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Series: Daniel
Summer, Year 2, Lesson 12

Three Men in the Fire

Take Home Point: *Only worship God.

*Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson. Leaders say the phrase and the children repeat it.

Bible Event: Daniel 3

We will help children know:

- The three men trusted God and only worshiped him.
- God saved them from the fiery furnace.
- We can worship God.

We will help children feel:




- Amazed that God can do such wonderful things.
- Excited to worship God.

We will help children do:

- Participate in acting out the Bible Event.
- Eat a snack that reminds us of the fiery furnace.
- Make a craft that helps tell about the three men in the fiery furnace.
- Play a learning game called *Do We Worship God?* and a movement game called *Three for God*.
- Take home a copy of *God Talk at Home* to reinforce learning today's Take Home Point: ***Only worship God.**

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THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

DESTINATION	PAGE #	DISCOVERIES ON YOUR JOURNEY	SUPPLIES NEEDED
Warm-Up (5-10 minutes)	3	Transition Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> toys of your choice
Large Group Opening (5-10 minutes) 	3	Sing (Optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> songs of your choice
	3	Puppet Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judy puppet and pink pony
	4	Bible Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> children's picture Bible
Small Group Application (10 minutes—each activity) 	6	Activity 1: Acting Out Bible Event	<i>Activity 1: Bible Event</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> children's picture Bible
	9	Activity 2: Snack	<i>Activity 2: Snack</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> napkins cups of water bread soft butter sugar tinted orange (option: sliced yellow cheese) plastic knife
	10	Activity 3: Craft	<i>Activity 3: Craft</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> copies of Appendix A paper or Styrofoam cup tape crayons or markers
	11	Activity 4: Learning Game Movement Game	<i>Activity 4: Games</i> <i>Learning Game</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> none <i>Movement Game</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 foot rope painter's tape or masking tape
	12		
Large Group Wrap-Up (5-10 minutes) 	13	Review Lesson and Take Home Point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> songs of your choice
	13	Pray	
	14	Sing (Optional)	

Warm-Up (Prior to class and first 10 minutes of the session.)

Young children this age need a time to get acquainted with the new surroundings as they enter the classroom. Provide a variety of calm activities and toys, such as blocks, play centers and simple puzzles. These activities create an environment that helps young children let go of Mom and Dad. If necessary, Mom and Dad may play with them for a few minutes and then leave.

Large Group Opening (5-10 minutes)



Purpose: You may use singing as a large group activity and to gather attention. The opening puppet presentation is a quick overview introducing the Bible Event and Take Home Point. Early childhood humor is also used. Bubba often says something silly about elephants. Judy says something silly about pink ponies. Let the children enjoy the "joke" but use it to call attention to the Bible Event.

Singing: Use music of your choice.

Puppet Presentation

Supplies:

- children's picture Bible
- Judy's pink pony

Judy Learns to Worship God

Presenter: Boys and girls, let's call out Judy.

Kids call for Judy. **Judy...Judy...Judy.** Judy comes out with her pink pony.

Judy: Hi, everyone.

Presenter: Hi, Judy. It's good to see you and your pink pony.

Judy: I like being here.

Presenter: You do? What do you like doing?

Judy: I like singing and learning and praying.

Presenter: Wonderful.

Judy: Today I think we should do something different. I think we should pray to my pink pony.

Presenter: What!!?

Judy: Yes. We can see my pink pony. We cannot see God. So let's pray to my pink pony.

Presenter: Boys and girls, do you think we should pray to a pink pony? (Wait for children to say "no." No!

Judy: We shouldn't?

Presenter: No. We should only pray to God.

Judy: Why?

Presenter: The Bible says we should only worship God. "Worship" means we tell God that we love him and we pray only to him.

Judy: Not pink ponies?

Presenter: Right, not pink ponies. Let me tell you about three men named Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego who believed in God and only worshiped him.

Judy: What happened?

Presenter: See what I am holding? This is the Bible. It is God's word. Everything in the Bible is true. Now I am going to read about our lesson from the Bible. Let's put on our listening ears.

Read the Bible Event from a children's picture Bible.

Presenter: Let's practice the Take Home Point. I'll say it first and you repeat after me: *Only worship God. Only worship God.

Presenter: Judy, will you help us sing our song of the week?

Judy: Sure, I love to sing.

Song: to the tune of *Farmer in the Dell*

Capitalized letters indicate emphasis on that syllable when the rhyme is sung.

**ON-ly WOR-ship GOD.
ON-ly WOR-ship GOD.
WORSHIP the ONE true GOD.
ON-ly WOR-ship GOD.**

Let's fold our hands and say a prayer. Repeat after me.

