

Nov 2, 2025 - Fiery Furnace
Daniel 1-3

Story:

★ **Introduction & Story:**

For many years, God's prophets warned Israel that they must obey God's commandments or Jerusalem would be taken into exile (captured and taken to a foreign land.) Two of these prophets were Isaiah and Jeremiah. The people did not listen. Other prophets we've talked about recently are Elijah, Elisha, and Jonah.

Remember that the first two commandments that God gave Moses were:

- I am the Lord your God. Do not have other gods besides me.
- Do not make an idol for yourself.

The people of Israel were doing both of these things. They were influenced by other cultures (other peoples) to worship false gods. Many of them had idols, which were usually statues carved out of stone or metal. Besides these things, the people were sinful in other ways as well.

Just as the prophets warned them, Jerusalem was captured and most of the people were taken to Babylon. The people that the Babylonian army led off to captivity were able-bodied men and women, young people and even children.

When they reached Babylon, King Nebuchadnezzar took many of the finest and brightest young men, including Daniel, Hananiah (Shadrach), Mishael (Meshach) and Azariah (Abednego). He had his chief officer bring them to the palace and told him to teach them the language. He also directed the chief officer to feed them the finest foods. However, these foods were not in keeping with the laws that the Jews had about what they should and should not eat.

Daniel asked the officer if they could have water and vegetables instead of the food that the King wanted them to have. At first, he did not want to do this because he thought the king might be angry with him if the Israelites looked pale or sickly. But Daniel bargained with him. He asked that they do a trial for ten days and then see if they looked healthy. Ten days later, they looked healthier than the Babylonian men who ate the King's food.

Daniel and his friends had many times when they were tested, but they always stayed faithful to the one true God.

Once, the three friends were thrown into a fiery furnace because they would not bow down and worship a very tall golden statue that the King had made. The

King had ordered that whenever the people heard music, they were to bow down and worship the statue. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego knew that this was wrong. When they did not do this, the King's men told him and he directed them to be thrown in the furnace. The three Israelites told King Nebuchadnezzar that their God would save them from the furnace.

The King had them thrown into the furnace, but when he looked in, he saw four men walking around in the fire totally unharmed. The King said that the fourth man looked like a son of the gods. He called to the men to come out and the three he had thrown in came out. Their clothes and hair were not singed by the fire. In fact, they did not even smell of smoke.

★ **Connection to God's Overall Story/Plan:** God is our protector. Even when He is disciplining us - liked He disciplined the Israelites - He still loves us and protects us. He wants us to see that we need Him and that we can't do this without Him. He cares for us and protects us - but we can still be disciplined if we disobey.

Also - these three men stated that even if God did not save them, they would not worship other gods (Daniel 3:17-18). They are an example of serving God even when it is painful. God should be first in our lives - even when it hurts or is inconvenient.

Follow Up:

★ **Retell:** Have kids share what they recall from the story. Fill in any major holes they missed.

Questions:

1. Why were the Israelites captured by the Babylonian army?
2. Why do you think that Daniel and his friends did not want to eat the king's food?
3. Who do you think was in the fire with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?

★ **Examine:**

- Ask, "What do we learn about God from this story? What does He do?"
 - God loves us. He disciplines us. He takes care of us.
- Ask, "What do we learn about humans from this story? What are humans doing?"

- We have a choice and we should choose to follow God no matter what.

★ **Application:** Ask, "What is Jesus asking us to do through this story? Why did God include this in the Bible?"

- Jesus is asking us to put Him first even when it hurts. He is not asking us to go into a fire, but to put Him first.

