

Unit 7-Lesson 3: Fiery Furnace (Daniel 3)

brite* Idea: God is powerful and with us.

In the Bible story of the fiery furnace in Daniel 3, three godly young men who are exiles in Babylon choose to defy the king's order to bow to a statue and are sent to die. They tell the king that they don't know what God will do, but that they need to trust God and stay loyal to Him. God saves them from being burned in the furnace.

He We Me Questions

This story helps us address 3 kinds of questions that kids may have. They are our He (God question), our We (people question), and our Me (purpose question) for this week.

- Our **He** Question about God: How does believing God is with me matter when I go through hard stuff?
 - We learned that God is with them and is in control, no matter what the circumstances, so they don't have to be afraid.
- Our **We** Question about people: How can it help to know other kids who also believe in God?
 - We learned that we are part of God's people, and are never alone because God is always with us.
- Our **Me** Question about our purpose: When someone tells me to do something that I know is not OK, what should I do?
 - We learned that God is powerful and they can live in a way that honors God.

Memory Verse

Isaiah 41:10—***So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.***

Discipleship Conversation Starters For Parents

1. What does it mean to have courage? What do you do when you need courage?
2. Share a time you stood up for a friend. How did you feel? How did it make your friend feel?
3. Standing up for God can take courage. When we need this courage, we can circle up with our friends and family. How can they help us remember not to be afraid? How is God in this circle to help you have courage?

Encouragement for parents:

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*When life feels out of control, are you consistent in what you say, or do you give mixed messages? "It's ok to make mistakes" is a great focus to teach your kids. "What? You spilled the milk **again**?" is its mixed message. "I love you no matter what" has a mixed counterpart known as "Go away because I'm so frustrated with you." Being stressed and overwhelmed in life, mixed messages surface. Nehemiah and others in Scripture teach us how to live with clear, unmixed messages. Knowing life comes with spiritual battles, they claimed victory by proactively bringing it all to God.*