Lesson 1.26: SHADRACH, MESHACH AND ABED-NEGO – Daniel 3

TEACHER PREPARATION

Read over Daniel 3.

WORSHIP CIRCLE

STORY AND DISCUSSION

This is a story about three Jewish men named Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego. When they were boys, they had been taken far away from their home by Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar took Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, and another boy named Daniel, into his palace to live. There he made sure that they were well fed and taught many things. These four boys believed in the Lord, so they grew up to be very wise, and Nebuchadnezzar gave them each important jobs in his kingdom.

(Now tell, in your own words, the story given in the book of Daniel, chapter 3, using pictures to illustrate.)

Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego were very brave. They wanted to keep worshipping the Lord, even if it would cause them to be thrown into the fiery furnace! But since they truly believed in the Lord, the Lord was able to save them. The Lord can always help us, too, if we truly believe in him.

PROJECT

Give to each child the picture of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego and the Angel in the fiery furnace. Give them each some fiery-colored tissue paper. Have them rip small pieces and glue them onto the picture to be the fire. Tell them to put the fire all around them, and all around their feet and legs, but not to cover up their faces—we need to be able to see that they are all right, because the Lord was making sure that the fire wouldn’t hurt them.
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego in the fiery furnace.