★ **Prayer**

Memory Verse Practice:

★ **Verse:** God is our refuge and strength, a helper who is always found in times of trouble. Psalm 46:1

Sticky Activities:

★ Activity pages / Coloring pages

★ Crafts:

- Handprint Furnace: Paint hands with red, yellow, and white paint to create a handprint that looks like fire on paper. Once dry, use a black marker to draw four figures inside the "flame." One figure can have a halo to represent the angel.
- Glass Jar Furnace: Draw four stick figures on the outside of a clear glass jar with a permanent marker. Place a small candle inside to represent the furnace. This can be used to tell the story in a darkened room.
- Fork Painting: Use a fork as a paintbrush to create a fiery effect with paint

- o Fiery Furnace (from Trueway Kids): https://youtu.be/UYs54_gSraU

What you need:

- Template on white card
- Coloring pencils or crayons
- Scissor
- Glue
- Red, yellow and orange tissue paper

What to do:



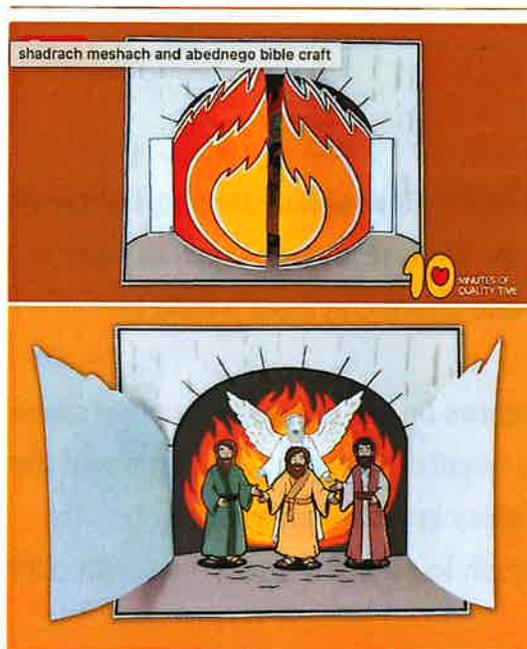
Color in the template pages. Fold along middle.



Cut around Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and glue in place.



Glue on red, yellow, and orange tissue paper to create flames. Allow to dry.



★ Movement activities:

- o Musical Statues: A classic children's game. Children must dance around, but when the music stops, they must freeze and not move.
 - To make it more interesting, you could give them things to do when the music is playing, for example, dance, hop, act like a chicken and so on.

- Remind the children how the king ordered everyone to worship the idol when the music played, but Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused as they would only worship God.

Send Home Page: See attached

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Psalms 46:1

Fill in the Blanks

God is our _____
and _____, a _____
who is always _____
_____ in _____ of trouble.
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What is God telling you in this verse?

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Daniel 3

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King Nebuchadnezzar built a tall, tall statue. King Nebuchadnezzar wanted everyone to bow and worship his statue. The king said, "Anyone who does not bow down will be thrown into a blazing furnace!"

