

Shadrach Meshach and Abednego

We all feel worried sometimes, but we can learn to trust God for protection like the young men in today's Bible story.

In this story God protected 3 young Israelite men from danger in a very miraculous and surprising way. This is an ancient story from the Old Testament, but we know God still has the power to protect us, even if we don't have the same sort of fiery problem they had! This Bible story is in the book of Daniel. When Daniel and his friends were young teenagers, they had been taken away far away by soldiers to Babylon. In Babylon they were given new names. Do you know how to say their funny names of the 3 young friends of Daniel? They were named Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.



They all had to work for the powerful, evil King Nebuchadnezzar but in their hearts, they were followers of the true God. Once when wicked King Nebuchadnezzar was worried and angry about a dream he had, he threatened to kill Daniel and all his advisers and wise men. Daniel asked for more time to find out the dream's meaning and then God revealed to him the meaning of the vision. Daniel was thankful to God for saving his life. When Daniel explained the dream, the King respected Daniel and his God. But after a little time, Nebuchadnezzar soon had more evil plans.



He built a golden statue of himself and ordered everyone to worship it or be killed in a fiery furnace! Some spies told the king that Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were not obeying the king. Should they have obeyed the king and worshipped the statue? No, they were right to only worship the true God! They were also very brave!



Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego In The Fire

Find out what happened next by clicking on these youtube videos.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q6TPo910LnY> (2 mins 53) Shadrach Meshach and Abednego – a short cartoon

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vmD3zElmz98> (5 mins 18) short simple film with real actors

<http://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/meshach-shadrach-abednego/> click on slideshow & read the subtitles.

There are a couple of activities like stick puppet outlines, colouring and puzzles, including a wordsearch and anagrams attached for you. You can find more fun craft ideas at <http://www.dltk-bible.com>

You can now access all the resources on the ATM website including Jonny and Ally's Kingdom Kids Praise Party <http://anerleyteamministry.org.uk/resources/> or on youtube



The Bible tells us:

*"Trust the Lord with all your heart
and don't depend on your own understanding."*

Proverbs 3:5-6.

You could listen to this funny song to help you learn the verse.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FUR1ufexry0>

Prayer

Dear Lord,

Help us to be brave when other people do not agree with us for serving God.
Thank you that you are our best friend and even though we don't see you,
you care for us and protect us always.

Thank you that if we trust you, we never have to be afraid.

Amen



Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego

King Nebuchadnezzar

Fiery FURNACE STICK PUPPETS

Six Characters and Flames



Shadrach



Meshach



Abednego



Golden Statue

Angel



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Nebuchadnezzar had them thrown into fiery furnace, but they did not burn. *Daniel 3:1-30*

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King Nebuchadnezzar built a giant idol and asked all the people to bow to it. Three refused - Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Nebuchadnezzar had them thrown into a furnace of fire, but God protected them and they survived! - **Daniel 3**



Daniel 3:1-30