

This week we will study about three men that stood for what was right, even though they were threatened with death.



Torchlight

"...in a marvellous manner their faith in the living Word had been honored in the sight of all. The tidings of their wonderful deliverance were carried to many countries by the representatives of the different nations that had been invited by Nebuchadnezzar to the dedication. Through the faithfulness of His children, God was glorified in all the earth."

– Prophets and Kings, p. 511



Thrown into the Fire



SUNDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear God, only You are stronger than any earthly kingdom.
I love You. In Jesus' name, Amen

MEMORY VERSE - ISAIAH 43:2

"...When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you."

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Daniel 3:1

KEY TEXT: Daniel 3:1

"Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, ..."

LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

King Nebuchadnezzar's praise of Daniel's God as the revealer of secrets was soon forgotten and sadly his pride took over again.

In our measurements, the statue that the king erected was gigantic, and unbelievably expensive as it was made entirely of gold! It stood about 30 metres tall and 3 metres wide. That's nearly as tall as a 10-story building! It could be seen for kilometres or miles around. As tall as a 10 story building!

The image of gold, from the head right down to the feet and toes, was designed to send a clear message – that King Nebuchadnezzar was the greatest and his kingdom would rule forever and ever. He was defying God because God had clearly revealed to him that all earthly kingdoms would eventually pass and only God's kingdom would last forever and ever.

IDOL THOUGHTS

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Here's a super fun Bible game!

We've hidden part of the Ten Commandments in this shape.

To find it, you will have to start at the correct letter (which one is it?) and then read every second letter, going in a clockwise direction.

Next, go to Exodus 20 and find the verse in which this command is found.

How long will it take you to discover the command of God?





MONDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear Lord, please help me to realise which worldly things can become idols to me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - ISAIAH 43:2

"...When ____ walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you."

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Daniel 3:2-5

KEY TEXT: Daniel 3:5

"... you shall fall down and worship the gold image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up."

LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Worship to anyone or anything, other than the true God of Heaven, is false worship. False worship is an abomination to God.

The Babylonians were a pagan nation who were accustomed to idol worship, so they were unconcerned about the king's request to bow down and worship the golden image.

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD WHOM WE WORSHIP!

Find the texts in your Bible and fill in the missing words:

2 Samuel 7:22

"... For there is _____ like You, nor is there any God besides _____, according to all that we have heard with our ears."

Romans 14:11

"... As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to _____, And every tongue shall confess to God."


1 Samuel 2:2

"No one is holy like the LORD, For there is _____ besides You, Nor is there any rock like our God."

1 Chronicles 29:11

"Yours, O LORD, is the _____, The power and the glory, The victory and the majesty; For all that is in heaven and in earth is _____; Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, And You are exalted as head over _____."





TUESDAY

LET'S PRAY My loving and powerful God, please protect me from anything that could take my eyes off You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - ISAIAH 43:2

"... When _____ through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you."

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Daniel 3:6-12

KEY TEXT: Daneil 3:6

"and whosoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace."

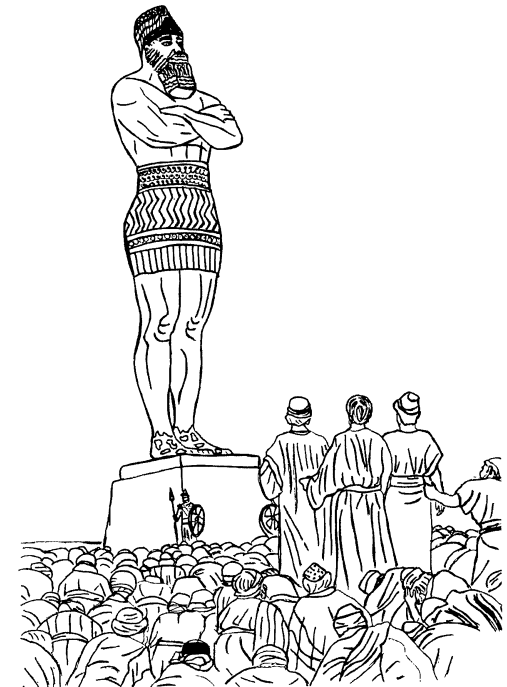
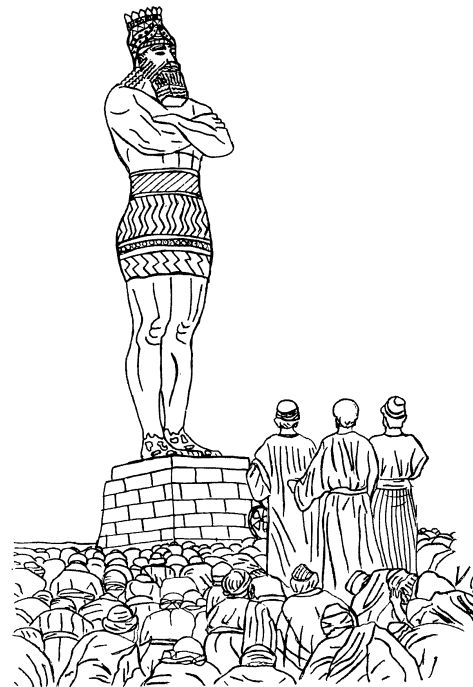
LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Some of the pagan wise men, who were jealous of the ruling positions given to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, dobbed them in to the king. They took this as an opportunity to get rid of the faithful Hebrews, knowing that the punishment for disobeying the command was certain death in a fiery furnace.