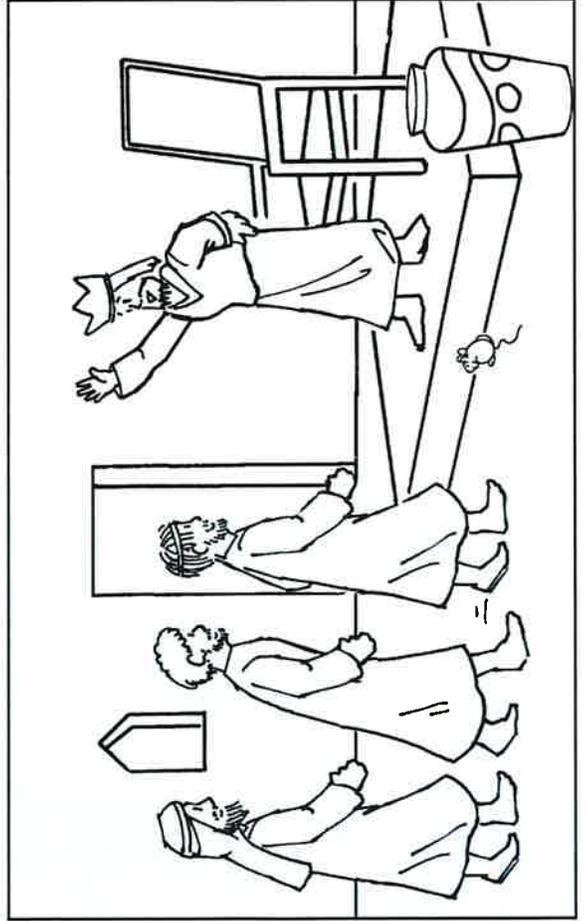
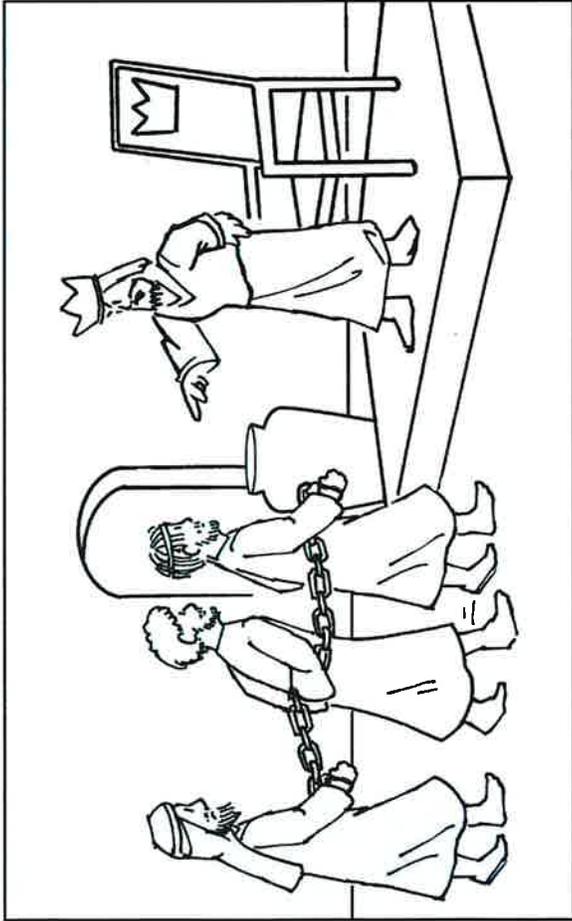
Some men who worked for the king saw that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego did not bow to the king's statue. They did not bow because they knew they should only worship God, not a statue.

The king was very angry with the three men. The king ordered his guards to tie up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and throw them into the hottest furnace. But when these men were in the furnace, the king saw something very strange. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were not being burned! They were not even tied up anymore. They were walking around inside the furnace with another person—an angel!

The king called to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, "Servants of the Most High God, come out!" The king said, "Praise to the God who sent an angel to save His servants. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego would rather give up their lives than worship any other god. No god can save people like their God did."

Then King Nebuchadnezzar gave praise to the God of Israel.

Circle 8 differences in the 2nd picture.

