



# Unit Theme: Faith Over Fear

## THE FIERY FURNACE

SEPTEMBER 27TH

### WORSHIP

Join the Elementary in the Clubhouse for a time of Worship!

**Song # 1:** Undeclared

**Song #2:** Faithful

**Song #3:** See a Victory

**Song # 1:** Raise A Hallelujah

**Song #2:** Nobody Like You

**Song #3:** Way Maker

### AGREEMENTS

Make a verbal agreement together to follow the following guidelines:

#1 - I can LISTEN

#2 - I can LEARN

#3 I can STAY SAFE

#4 I can SHOW RESPECT

#5 I can PARTICIPATE

### DECLARATIONS

Take time to declare out loud the following Biblical Truths together as a class:

#1 - Nothing is Impossible with God!

#2 - We Walk by Faith and not by Sight!

#3 - Faith Helps us Overcome Fear!

#4 - By Grace, I am saved through Faith!

### MISSIONS FOCUS

**-Location:** Colombia ((Find Location on globe)

**-LifePointe Missionaries:** The Castillo Family  
(Show photo of Missionary)

**-Offering:** (Explain why we give to God our tithes & Missions Offerings)

**-Pray:** (Ask a child to help you pray over the nation, missionaries, and bless the offering!)



### BIBLE VERSE

Today's Verse:

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." - *Joshua 1:9*

Show your kids how to find the verse together in the bible. Demonstrate as you search for the Book, Chapter, then Verse. Then, pick a portion of the verse to memorize. Say that part of the verse together and make up motions to go with each key word!

### TRUTH

Today's Truth: *Faith Helps us Overcome Fear!*

*(Say it to the kids & have them repeat after you. Come up with original motions or use ASL*

*& Repeat this Truth all morning long!)*

## BIBLE STORY

**Today's Bible Story: The Fiery Furnace** (Utilize Bible Story Pictures as you Read)

This is a story about a King and three brave men, all with really strange names. The king's name is Nebuchadnezzar and the three men were known as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. They lived in a place called Babylon and the three men worked for the king and had important jobs. One day the king decided to build a huge image made of gold that stood 90 feet high. King Nebuchadnezzar then made an announcement. "People of all languages, when you hear the music, you must bow down and worship the statue because I have said so. Whoever does not obey and worship the statue will immediately be thrown into a fiery furnace." The problem with this is God does not want us to worship anything or anyone other than Him because he is the ONE TRUE GOD. So the next time the music played everyone stopped what they were doing and they bowed down to worship this idol. Everyone that is, except for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Some of the king's workers (that were jealous that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego had such good jobs) saw that they would not bow down to the golden statue, so they immediately ran to tell the king.

When king Nebuchadnezzar heard the news he was very angry. He immediately ordered that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought to him to explain their actions. The men were brought before the king and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you will not bow down and worship the image of gold that I have made? Just in case there was a mistake I will give you another chance. When the music plays again you will be ready and bow down to the image, and if you don't this time you will be thrown into a fiery furnace. Then what god will be able to save you?" Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego looked at each other and replied to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we did not make a mistake nor will we apologize for not bowing down. If we are thrown into the furnace, the God we worship will save us, and he will rescue us. But even if he doesn't, we want you to know, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up." That made Nebuchadnezzar even more mad. Right away he ordered the furnace to be heated way hotter than it usually was and commanded some of the strongest soldiers to take Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to throw them in the fire.

The soldiers took the three men just as they were straight to the furnace. As the soldiers were pushing the men into the furnace the flames of the fire killed the soldiers, because the fire was so hot and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego fell into the hot, hot furnace. Then king Nebuchadnezzar jumped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisors, "Weren't there only three men thrown into the fire?" They replied, "O, yes king." He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, untied and unhurt, and the fourth looks like some kind of angel!" Nebuchadnezzar then came as close as he could to the furnace and shouted in the doorway, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, follower of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So the three men walked out of the furnace without any burns, no hairs on their head burned, all their clothes perfectly fine, and no smell of fire on them at all. At that moment Nebuchadnezzar knew that they worshipped a real God not some fake statue. God had sent a protector to keep them from harm. They were willing to die rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. So from that day on the king made an announcement that all the people, people of all languages could not say anything bad about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's God. The king then gave the three men even better jobs than they already had.

