

**Glenview New Church Sunday Morning Program**  
**Preschool Lessons, Phase 2 – Lesson 21**  
**Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego (Daniel 3)**

**Theme:** Heroes

**I. Underlying Ideas for the Teacher**

A. The Lord is able to protect all those who trust and worship Him.

**II. Story Circle**

A. Introduce the Story

1. Nebuchadnezzar was a bad king who wanted people to worship him.
2. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were good men who only worshiped Jehovah.
3. This made the bad king Nebuchadnezzar very angry. He wanted to punish the good men because they would not worship him.
4. Today we will read about what happened.

B. Tell/Read the Story

1. Daniel 3

C. Ideas to Discuss

1. Can you remember the names of the three good men in the story? (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego)
2. Can you remember the name of the wicked king? (Nebuchadnezzar)
3. What did Nebuchadnezzar want the three men to do? (Worship his golden statue) Did they do what he wanted? (No) Why not? (Because they only wanted to worship the Lord Jehovah)
4. What did the king do to punish them? (Put them in a furnace full of fire)
5. When the king looked into the fiery furnace, how many people did he see? (Four!)
6. But there were only three men to start with. Who was the fourth one? (An angel sent by the Lord)
7. When the king saw this, he let the men out of the furnace. Were they all burnt? (Not at all)
8. What did Nebuchadnezzar learn from this miracle? (That the Lord Jehovah is very powerful)
9. What did Nebuchadnezzar then do to Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego? (He made them rulers in Babylon)

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### D. Further Ideas

1. Have you ever felt how hot fire is? It would take a miracle to survive a fiery furnace! Who can do such a wonderful miracle? (The Lord)
2. Why did the Lord do this miracle? What was special about the three men, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego (they trusted the Lord, and worshiped Him, and weren't afraid of Nebuchadnezzar)
3. In this story the Lord taught Nebuchadnezzar and all the people in that land that *He* was God. We can also learn this too, when we read about the story in the Word.

### III. Enrichment Activities

#### A. Music

1. *Lori's Songs*: "The Fiery Furnace," (tape 1, side A song 5)

#### B. Activities

1. Act out the story--children can wave red, orange, and yellow scarves or pieces of tissue paper for flames in the furnace. Or act it out on a felt board, if available,
2. Finger play:

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego are put into the fire

*(Put up three fingers)*

The flames of the fire go higher and higher

*(Other hand is a flickering fire)*

The Lord sends an angel down to protect them

*(4<sup>th</sup> finger up)*

The Lord protects us too

*(Hug arms around self)*

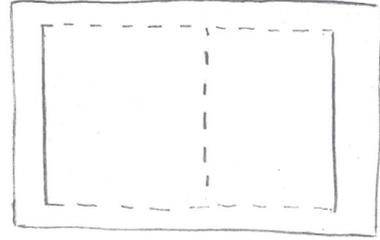
When we believe in Him

*(Fold hands like praying)*

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### C. Project

1. The Fiery Furnace with construction paper
  - a. Materials needed: colored construction paper (one background piece and one piece for the furnace doorway, for each child), red and orange and yellow tissue paper, glue
  - b. Before class: photocopy the figures—make one set of figures for each child. Cut along box around figures. Cut out furnace doorways (see illustration 1).



- c. In class: the children color the 4 figures and add faces. Optional: add gold glitter to the angel. Glue the paper with the figures to the middle of the background paper. The children can then rip the tissue paper into small pieces, and glue them surrounding the figures. Finally, the furnace doorway can be glued on top of the background paper just around the edges, completely covering the fire and figures. Then when the children open the doors, they can see the three men and the angel in the furnace (see illustration 2).



- d. Add text slips.

### IV. Teaching Aids

### V. Further Reading for the Teacher

*Text Slips for Project:*

"Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who sent His angel, and delivered His servants who trusted in Him. "

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