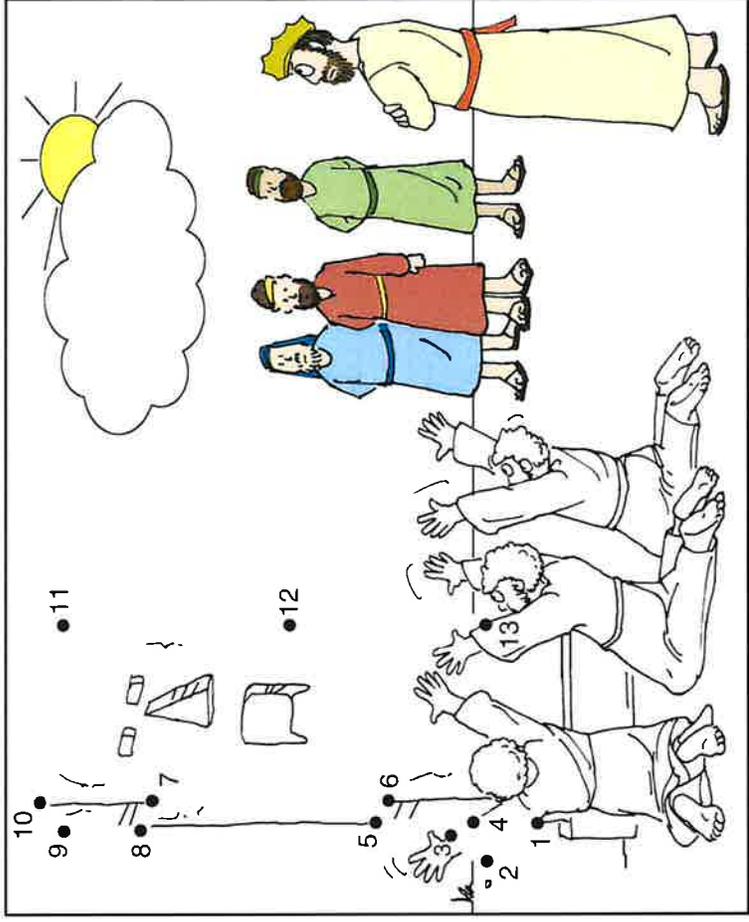


The Fiery Furnace

King Nebuchadnezzar commanded the people to bow to his golden idol.

Connect the dots.

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- 12
- 13



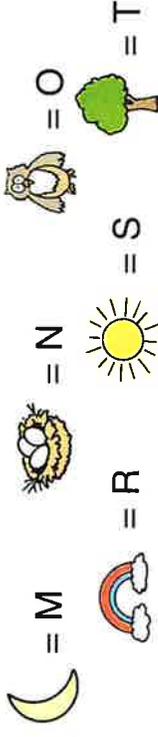
But 3 men refused to worship.
They were thrown into a fiery furnace.
Someone else appeared with them.

Match the pictures.



The men were not burned! What did
King Nebuchadnezzar say?

Use the code to fill in the missing letters.



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_____ F _____ HE _____
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HIGH

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G _____ D, C _____ E _____
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_____ U _____ !”
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What did the king say then?

Solve the math problems to fill in the blanks.



He said - Praise be to the God of Shadrach Meshach and Abednego Who has sent his angel and rescued his servants

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The Fiery Furnace

King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, 90 feet high. What did he tell the people they must do with it?

Starting with the 2nd letter, cross out every other letter. Write the remaining letters on the lines.



As seen as you hear the music you must fall down and worship the image of gold.

But there were 3 men, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who did not obey the king. What did the king say to them?

Use this Morse code to find out.
A B C D E F G H I J K L M
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z



IF YOU ARE READY TO FALL DOWN AND WORSHIP THE IMAGE I MADE. VERY GOOD. BUT IF YOU DO NOT WORSHIP IT, YOU WILL BE THROWN INTO A BLAZING FURNACE.

What happened next?

Write all of the 1's in order. Then return to the top and write all of the 2's in order. Then return to the top wrap all of the 3's in order.

Table with 3 columns and 10 rows of numbers 1, 2, 3 for a word search puzzle.

The men would not worship the idol so they were bound and thrown into the furnace. The King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and said. Look! I see four men walking around in the fire unbound and unharmed and the fourth looks like a son of the gods!

King Nebuchadnezzar ordered everyone to fall down and worship the large image of gold when music was played.

But three men refused to do so. What were their names?

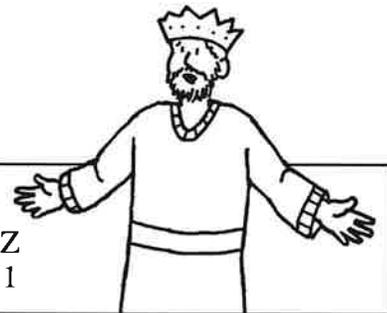
Add and subtract letters.

1.  - oe +  - mp +  - ess +  - orn +  - ouse = _____

2.  - ous +  - ock +  - t +  - air = _____

3.  - rrow +  - uttrfly +  - og +  - cklace +  - rapes +  - mp
= _____

When King Nebuchadnezzar noticed that the 3 men had been saved from the furnace by an angel, what did he say?



Use the code to fill in the blanks.

