Lesson Plan

The Fiery Furnace

THE SERIES: Standing Strong
THE POINT: God is always with me
BIBLE STORY: The Fiery Furnace || Daniel 3
AGE: Prep - Grade 2

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Children will learn that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego trusted God.
- They will understand that God was with them in the fire.
- They will learn that God is always with us, even in difficult moments.

BIBLE CONTEXT

The story of the Fiery Furnace is found in Daniel chapter 3. King Nebuchadnezzar built a huge golden statue and commanded everyone in the kingdom to bow down and worship it. Three men named Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego loved God and refused to worship the statue. They knew they should only worship the one true God. The king became very angry and ordered them to be thrown into a blazing furnace as punishment. But the men trusted God and said that God was able to rescue them. When they were thrown into the fire, something amazing happened. The king saw that there were four people walking in the fire, and the men were not harmed. God was with them in the fire, and they came out safely. The king then realised how powerful God is.

SERIES MEMORY VERSE

"But the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action." — Daniel 11:32b

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace." — Daniel 3:17

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Place the words of the memory verse on separate cards at one end of the room.

Divide the class into two teams. One child from each team runs to the cards, grabs one word, and runs back. The team must work together to build the verse in the correct order.

Once the verse is complete, everyone reads it together out loud.

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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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START THE CONVERSATION

- Have you ever felt scared or nervous about something? What helped you feel brave?

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to bow down to the statue. Why do you think they chose to obey God instead?
- When the king looked into the furnace, he saw four people walking in the fire. What does this show us about God being with His people?
- Sometimes we face hard or scary moments. How can remembering that God is with us help us trust Him?

PERSONAL LIFE APPLICATION

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego trusted God even when they were in a very dangerous situation. When they were thrown into the fire, God was with them and protected them. Sometimes we also face moments that feel scary or difficult. God promises that He is with His people. Even when life is hard, we can trust that God cares for us and walks with us through every situation.

GAME

You can find a list of small group games at https://lmnetwork.com.au/small-group-games/

PRAY

Go around the class asking your kids if there is anything they would like prayer for. Ask if anyone would like to pray for each other, and give them the opportunity to. If not, then pray for the needs as the teacher / facilitator. Take note of any prayer requests to be passed onto your child's support network.

This weeks prayer example:
Dear God,
Thank You for always being with us. Help us trust You when we feel scared or unsure.
Amen

Lesson Wrap-up

Take photos of any art or creations created by your children that they would like to share with The Link Show. Images can be submitted to thelinkshow@lmnetwork.com.au

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CRAFT

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Supplies Needed

- God is always with me craft page
- Scissors
- Colouring pencils
- Split pins

STEPS

Before the lesson print the 'God is always with me' page onto cardpaper for each child

- Give each child a 'God is always with me' page to colour in the clock and the hands.
- Children can cut around the edges of the clock face and carefully cut out the clock hand shapes.
- Help the children to line up the base of the clock hands in the centre of the clock face and press a split in through to attach them so the hands of the clock can move around.

SEND IT TO THE LINK CREW

- Take a photo of your students crafts (Without the students face or identifying features) and email to thelinkshow@lmnetwork.com.au





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BIBLE BOOKLET INSTRUCTIONS

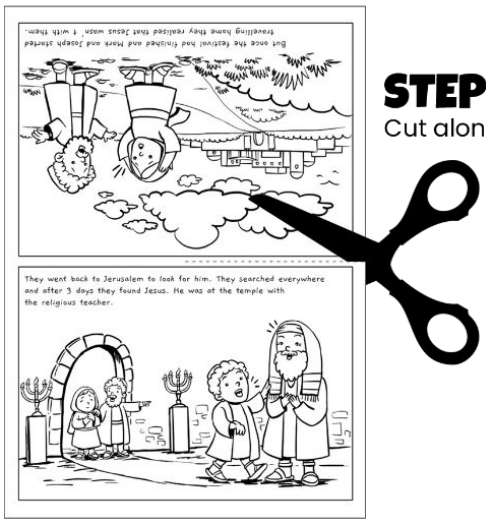
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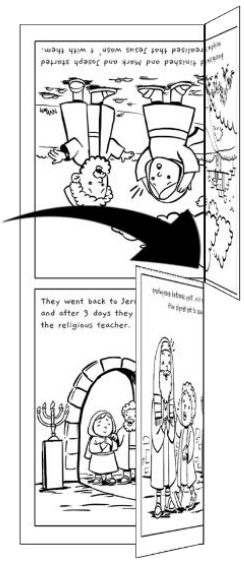
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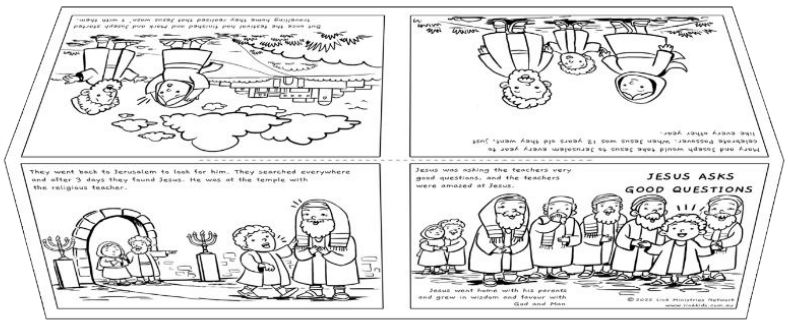
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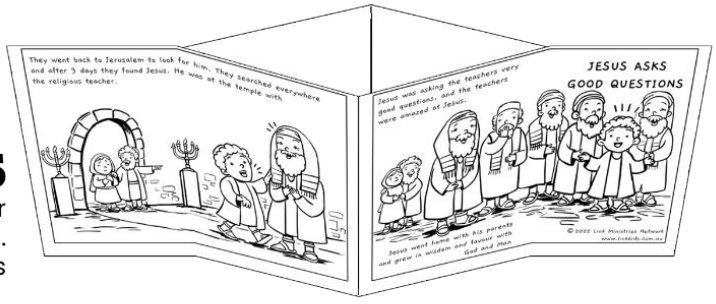
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STEP 4

Open page, then fold along the long edge



STEP 5

Push the short edges towards each other allowing the centre cut to open like a diamong. Continue unil the diamond becomes pages

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There was a king named Nebuchadnezzar who built a golden statue and made a rule: "Whenever the music plays, everyone must bow down and worship the statue. If anyone refuses, they will be thrown into a fiery furnace!" Three friends named Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego loved God, and they knew they couldn't worship anyone but Him.

Some men told the king, "These three friends won't bow to your statue!" The king was very angry and said, "If you don't bow down, I'll throw you into the fiery furnace!" But the three friends answered, "We won't bow down. Our God can save us, and even if He doesn't, we will still follow Him."

The king had them thrown in, but when the king looked into the furnace, he was shocked. "Didn't we throw three men into the fire?" he asked. "Now I see four men walking around, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods!" and the king called the men back out of the fire.

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They walked out without a single burn and they didn't smell like smoke. The king was amazed and said, "Your God is the true God"

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