



God is with us!

BIBLE STORY: Daniel 3:7-29, The Fiery Furnace:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Op5XfUWQ8OQ&feature=youtu.be>

Scriptures Song: <https://youtu.be/Fe1qorP7zGA>
Sing a Long: <https://youtu.be/EaW0mF4sfWI>

MEMORY VERSE/ACTIVITY

"His signs are great. His wonders are mighty. His kingdom will last forever. His rule will never end."
Daniel 4:3 (NIRV)

*Pass around a set of juggling balls while reciting the memory verse.

SUMMARY:

There are many tricks at the circus that use fire. But fire is very dangerous and not something to be played with. Only highly trained professionals can try some of these dangerous stunts. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego didn't have any training or skills when they were thrown into the fiery furnace. They had simply decided ahead of time to trust God no matter what happened or what people said, and God was with them, protecting them even in the midst of a raging fire.

QUESTIONS?

What law did King Nebuchadnezzar make when he built the statue?

Why did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refuse to bow to the statue?

What happened when Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were thrown in the fiery furnace?

How many people did the king see inside the fiery furnace?

Will God always be with us no matter what?

PRAY IT!

Dear God, Thank you for always being by our side.

In Jesus' name, Amen

LESSON (Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego, Fire Eaters Daniel. 3:7-29)

INTRO: How many of you have ever seen a fire eater in person? Fire eating is one of the oldest and most impressive of carnival acts, and it's just as dangerous as it looks. Contrary to urban legend, the men and women who "eat" fire are not eating cold flames. Such a thing simply doesn't exist. Fire eaters are putting real, hot fire at the end of blazing hot torches in their mouths.

There's a simple trick to the act of fire eating, but we're not going to reveal that trick here. For one thing, we don't want anyone trying something so dangerous at home. And for another, that's not the point of this lesson. Fire is dangerous. Even if it's just a tiny flicker on a birthday candle, fire can and will hurt you.

One of the most incredible stories in the Bible is the story of three men who were tossed into a fiery furnace. These men were true followers of God. They were captives in the kingdom of Babylon and trusted advisors to the Babylonian king, Nebuchadnezzar. One day the king unveiled a giant statue, and he ordered all the people under his rule to bow down and worship the idol or be cast into a blazing inferno.

If you think eating fire is impressive, wait until you hear this story!

MAIN POINT: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego should have died before they even crossed over into the fiery furnace. The book of Daniel tells us the fire in this furnace was so hot, the men who led Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to the entry way were killed just from standing too close to the fire. I can only imagine the look on King Nebuchadnezzar's face as he gazed into the flames and saw not three but FOUR men walking around.

Some people say the fourth man was an angel. Some think it might have been Jesus. We may never know the identity of the fourth man, but we know for certain he was sent from above to save God's servants. God blessed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego for their faithfulness, and He was faithful to them in return. By saving the three men from death in the fiery furnace, God not only proved that He is the one true God, He showed the world that He will always stand by His faithful ones, no matter where they go.