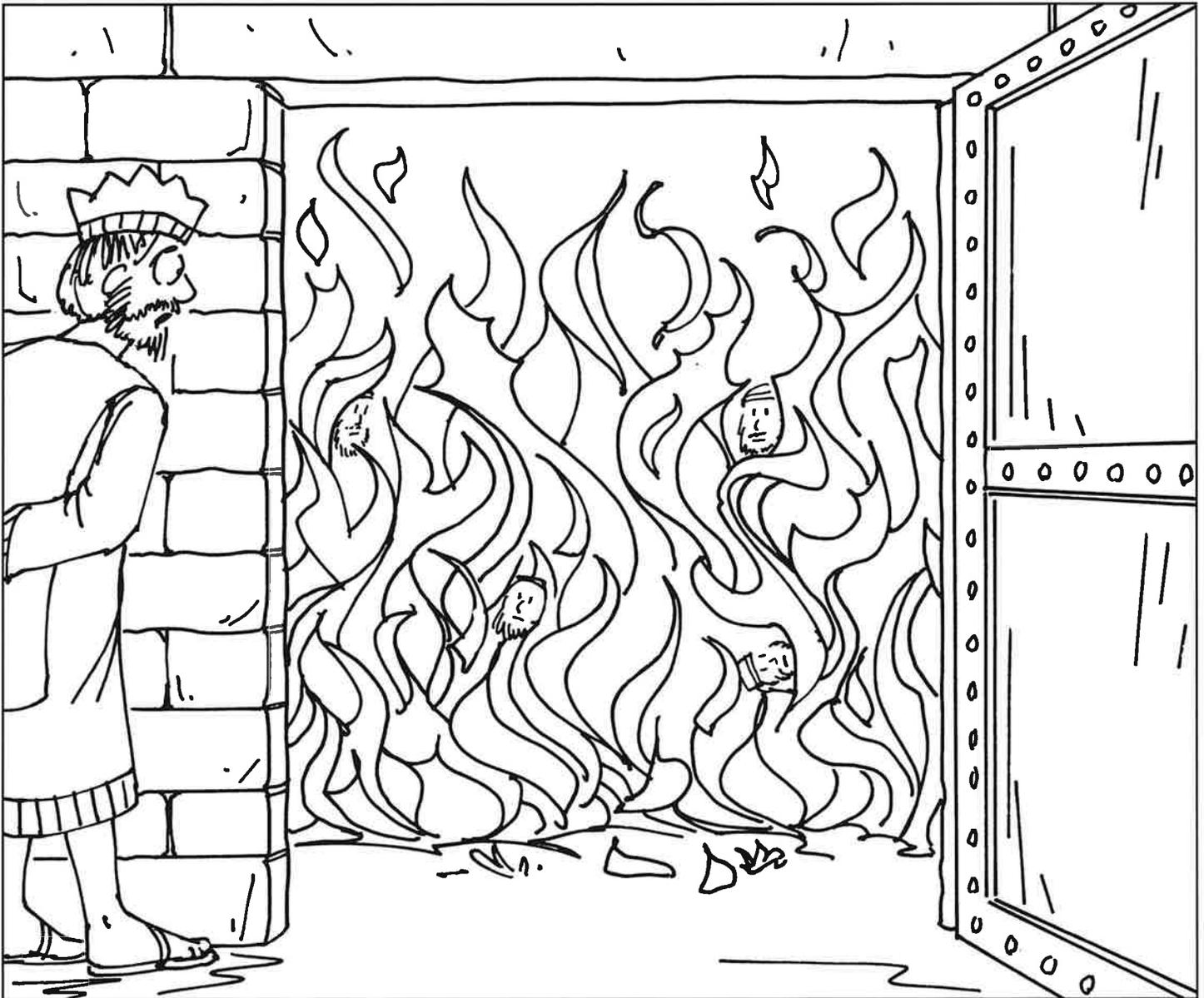
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Nebuchadnezzar said, “
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 20 12 23 4 19 12 19 26 8 8 22 13 7 19 18 8
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 26 13 12 7 19 22 9 20 12 23!”

Name _____

The king was angry! Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego would not worship the golden statue that he had built. He had them thrown into a blazing furnace!