Just like we learned in today's memory verse and Truth, Faith helps us overcome fear! When we know who God is and His love for each one of us, we can put our trust and faith in him, no matter what the risk might be! God is worthy of our Worship!

## DISCUSSION TIME

Allow the kids time to ask Discussion questions and reiterate Today's Truth from the Bible Lesson!

## REAL LIFE APPLICATION

Share a personal story or testimony of a time when you had to put your Faith in God when you felt scared! Explain how you God helped you overcome fears or doubts.

## PRAYER & MINISTRY TIME

- Prayer for healings (Practice using their authority in Christ to proclaim healing in Jesus' name!)
- Prayers of Encouragement (Practicing sharing God's loving thoughts to one another!)
- Prayer Requests (Give everyone opportunities to share)
- Pray together (Encourage a child to help you pray aloud)

## TESTIMONIES / PRAISE REPORTS

Allow the kids time to testify to what God has done! Once they have shared what God did for them, have the rest of the family say together, "DO IT AGAIN GOD, DO IT AGAIN!" Then, ask that child to tell you who God revealed himself to be in that testimony. Give them suggestions, (ie. God is my Provider, Protector, Healer, etc.) Then, ask the rest of the family if they want to experience God in that way too! Then, have that child release that testimony over the rest of the family and pray you all could experience God as our (Provider, Protector, Healer, etc.) as well!

