

City SG - 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*

1. Popsicle Stick Flag Magnet

What You Need: 3 Red and 2 white craft sticks (per child), cardstock backing sheet (1 per child), blue foam square (1 per child), Sticker Stars (5 per child), magnet (one per child) Glue sticks (campus supplies)

- Apply glue to cardstock backing sheet and place 5 glue sticks, alternating red and white
- Glue blue foam square to top three sticks, add 5 star stickers
- Attach magnet to back



2. Fiery Furnace

What You Need: "Fiery Furnace" Activity Pages (one per child), markers, scissors

What You Do:

- Provide each kid with an Activity Page.
- Instruct them to cut out the top of the sheet on the dotted lines and then color the fiery furnace and the three men inside it.
- Then ask kids to think about a time when they faced something difficult, such as learning something really hard at school, trying out for a sports team, performing in an instrumental recital or concert, standing up for someone who was being made fun of, etc.
- When they finish drawing, encourage them to fold the paper toward the middle on the solid lines, so their drawing is now on the inside of the folds.
- Point out that no matter which drawing is showing on their page, the "extra" person can still be seen.
- Tell kids that the figure represents how God is with them just like He was with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

What You Say:

"Do you see in our picture that God is with you just like He is with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego? There is nothing you will ever walk through where God will not be right by your side! Have you ever been in a situation and trusted that God was with you? (*Allow time for kids to share stories.*) "Those are all awesome stories! Just like you trusted God in those times, you can **[Bottom Line] trust that God is always with you.**"

3. Flip the Cup

What You Need: Plastic cups (20 per group)

What You Do:

- Divide your few into two teams. Name one “Team Nebuchadnezzar” and the other “Team God.”
- Spread out the plastic cups all over the area you are playing in.
- Team Nebuchadnezzar’s goal is to flip all of the cups down like they are bowing down to the statue in our story. Team God’s goal is to flip all of the cups up, like they are standing up for what they believe in.
- Explain that you will be counting to 10 each time and then making both teams “freeze.” The team of your choice must answer a review question from below.
- After asking five questions, play another round and have teams switch roles so they both get turns being the “good guys.”
- The team with the most cups in their direction at the end wins!

Review Questions:

- Who were the three main characters from our story who ended up in a fiery furnace? (*Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego*)
- Who was the King of Babylon? (*King Nebuchadnezzar*)
- What did King Nebuchadnezzar want built for him? (*a golden statue*)
- When music was played, what was everyone supposed to do? (*bow down to the statue*)
- If people chose not to bow, what was their punishment? (*be thrown into the fiery furnace*)
- When the music was played, what did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego choose to do? (*not bow down*)
- What happened because of the choice they made? (*they were thrown into the furnace*)
- What happened when they were thrown into the fiery furnace? (*God protected them and they were unharmed*)
- How many men did the king see in the furnace? (*Four*)
- What did the king tell everyone after seeing what God had done? (*To never talk bad about God*)

What You Say:

“You were really getting competitive with our flip cup game! What a fun way to review our story. Could you imagine being in Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego’s shoes? Have you ever needed to show confidence and stand up for what you believed in? (*Allow time for kids to respond.*) **[Make It Personal] (Share a personal story from a time you were confident and stood up for what you believed in.)**

Remember, no matter who you are facing or what you are facing, you can **[Bottom Line] trust that God is always with you.**” (*share stories.*) “Those are all awesome stories! Just like you trusted God in those times, you can **[Bottom Line] trust that God is always with you.**”

4. Prayer

What You Do: Invite them to take their fiery furnace activity sheet and write their name in the blank space on the inside, to remind them to trust that God is always with them, no matter how scary things may seem.

What You Say:

“Dear God, I thank You for the promise You have given us that we can **trust that God is always with us.** I pray that whatever we are walking through this week, we never forget this truth. Help us to be confident not in our own selves but in the mighty God You are. Thank You for being present help to us this week, all for Your glory! In Jesus’ name, amen.”