How many men can you find in the furnace? Circle them. Circle the number: 1 2 3 4
Color the picture.



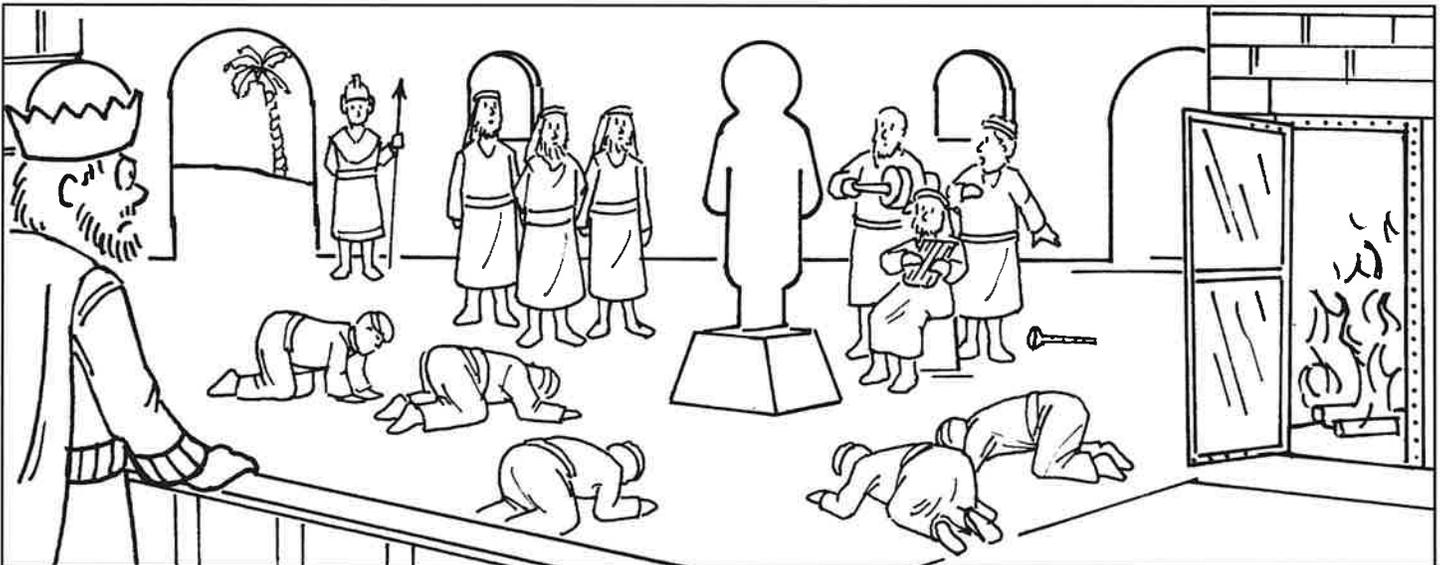
The angel of the LORD was in the furnace with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

Name _____

Old Testament Lesson #146

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego would not worship the golden image. They had faith God would save them from the fiery furnace!

Find 7 differences in the 2nd picture.



How many would not bow down to worship the image?

Circle the correct number.

