

Activities for Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego: Daniel 3 (24th January)

The adults are looking at the same story as the children today. It happened during the exile, when Babylon conquered Jerusalem. Many of God's people, such as Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, and Daniel were captured and taken to Babylon, where Nebuchadnezzar was king. Despite the difficulties, they kept their faith.

Musical game

Gather any musical instruments you have. If you don't have one, make a shaker by putting some rice or pasta in a tub, fixing on a lid with sticky tape, and shaking it. To play the game, ask everyone in your household to stand still until you shake the shaker or play the instrument. Then they must fall to the ground as quickly as possible. The first person down wins. Play again, but this time, the person who stays stillest wins. This is like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the story. They refused to bow down and worship the king's statue when the music played.

Fiery furnace picture

The men were thrown into a fire for not worshipping the statue. Cut out tissue paper flames or paint or draw a picture of a fire. Draw and cut out three men and put them in the fire. Then draw and cut out another figure and add him to the fire. Nebuchadnezzar saw a fourth man in the fire. Who do you think it was?

Worship God (as it's safe to do so!)

In some countries, it is still very dangerous to worship God and Christians are sometimes put in prison or killed just for owning a Bible. Open Doors is a charity that helps persecuted Christians. There are more resources on the website here: [Serving Persecuted Christians Worldwide - Families - Open Doors UK & Ireland](#). Worship God by singing a worship song or writing a prayer - because you can!

God changes people

At the start of the story, King Nebuchadnezzar was angry with people for not worshipping his statue and wanted to kill them. At the end of the story, he changed because he saw the faith of the men and he started to worship God too. Make a twizzler. Cut out two circles of paper. On one draw an angry face and on the other a happy face. Stick them together on either side of a stick or straw. Twist the twizzler in your hands to show the two faces of the king.

God can keep us safe

Sometimes we may have to do difficult things, or we feel scared about something. Make your hands into fists as you think about these things. Ask God to keep you safe and then open up your hands as a sign of trusting God to help you.