

Youtube Link for Teachers: <https://youtu.be/lxFhWsiWnAA>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/dmoP0IzWksY>

Worship Theme: God helps us to do the right thing even when it is hard.

Memory Verse: "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:21)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. Our God Is Awesome <https://youtu.be/TU6HfxJXLvQ>
2. Our God Is So Good <https://youtu.be/JUMy8rZvqjY>
3. Lord I Worship You <https://youtu.be/1C4guXZFdAw>

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: "Put Them in the Correct Order"



Materials Needed: 3 pairs of different shoes, box,

1. Ask the children to stand in one line.
2. Teacher will separate the shoes and place one set inside the box in a random order without letting the children see.
3. Each child will run up to the box, and they will try to put the shoes outside the box in order without seeing the order the teacher has inside the box.
4. When the child is done, the teacher will tell them if they have the same order as the teacher.
5. If the child has the same order, then they win. If the child has wrong order, then they lose the game.
6. If any child gets the correct order, then the teacher will change the order of the shoes inside the box for the next child. Play the game until everyone has had a turn.
7. After the game, explain to the children that although they did not know the order inside the box, some of them were able to match the order. In the same way, if we are with God, he will help us to overcome the obstacles in life.



Introduction:

Do you always make the right choices? Are there times when you don't feel like choosing to do what is right? Sometimes we choose to do things even when we don't feel like it. When you choose to do the right thing no matter how you feel, you make God happy. In fact, God gives us hope and helps us do the right thing even when it's hard. Today, let's learn about three friends who did the right thing even when they could've died.

Bible Story:

Today we will learn that God helps us do the right thing even when it's hard. The Bible story that illustrates this is the awesome story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Do you recognize those names? Say them with me - Sharach, Meshach, Abednego.

These three people are friends of Daniel. They were taken to Babylon as captives and had to serve the Babylonian king. King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon made a very tall image made in gold and had everyone worship the idol. Daniel's three friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were also told to worship the king's golden idol, but they refused and continued to worship only God. This was not an easy decision because they could be killed for disobeying the king. The king became so angry that he ordered them to be tied and thrown into a fiery furnace. The furnace was so hot that people who were trying to throw Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego into it were killed by the flames of fire.

But when the king looked, he saw four men walking around in the fire, untied and unharmed! The Bible doesn't say who that fourth person was, but it was probably an angel or maybe even Jesus. When Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were pulled from the fire, there wasn't a burn mark on them or their clothes—no smoke, no sign of fire at all! The king knew then that their God was the one true God.

Choosing to do the right thing of only worship God was not an easy decision for the three friends. But they chose to obey God instead of the king and knew God would help them. There are other people in the Bible who did the right thing even when it was hard.

Moses obeyed God and took the Israelites out of Egypt even though it meant losing his entire Egyptian family and fortune. Esther asked the king to save her people, even though she knew he might get mad and kill her. Jesus' disciples told others about Jesus even though they were made fun of, rejected, and faced death. They all did the right thing no matter what. That takes faith!

God is so good to us because he sends his Holy Spirit to help us! He doesn't expect us to do it alone. So when you don't feel like it, when you're afraid, or even if you face death someday, the Holy Spirit will be there to help you take a stand for God and do the right thing no matter what. God will help you to be strong.

Questions to discuss:

1. What are the names of three friends? (Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego)
2. Why did they anger King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon? (They refused to worship the king's idol and continued worshipping God)
3. What was the punishment given to them? (They were thrown in a fiery furnace)
4. How did King Nebuchadnezzar know that God saved the three friends? (He saw four people in the furnace when only 3 were thrown in, and they were not harmed by the burning furnace)
5. Who will help us do the right things in life? (God will always help us)

Game: "Train"

1. Ask the children to stand in line and hold the waist of the person in the front.
2. The teacher will stand in the front of the line and be the head of the train.
3. The children need to stick to each other and follow the actions of the teacher. The teacher may jump over a chair, crawl under a table, move to the left and right, and more.
4. After the game, explain to the children that even when we follow the leader, there may be difficulties. When we follow God, there may be difficult times as well. But we always need to remain faithful and trust that God will always help us to do the right thing even when it is hard.



