

# City LG - June 30-July 1, 2018

**Bible Story:** These Guys Aren't on Fire (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego) • *Daniel 3*

**Bottom Line:** Trust that God is always with you.

**Memory Verse:** "Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." *Philippians 1:6, NIV*

*CG: 2-Minute Countdown Video*

*CG: Future Force VBS Promo Video*

*(Point students to look for VBS Central at your Campus to sign up for Future Force VBS. Cost is \$10)*

*CG: Welcome Video Loop with Backing Track*

## **LARGE GROUP LEADER WELCOME:**

"Hey, everyone! Are you AMPED to be here? I know I am! All summer long we're talking about living fully alive. That means extreme games, extreme Bible stories, and lots of extreme confidence!

*CG: Confidence Slide*

**"Confidence is living like you believe what God says is true.** And that doesn't come easy! It's tough to be confident when you're facing a difficult situation and you feel all alone. It takes practice to really live like you believe what God says is true. So...we're taking another month to learn about confidence, and I'm AMPED about it! I'm so AMPED that I feel like dancing...

*Attempt a silly dance move and clearly fail at it.*

"Yes! I'm getting better every day. I bet all of you have some sweet moves, too. Everyone up on your feet, because it's time for us to sing to God together!"

**WORSHIP:** Praise Goes On and Alive *(songs cued to play back-to-back)*

*(Worship Leader Prays)*

"Wow! Great singing everyone! My name is (your name) and I've got an amazing story from the Bible *(hold up Bible)* for you all today about three guys who needed some extreme confidence. Their names were Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. The king who ruled Babylon at that time was named King Nebuchadnezzar. Those are some long names, right?"

"Well, let me tell you about King Nebuchadnezzar. He was in charge, so he felt like he could do anything he wanted to do. King Nebuchadnezzar wanted to show all of Babylon just how amazing he thought he was, so he made a giant gold statue. Let me explain how tall it was. How tall do you think I am?"

*Call on a few kids to guess your height. Share how tall you are.*

"King Nebuchadnezzar's statue was 90 feet tall! Even if we stood about 15 people on top of each other, the statue would still be taller! You could see it from miles away."

"Then the king made a very strange new law. Here's what his messenger said.

*Clear your throat and very dramatically read Daniel 3:5-6 from the Bible.*

*“You will soon hear the sound of horns and flutes. You will hear zithers, lyres, harps and pipes. In fact, you will hear all kinds of music. When you do, you must fall down and worship the gold statue. That is the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. If you don’t, you will be thrown into a blazing furnace right away (NirV).”*

“Yikes! Bow down to a statue? There’s no WAY Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego could do that. After all, they followed God. They knew that obeying God was more important than anything. But if they chose to obey God and NOT to follow the king’s crazy law, they would be thrown into a blazing furnace! That’s intense. I think we need to take a look at what happened. Watch this!”

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 6:25)**

“Talk about confidence! Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego trusted God in a really tough time. They stood up for what was right. Even in the blazing furnace, they knew for sure that God would be with them. Guess what? King Nebuchadnezzar saw the way they trusted God, and he decided to honor our three friends by giving them even higher positions of power in Babylon. You can trust God, too. You can remember that He’s with you in any situation you might have to face.”

**CG: Bottom Line Slide**

**[Bottom Line]** “**Trust that God is always with you.** Before we pray and dismiss to Small Groups, let’s worship God with our Offering!”

### **Offering Time:**

“Offering time is a chance for us to bring our money to God, so he can use it to make somebody else’s life better. For us, here in the City, we give our offering to an organization called ‘Missions of Hope’ to help kids in Kenya have food, clothes, and learn about God’s love for them. Here is a picture of homes in Kenya…”

**CG: Picture of Kenyan Homes**

Here at (your Campus name), we bring our offering to help support:

**Homer Glen: Victor**

**New Lenox: Daniel**

**Orland Park: Rose**

**CG: Picture of Child**

If you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now and place it here (*show offering container*).”

“Thank you for your kindness and generosity City! Let’s pray and thank God, because He’s always there for us!”

**Pray:** “God, I’m so thankful that we can trust what You say. When we need confidence, please help us remember how You saved Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Help us to be confident in You like they were. Help us to trust You and remember that You’re with us always. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

*Dismiss kids to their small groups.*