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Series: God Is Powerful
Fall Year 1, Lesson 21

Three Men & the Fiery Furnace

Take Home Point: *GOD IS POWERFUL—*Trust God's power...Cool!*

*Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson. The leader will say the first part of the phrase (CAPS). The children respond with the second part of the phrase (*italics*).

Bible Event: Daniel 3

We will help children know:

- The Bible event of the three men and the fiery furnace.
- Just as God was with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the furnace, he is with us, too.
- We can trust God's power to take care of us.

We will help the children feel:




- Confident in God's power.
- Trust God to take care of them.
- Desire to follow God.

We will help the children do:

- Interact with puppet presentation to introduce the Bible Event.
- Participate in the Bible event.
- Craft: make a cool fan.
- Snack: eat pretend firesticks.
- Game: play "Cool or Hot?"
- Teach Albie the Take Home Point: *GOD IS POWERFUL...*Trust God's power...Cool!*
- Sing and Pray.

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THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

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Large Group Opening 	3 4	Puppet Presentation Bible Event	<i>Puppet Presentation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bubba puppet • Bible <i>Bible Event:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two blow dryers decorated by taping orange, red, and yellow streamers near the mouths of the dryers • child-sized robe • Bible Big Book: Daniel and His Friends. (Option: read from a children's Bible)
Small Group Application 	5 6 7 8	Activity 1: Craft Activity 2: Snack Activity 3: Game Prayer Time	<i>Activity 1: Craft</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix A, 1 per child • red, yellow and orange crayons or markers • stapler <i>Activity 2: Snack</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • napkins, cups, water or juice • 6-8 stick pretzels per child • pieces of wax paper, about 4 inches square, 1 per child • orange frosting • spoon for teacher <i>Activity 3: Game</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none
Large Group Wrap-up 	9 9	Singing (Optional) Lesson Review with Puppet Skit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • your choice of music • Albie puppet • Example of craft • Example of snack

Pre-Session Singing (10 minutes)

Purpose: *When all children are in one group singing, it is easy for children arriving later to join the group and immediately get involved.*

Large Group Opening (15 minutes)



Purpose: *The puppet demonstrates today's lesson. The children are introduced to the take home point and experience the Bible event.*

Puppet Presentation

Supplies: Bubba puppet wearing sunglasses; Presenter holds a Bible

Presenter: Boys and girls, let's call Bubba. (Children call "Bubba".)

Bubba: (Bubba talks as if he is very hot and tired.) Hi everyone.

Presenter: Bubba, what's wrong?

Bubba: I'm soooooooo hot! I don't think I could be any hotter.

Presenter: It's not that hot outside. Why are you so hot?

Bubba: It's our furnace. Something is wrong with it and it won't shut off. Our house keeps getting hotter and hotter.

Presenter: Sounds like you need someone to cool your furnace.

Bubba: My mom called a repairman, but he can't come until tomorrow. I don't know if I can live through this horrible heat!

Presenter: Wow, Bubba. You sound like you are talking about our Bible event today.

Bubba: Someone in the Bible has furnace problems?

Presenter: That's right Bubba. Three men named Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were thrown into a fiery furnace. But they trusted in God's power and God protected them from the fire.

Bubba: Cool.

Presenter: Would you like to learn more about that Bible event?

Bubba: Yes.

Presenter: First, let's practice the take home point. I'll say the first part and you say the second part.

Bubba: O.K.

Presenter: *GOD IS POWERFUL...now you say, Trust God's power...Cool!

Bubba: Trust God's power...Cool!

Presenter: Do you think you can teach the boys and girls?

Bubba: Sure.

Presenter: Ok everybody, *GOD IS POWERFUL...

Bubba: (and everyone): Trust God's power...Cool!

Presenter: Wonderful. Say "goodbye" Bubba.

Bubba: Bye everyone!

Bible Event:

Supplies: child-sized robe; two "fire dryers" (Blow dryers decorated by taping orange, red, and yellow streamers near the mouths of the dryers.); Bible Big Book: Daniel and His Friends (option: Children's Bible).

Presenter holds the Bible

Boys and girls, today we are going to hear the Bible event of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. They lived in Babylon and worked for King Nebuchadnezzar. They refused to bow down and pray to false gods so King Nebuchadnezzar had them thrown in a hot, hot, hot, fiery furnace. Turn on the fire blow fryers at full power and aim them at the children. They will be hot, but not hot enough to hurt the children. These 'fire dryers' will remind you that it was very hot in the furnace. Let's find out what happened.

Read the Bible event from the back of the *Bible Big Book: Daniel and His Friends*. (Option: read from a children's Bible)

Have one person come forward to be the fourth person in the fire and dress in the robe. When the three boys are thrown into the fire, pick three boys to come forward. Have two adults blow the fire dryers on them. When the fourth person enters the fire, have the child with the robe join them. Be sure to use a lot of voice inflection and enthusiasm.