Dear God, Dear God,

You are with us. You are with us.

We love you. We love you.

We worship you. We worship you.

Thank you, thank you, thank you. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

In Jesus' name. In Jesus' name.

Amen. Amen.

Small Group Application (30-40 minutes)



Purpose: Young children learn best by repetition. Review the Bible Event and practice the Take Home Point as you rotate through the activities.

The shepherd to child ratio for three-year-olds should be one to six or fewer. Divide into groups of six with one shepherd or have a slightly larger group with two shepherds.

Groups rotate from activity to activity. Another option, especially for larger churches, is to provide a leader at each activity table with a shepherd leading a group of up to twelve. The ratio will be maintained at one to six.

Activity 1: Acting Out the Bible Event

Supplies:

- Children's picture Bible

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Introduction

Hold up a children's picture Bible.

This is the Bible. It is God's word. Let's act out what it says in the Bible. When you see me do the actions, you do them, too.

King Nebuchadnezzar builds a gold statue.

- King Nebuchadnezzar was king over many people. He did not believe in the one true God. He built a huge gold statue that was very, very, very tall! The gold statue was very big and beautiful. Put your hands above your eyes and let's look up, up, up and try to see the top of it.
- Then the king made a new law. He told the people that they should worship the statue. Whenever they heard the special music, they must bow down and worship the gold statue. The music was from different instruments. Make the sounds with me. There was a horn. "Toot-toot-ta-toot!"
- There was a drum. "Rat-tat-tat-tat!"
- There was a flute. "La-la-la-la!"
- The people heard the music and they all bowed down. Let's bow down.
- The king said if anyone did not worship the gold statue, they would be put in a hot, fiery furnace. Let's pretend to warm our hands in front of the hot furnace.

Three men refuse to worship the statue.

- Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego all loved God and worked for King Nebuchadnezzar. Let's salute the king.
- When the king told Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego to bow down and worship the gold statue, they said "No!" Let's shake our heads "no."
- Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego said they would only worship God. Let's hold our arms towards heaven and pretend we are worshipping God.
- The king heard that they would not worship his statue and was very angry. Show me your angry face.
- He had the three men brought to him. Let's walk over to the king.
- He told them to worship his gold statue right now or he would throw them in the fiery furnace. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego told the king to throw them in the furnace because our God is able to help us. They said, "We still will not worship your silly statue." Let's all say, "no, no, no!" to worshipping the statue.

Three men thrown into the furnace.

- This made the king so angry that he ordered the furnace to be made hot...even hotter...the hottest it has ever been. Wow, that is hot. Let's take a few steps back to get away from the heat.
- The king told the soldiers to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them in the blazing furnace. The fire was so hot that it burned the soldiers throwing them in. Let's say "Ouch!"
- The three men fell into the fire. Let's fall down.

The three men walk out of the furnace.

- Suddenly, the king leaped to his feet. He saw something amazing. The king saw four men walking around in the fire! Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were not tied up anymore and God was walking in the fire with them! Let's walk around.
- The king called the men out of the fire. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego walked out of the fire and were not hurt at all. Everyone crowded around them. Crowd around me.
- They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies or their hair. Let's pat our hair.
- Their robes were not burned and they did not smell like fire. When King Nebuchadnezzar saw that Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were not hurt, he knew that God saved them. He praised the men saying, "They trusted their God and were willing to give up their lives rather than worship the gold statue. From now on, no one may say bad things about God." Let's point to heaven and say, "Praise God."

Worship God.

- Today we can still worship God. We worship him when we go to church and sing songs. We worship him when we tell him we love him. We worship him when we do the kind things he wants us to do.
- Let's practice the Take Home Point. I'll say it first and you repeat after me: *Only worship God. Only worship God.

Pray, Sing and Review the Take Home Point

Prayer:

Let's fold our hands and say a prayer. Repeat after me.

Dear God, Dear God,
You are with us. You are with us.
We love you. We love you.
We worship you. We worship you.
Thank you, thank you, thank you. Thank you, thank you, thank you.
In Jesus' name. In Jesus' name.
Amen. Amen.

Let's sing our song of the week.

Song: to the tune of *Farmer in the Dell*

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Take Home Point:

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Activity 2: Snack

Supplies:

- Napkins
- Cups and water
- bread
- Soft butter
- Plastic knife
- Sugar tinted orange (option, sliced yellow cheese)

To tint sugar, put it in a plastic container that has a lid. Sprinkle a few drops of orange food coloring in container, put on lid and shake well until color is distributed. Before class, butter bread and cut in half.