1 3 6

Name _____

THE FIERY FURNACE

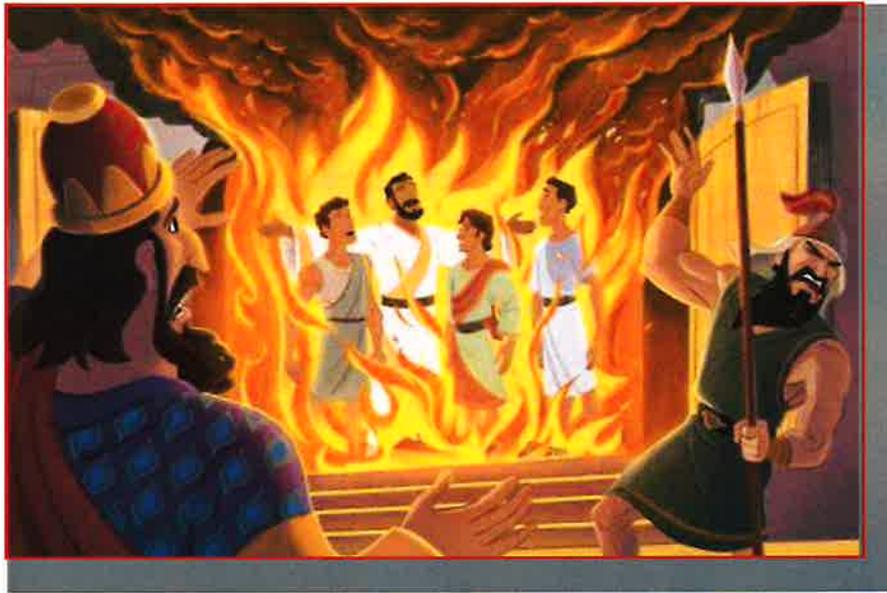
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ANSWER KEY:

Shadrach
Meshach
Abednego

Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to your God who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve another God!"

Three in the Fire Crossword Puzzle

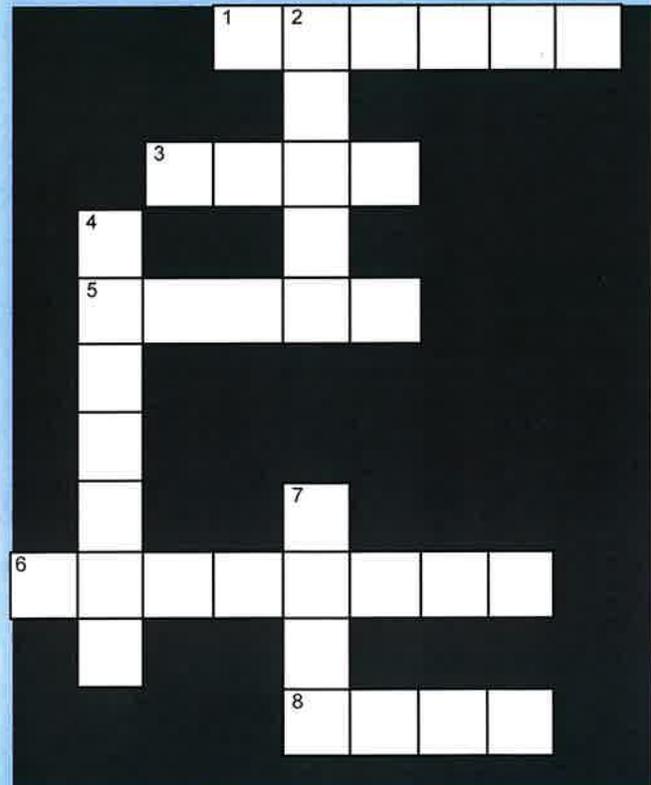


ACROSS

1. Another name for sculpture, carving or art figure
3. A match can start this.
5. Who was the fourth being in with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?
6. Another name for army persons
8. Not silver but _____