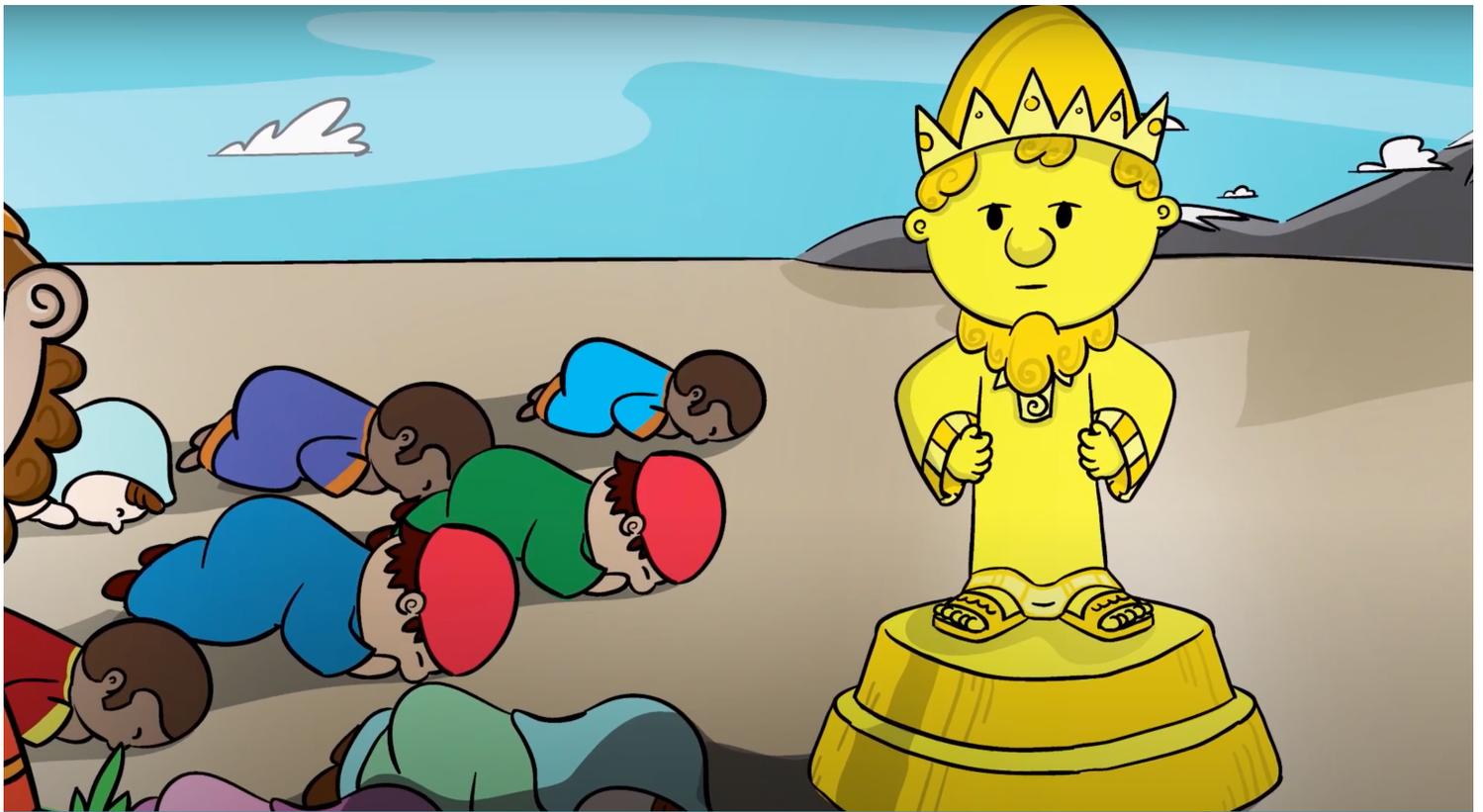
## ACTIVITY OPTIONS

**Option #1:** LISTENING TO GOD ACTIVITY PAGE and/or COLORING PAGE!

**Option #2:** BIBLE STORY VIDEO! Watch together and discuss! -<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=duyQTMKA4Wk>

**Option #3:** FELT BOARD BIBLE STORY! Read the Bible Story & Use the felt board to show visuals!

**Option #4:** ACT IT OUT! Assign each person a role from today's story and act it out together. Get creative with props!







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## Today's Truth: Faith Helps us Overcome Fear

Bible Story Highlight: The Fiery Furnace

### Discussion Questions!

- Where did this story take place? (Babylon)
- Who was the King? (Nebuchadnezzar)
- How did Nebuchadnezzar treat the Jewish people? (Poorly, they were slaves in Babylon)
- What did King Nebuchadnezzar have built? (A Golden Statue of Himself)
- What was everyone supposed to do when the music played? (Bow down to the Golden Idol of the King)
- Which three Jewish men refused to bow down to the idol? (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego)
- Why didn't they bow down? (Because they ONLY worship the One true God!)
- What did the King say would happen to them if they refused to bow down? (They would be thrown into the fiery furnace)
- Did the men give in to fear and bow down? (No, they put their Faith in God)
- What happened when they were thrown into the fiery furnace? (They were not burned and a ministering Spirit appeared with them in the fire!)
- How did the King respond? (He let them out and made a decree that no one could say anything bad about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's God)

Take time to pray together and thank God for the gift of Faith and ask God to help us grow and increase our faith in Him! Take time to talk about what it means to stay true to your convictions or beliefs? Ask how they might get opportunities to do that at school or with friends. Then, pray that God would give them faith to overcome fear!

