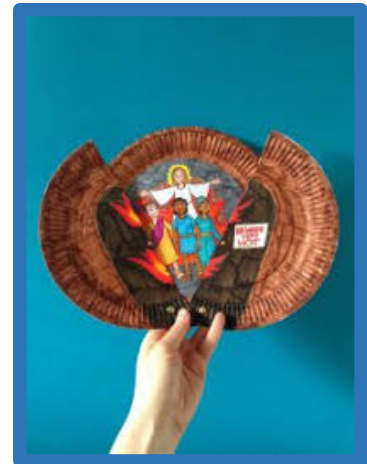
A yummy food craft idea! This is made with orange frosting, but you could do it with peanut butter as well!

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/7599893106777125/>



Another great handprint craft! Make the flames of the furnace with your handprint dipped in yellow, orange or red paint!

<https://i.pinimg.com/1200x/e9/04/32/e90432ca007ff6b07cd140d2a97de33.jpg>



Make a paper plate fiery furnace! Love this!

<https://ministryark.com/lesson/stand-strong-sunday-school-lesson-daniel-3/>



Fun craft that shows who appears to save these great men of faith!

<http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2013/08/shadrach-meshach-and-abednego-in-fiery.html>



Awesome & easy "fiery furnace" made with just a half paper plate! Older kids can copy the memory verse!

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/572097958897402011/>



A great paper bag "fiery furnace" LOVE!

https://www.123homeschool4me.com/fiery-furnace-bible-craft-for-kids_18

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Nebuchadnezzar had them thrown into a fiery furnace, but they did not burn.