Wow, that was an exciting Bible event. Let's practice the take home point together. I will say the first part and you repeat the last part. ***GOD IS POWERFUL...Trust God's power...Cool!**

Let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

Dear God,
We love you.
You are powerful.
We trust your power.
Thank you, thank you, thank you.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Song:

Let's sing our song of the week. (To the tune of *Row, Row, Row Your Boat*)
Capitalized letters indicate emphasis on that syllable when the rhyme is sung.

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TRUST God's POW-er, COOL!
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Small Group Application (30 minutes)



Purpose: Children will break into small groups. Smaller groups enable children to develop closer relationships with adults and peers in the church. In your small groups you will reinforce the take home point with a fun hands-on activity and discuss the Bible event. Review questions help kids apply the take home point to their daily lives.

Activity 1: Craft: Cool Fan

Supplies: Copies of Appendix A, one per child; red, yellow and orange crayons or markers

Today we are making a cool fan. Color both sides, then I will fold them to make a fan. Fold craft in and alternating pattern and then staple in the middle at the bottom, with words facing out. **These fans will remind us of our Bible event today.**



Review the Bible Event.

Why were Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego thrown into the fiery furnace?
(They would not worship a false god.)

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Activity 2: Snack: Fire Sticks

Supplies: stick pretzels, 6-10 per child; orange frosting; wax paper squares; napkins, cups, water or juice; spoon for teacher .

***CAUTION: Be aware of food allergies children may have, before you give them anything to eat.
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Before we eat our snack, let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

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Boys and girls, today we are going to make and eat pretend fire sticks. Put a spoonful of frosting on a square of wax paper and pass out 6-8 pretzels and frosting to each child. Dip the end of the pretzel in the frosting and it looks like a match. Matches are used to start fires. You may eat your firesticks.

Review the Bible event.

How did God show he was powerful? *(God kept them cool and safe in the furnace.)*

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Activity 3: Game: Cool or Hot?

Supplies: none

Today we are going to play a game called "Cool or Hot?" I am going to ask you the question cool or hot and tell you an item. If it is cool, say "COOL!" and shiver by shaking all over. If it is hot, say "HOT!" and fan your face. Let's go.

Cool or Hot? snow
Cool or Hot? ice cubes
Cool or Hot? the sun
Cool or Hot? freezer pop
Cool or Hot? oven
Cool or Hot? toaster
Cool or Hot? ice cream
Cool or Hot? campfire
Cool or Hot? igloo
Cool or Hot? furnace

Review the Bible event.

What did King Nebuchadnezzar do when the three men came out of the fiery furnace? (He praised God; he ordered everyone to pray to the three men's God.)

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Prayer Time:

Who can help you with your problems? (*God*) **Why?** (*He is powerful; he loves us.*)

Ask children for prayer requests and pray as a group for child's request.

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Large Group Wrap-Up (10 minutes)



Purpose: The crazy bird puppet, Albie, struggles with learning the take home point. We try to teach him the take home point, but each time he confuses words or concepts. After three attempts, he finally gets it right.

Singing: (Optional, two or three songs, as time allows)

Supplies: Albie the puppet, sample of today's craft and snack.

Lesson Review with Puppet Skit

Presenter shows Albie an example of each of the Activities done in small group. Then the kids attempt to teach Albie the take home point.

Presenter: We want to welcome all our guests today and thank them for coming. (If you give guests a gift for coming, do it now.)

Presenter: Albie, look at the craft the children made today. It is a fan to cool us down. The children are going to teach you our take home point. Listen carefully.

Presenter: (says to kids):

***GOD IS POWERFUL...**

Kids say:

...Trust God's power...Cool!

Presenter: (says to Albie):

***GOD IS POWERFUL...**

Albie says:

Phew! I need to take a shower!



Presenter: Albie, look at the snack we ate. It looks like firesticks. Now listen carefully to the take home point.

Presenter: (says to kids):

***GOD IS POWERFUL...**

Kids say:

...Trust God's power...Cool!

Presenter: (says to Albie):

***GOD IS POWERFUL...**

Albie says:

For lunch, I will devour a plate of cauliflower!

Presenter: Albie, today we played a game called 'Cool or Hot?' Now, please listen closely to the take home point.

Presenter: (says to kids):

***GOD IS POWERFUL...**

Kids say:

...Trust God's power...Cool!

Presenter: (says to Albie):

***GOD IS POWERFUL...**

Albie says:

I love to dance in a rain shower!

Presenter says:

"Albie, listen one last time.

Kids response:

***GOD IS POWERFUL...**

...Trust God's power...Cool!

Presenter: (says to Albie):

***GOD IS POWERFUL...**

Albie's response:

(Warms up his singing voice with “*Mee, mee, mee, mee...*” and sings in a silly dramatic opera-like voice)
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Presenter says to Albie: Good job, Albie!

Albie can leave stage or join in the prayer and song.

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**Goodbye boys and girls. Remember that God loves you and he is powerful...
Cool!**

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