

God Promises to **ALWAYS BE WITH US!**

Do you ever have days when you feel all alone? Days when it seems no one is on your side? We all have those days or moments when we wonder if anyone is out there who cares for us or wants to be with us.

wonder from where our guess what? We are when we think we are! ask? GOD, the Creator with each and every one us that God loves us and be studying a story will do amazing things those who love Him that



We may look around and support will come. Well, NEVER EVER alone! Even How is that possible, do you of the universe and us, is of us! Jesus came to show will never leave us. We will today that shows how God sometimes in order to show He IS there with them!

The prophet Daniel had three friends who were told to do something that they believed went against God's laws. By defying the king's rule, they risked losing their lives. Even though they knew they would suffer deadly consequences by saying "No!" to the king, they knew that God would be with them. Here the words from the prophet Isaiah:

Memory verse: Isaiah 43:2

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze."

Bible story: Daniel 3 in the NIV, pages 316-18 in the Egermeier Bible

Questions to consider:

1. Why did King Nebuchadnezzar command all the princes, rulers, and officers in his kingdom to come to the plain of Dura? **(He wanted them to worship the god he had made.)**
2. Why had the king prepared a fiery furnace? **(He threatened to cast those who would not bow down to this image into the furnace.)**
3. Why did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refuse a second opportunity to bow down before the image? **(They loved God and would not dishonor Him.)**
4. What strange sight did King Nebuchadnezzar see in the fiery furnace? **(He saw a fourth person walking in the furnace with the three men.)**
5. What did King Nebuchadnezzar now think about the God of those three men? **(He believed the God of the Jews should be respected by everyone.)**

Video suggestions: Saddleback Kids—Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f7cCV-IELLY>

“The Book of Daniel” Clip—The Gold Statue and the Fiery Furnace
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vbagqxXnQN8>

Craft suggestions: Our craft for today is a sun-catcher made as a fiery furnace. You can visit this website to see specific instructions. Feel free to adapt it to your own preference!



<https://craftingthewordofgod.com/2015/04/08/the-fiery-furnace-sun-catcher/>

Prayer:

Dear God, I am so thankful that You are a faithful God! Thank You for protecting Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego—hearing their story helps me to remember that You are also always with me! Help me trust You so that I can live my life without fear! You are a GREAT GOD! In Jesus’ name, AMEN