Their hearts were so wicked that they had forgotten that the powerful, true God, that the faithful Hebrews worshipped, had previously saved them from certain death. However, the faithful Hebrews never lost sight of the God they loved and worship, which is why they stood tall while everyone else was bowing in false worship.

PROBLEM SOLVING!

Unfortunately, spotting the 12 differences does not solve the problem of forced image worship for Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego.





WEDNESDAY

LET'S PRAY Thank You, loving Father, that nothing is impossible for You.
In Jesus' name, Amen

MEMORY VERSE - ISAIAH 43:2

"...When _____ through the
_____, you shall not be burned, nor shall
the flame scorch you."

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Daniel 3:13–15

KEY TEXT: Daniel 3:15

"...and who is the god who will deliver you from my hands?"

LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego had proven to be reliable and trustworthy in overseeing the affairs of Babylon, so the king wanted to give them a second chance. However, if they disobeyed the second time, he was not promising any more favours. In fact, he went as far as to boast about his power over the power of their God, the mighty God of heaven.

King Nebuchadnezzar, like his pagan wise men, had a short memory along with his short temper. He had totally forgotten that he once said "Truly your God is the God of gods, the Lord of Kings, ..." Daniel 2:47.

IT'S NOT PUZZLING!

The Young Hebrews stayed faithful regardless of cross words!

Find the following cross words that King Nebuchadnezzar may have used when he flew into a rage:

COMMAND STROKE HEAT FIRE NOW

HOT TIE CAST INTO FLAMES DEATH

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THURSDAY

LET'S PRAY Thank You Father for your wonderful promises in the Bible, which give me strength. In Jesus' name, Amen

MEMORY VERSE - ISAIAH 43:2

"...When _____ through the _____, you shall not be _____, nor shall the flame scorch you."

THERE'S POWER IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Daniel 3:16–20

KEY TEXT: Daniel 3:17

"...our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, ..."

LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

The faithful young Hebrews knew their Bibles very well, so they would have known about God's promise in Isaiah 43:2. This promise would have given them courage to stand true for God.

They trusted in God so much, that they chose to not dishonour Him under any circumstance. Even with the possibility that it was not in God's plan to deliver them from this current situation, they were determined to stand for what they knew was right. Therefore, King Nebuchadnezzar had no power to convince or force these God-fearing young men to worship his golden image. But, he was so furious with them that he ordered the furnace to be heated up 'seven times hotter than normal'!

FIERY WORD SEARCH WITH A SECRET MESSAGE

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E	F	A	I	T	H	Y	H
S	H	A	D	R	A	C	H
O	D	E	E	R	C	E	D
G	P	E	E	R	H	T	I

ABEDNEGO	ANGRY
DECREE	FAITH
FIRE	FURNACE
GOLD	HOT
IDOL	KING
MESHACH	MUSIC
ONEGOD	RAGE
SEVEN	SHADRACH
THREE	TRUST

Find the words above in the puzzle and circle them. The remaining letters are a message from God. Write down His message to you.





FRIDAY

LET'S PRAY Please Father, give me Your peace when I feel stressed about things that are out of my control. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - ISAIAH 43:2

"...When _____ through the _____, you shall not be _____, nor shall the _____ scorch you."

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Daniel 3:21–23

KEY TEXT: Daniel 3:22

"... the flames of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego."

LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

The king had Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego thrown into the burning furnace. It was so hot that the heat burnt up the soldiers who threw them in. But the three young men fell down inside the furnace with their hands tied.

When others are unkind and hurtful to us, God wants us to trust Him to take care of the situation for us while we show kindness to those who hurt us. Let's read and claim some of God's promises.

Romans 12:19

"Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord."

Ephesians 4:32

"And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you."

Psalms 37:9

"For evildoers shall be cut off; But those who wait on the LORD, They shall inherit the earth."

COLOUR!





SABBATH

LET'S PRAY What an amazing and wonderful God You are! I thank You.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - ISAIAH 43:2

"...When _____ through the
_____, you shall not be _____, nor
shall the _____ you."

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Daniel 3:24–30

KEY TEXT: **Daniel 3:25**

" 'Look!' he answered, 'I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God'."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Things just did not add up!

1. Three young men were thrown into the fiery furnace, but then four men were seen. The fourth one looked like Jesus, the Son of God.
2. The three Hebrews were no longer tied up but walking about unhurt.
3. Even the hairs on their head were not singed, and neither were their clothes affected.
4. They did not even smell of fire.

Even though the three young men were prepared to die for God rather than deny Him, God chose to protect and deliver them for being faithful to Him.

SUBTRACTION, DIVISION & MULTIPLICATION – DO THEY ADD UP?

1. On the plain of Dura, how many people did not bow before the image? _____
2. If there were originally four young Hebrews, how many were not on the plain of Dura that day? _____
3. How many chances were given to the three Hebrews before they were thrown into the fire? _____
4. The furnaces were heated how many times more than usual? _____
5. How many men did King Nebuchadnezzar see in the fire? _____
6. King Nebuchadnezzar was once again convinced that there was only how many gods who could have saved Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego? _____