BE AWARE OF ANY FOOD ALLERGIES CHILDREN MAY HAVE BEFORE YOU GIVE THEM ANY FOOD TO EAT.

Today we are going to eat a snack that reminds us of the fiery furnace. Before we eat our snack, let's fold our hands and say a prayer. Repeat after me.

Dear God, Dear God,

You are with us. You are with us.

We love you. We love you.

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Thank you, thank you, thank you. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

In Jesus' name. In Jesus' name.

Amen. Amen.

Today our snack will remind us of the fiery furnace. God saved Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and even walked around in the fire with them.

Pass out napkins, water and buttered bread. **Do not eat your bread yet; I will put on some pretend fire.** Sprinkle a small amount of colored sugar on the bread. If using the option of yellow cheese, place cheese on top of the bread. **Now you can eat your fiery furnaces.**

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Activity 3: Craft

Children take pride in making something themselves. Resist trying to do too much for children so that they can say, "I did it myself."

Supplies:

- Copies of Appendix A
- Tape
- Paper or Styrofoam cup, one per child
- Crayons or markers

Before class, cut out men (leaving them together) and fire.

Today we are going to put Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in a fiery furnace. Because they only worship God, they will be safe from the fire. First, let's color the fire, and then we can tape it to the outside of a cup. Next, you can color the three men and put them in the furnace (cup). See how they are safe? God kept them safe from the real fire.

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Activity 4: Games

Choose one or both games to play. Children with lots of wiggles should play the Movement Game first.

Learning Game

Supplies:

- none

Today we are going to play a game called *Do We Worship God?*
After you answer the questions, you can do the actions.

1. Do we worship God when we keep our toys for ourselves? No. Let's pretend to give a toy to someone.
2. Do we worship God when we listen to our teachers? Yes. Let's pretend to listen to our teacher. Cup hand behind ear.
3. Do we worship God when we cry for a new toy at the store? No. Let's pretend to cry.
4. Do we worship God when we run to Daddy when he calls us? Yes. Run from here to there (indicate a place) and then run back again.
5. Do we worship God when we get our new shoes all muddy? No. Let's pretend we are jumping over a mud puddle.
6. Do we worship God when we help Mommy clean our room? Yes. Let's pick up some pretend toys.
7. Do we worship God when we hit our friend? No. Let's pretend to hug our friend.
8. Do we worship God when we take a bath when Grandma tells us to? Yes. Let's pretend to splash water on each other.
9. Do we worship God when we keep getting out of bed? No. Let's pretend to sleep and snore.
10. Do we worship God when we ask a friend to go to church with us? Yes. Let's fold our hands and bow our heads.

Movement Game

Supplies:

- masking tape or painter's tape
- 8 foot rope

Before class, tape off a 3 foot square area on the floor. This will be the fiery furnace.

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were good friends who believed in God. We are going to play a game called *Three for God*. You will be working in groups of three people. Divide children in groups of three. If you have a group with only two, let one child play twice. If you have one child left over, make one group of four.

Now I want the first group (of three) to grab the rope and pretend they are tied up. Hop over to the fiery furnace. As soon as you are all in it, then drop the rope. When you are in there, I am going to step inside with you and be like the fourth person in the fire that reminds you of God. When I touch you, you can run out of the furnace. You are so happy God saved you. Now you can go sit down while the next group goes. Play until all children have a turn.

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Large Group Wrap-Up (5-10 minutes)



Lesson Review:

Presenter reviews the lesson with questions or by supplying key parts of the lesson with some words left out. Children are to supply the answers as the presenter shares the Bible Event.

See if you know the word I'm thinking of when I tell the Bible Event. If you know it, you may say it out loud without raising your hand.

King Nebuchadnezzar built a very large statue. Was it made out of gold or gumdrops? (Gold.) Did King Nebuchadnezzar believe in worshiping the one true God or worshiping the gold statue? (The gold statue.) When everyone heard music playing were they ordered to bow down and worship the gold statue or go to the movies? (Bow down and worship the gold statue.) Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refused to worship the golden statue because they loved God. If they did not worship the gold statue, did King Nebuchadnezzar say he would throw them in a fiery furnace or a garbage can? (A fiery furnace.) Did God protect them? (Yes.) When King Nebuchadnezzar saw that God saved them, did he believe in God? (Yes.)

Lesson Prayer:

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Take Home Point:

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Lead the children in singing songs from a CD until parents begin arriving. Let parents know that they are welcome to join in. Dismiss by handing out God Talk at Home.

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