Memory Verse:

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Craft: Daniel's Friends Are Safe in the Fiery Furnace - Coloring Page

Materials Needed: Print coloring page

1. Explain the Bible story again using the two coloring images and have the children write out the memory verse.

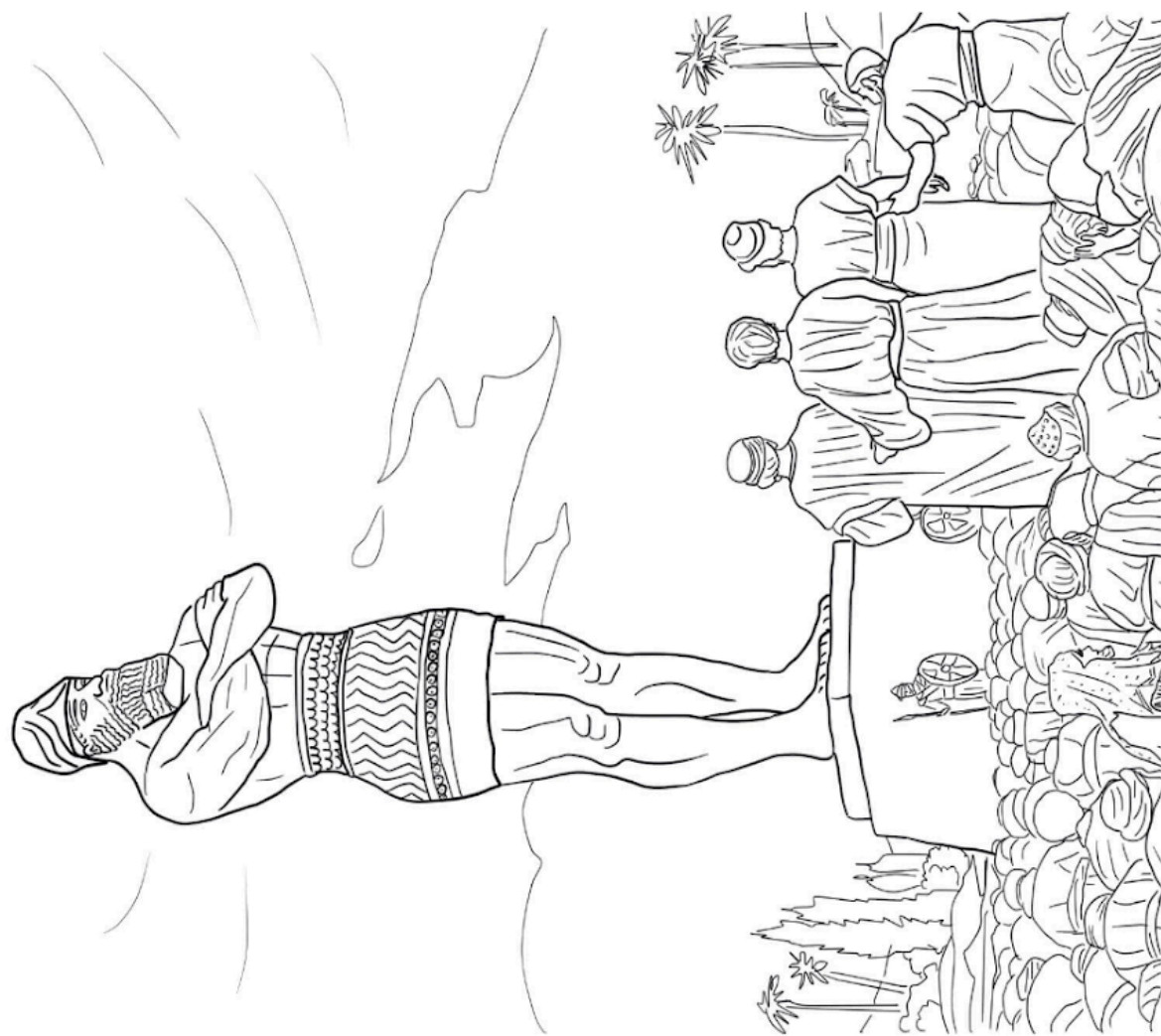
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Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

Jesus can relate to the challenges we face as we stand up for God because he has experienced them—and much more. Standing up for God is always rewarding but not always easy. Are you facing a situation in which you are challenged to stand up for God? Do you feel ready for the challenge? Rely on him. When we stand up for God, he will help us, protect us, and reward us. He delights in our devotion to him, and it will never go unnoticed.

Daniel's Friends Are Safe in the Fiery Furnace



Memory Verse: _____