DOWN

2. Number after two and before four
4. Country where the story takes place
7. Not a queen but a _____



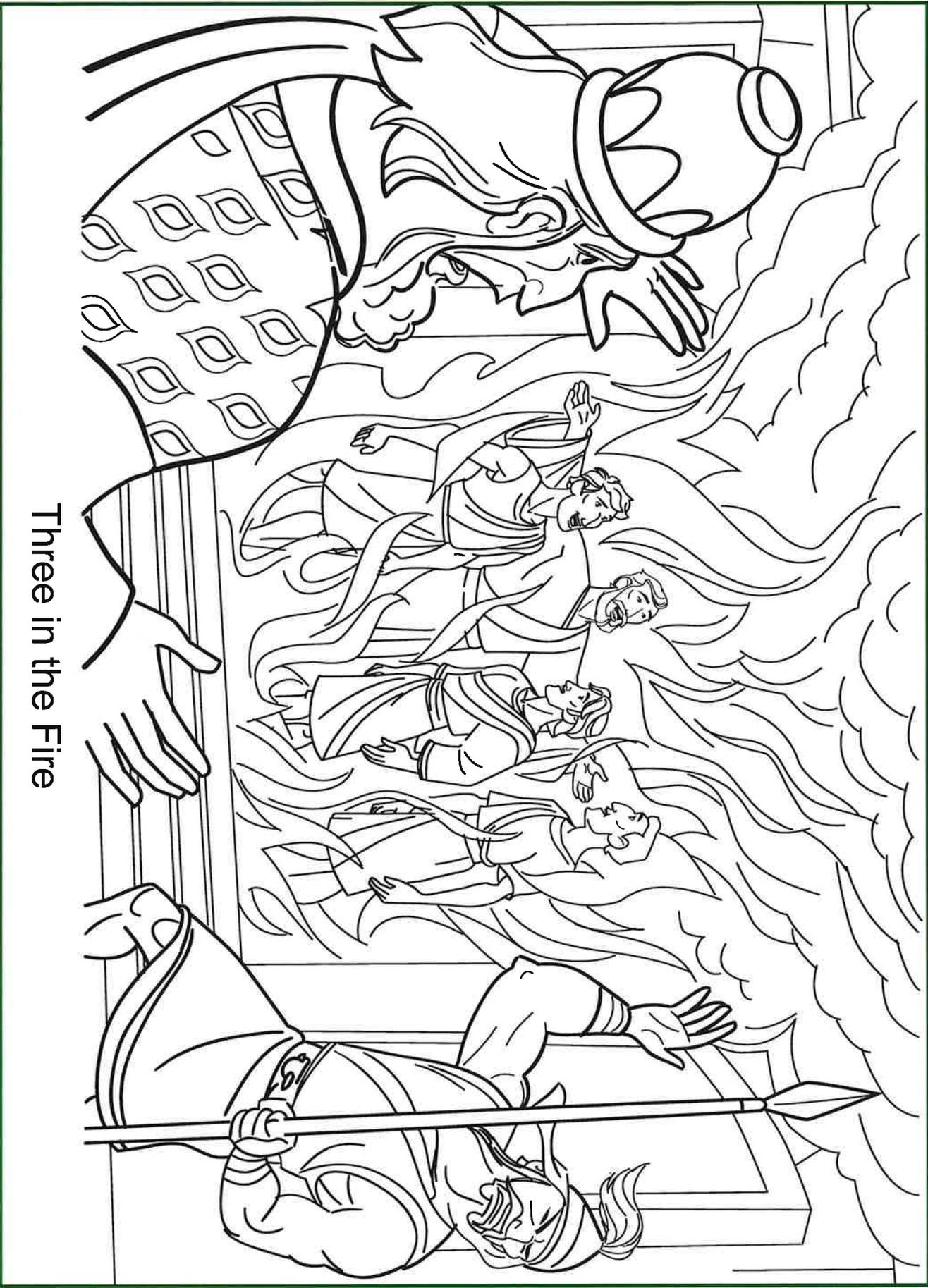
Word Search for Three in the Fire

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.

L I D I T A B E D N E G O I D
U N A A L I Q U A T U O R I T
L F N E R S E C T E M L I B O
N U I L A M C O N S E D U A S
N O E R E Q U I S C I L L B N
D R L V E L E X E R I R I Y R
L A O R S O L D I E R S T L R
S U M I H E N D R E T A T O E
I T N I A T B H E N I S M N D
T I O N D E F U R N A C E V E
L A I Q R A T N O N S E C T E
T U E D A L O R E D E L I Q U
N E B U C H A D N E Z Z A R U
L A O R H M O L O R S I T E R
S U M I N E N M E S H A C H E

ABEDNEGO
BABYLON
DANIEL
FIRE
FURNACE

GOLD
MESHACH
NEBUCHADNEZZAR
SHADRACH
SOLDIERS



Three in the Fire

Three in the Fire Spot the Differences

Compare the picture on the top with the picture on bottom. Circle the 16 things that are different.