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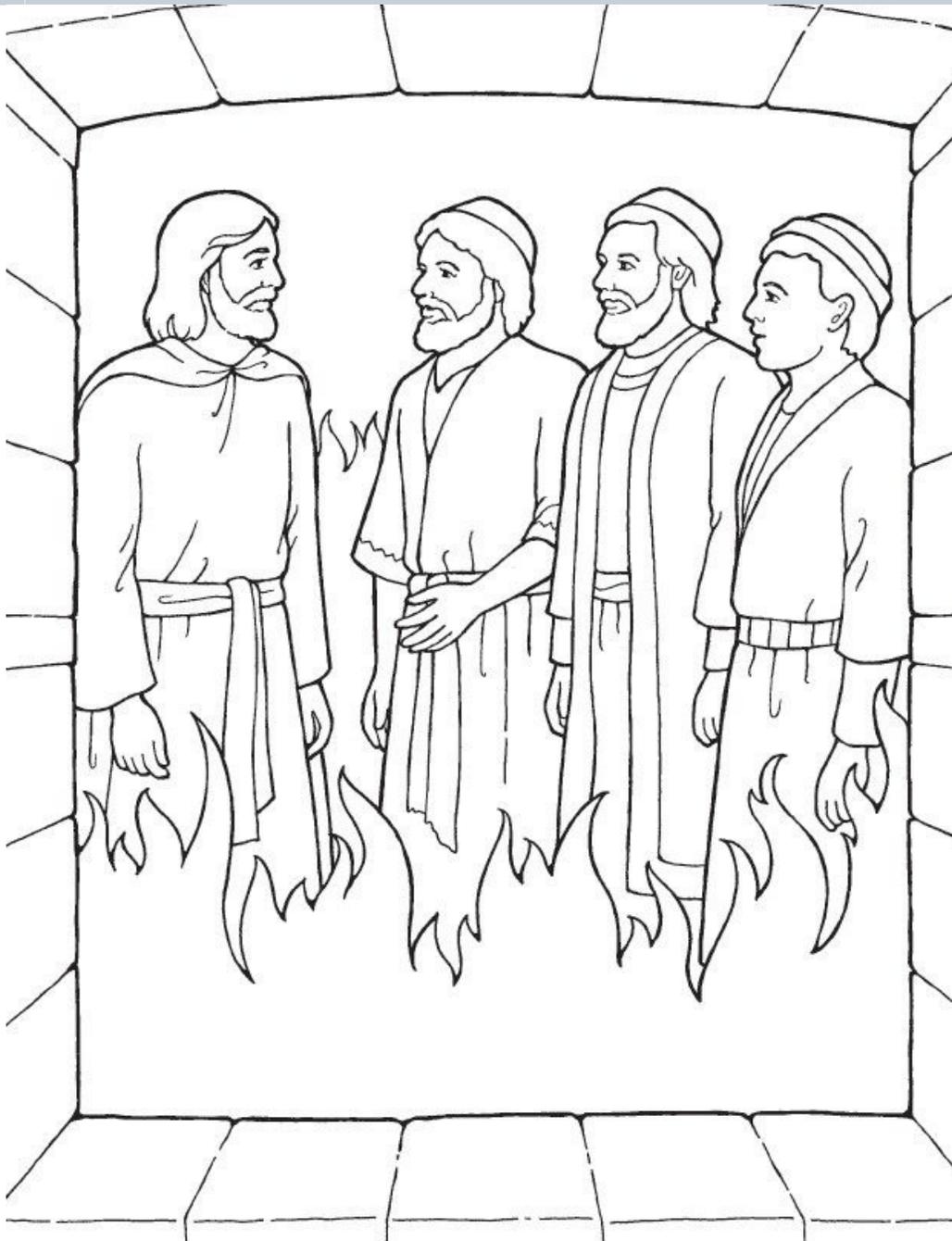
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**Follow Up:** Just like we learned in today's memory verse and Truth, Faith helps us overcome fear! When we know who God is and His love for each one of us, we can put our trust and faith in him, no matter what the risk might be! God is worthy of our Worship!

**Close your eyes, ask God & Listen:** #1 - God, when have I let fear of others keep me from doing what I know in my heart is right?  
#2 - God, how can I overcome my fears and grow my faith in you this week?

Ask this child, "What did God show/tell you!" Then, write down their response below.



### Step 1:

Use crayons to color in the men standing in the fiery furnace!

### Step 2:

Then, use red, orange, and yellow water colors to paint over top the image!

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