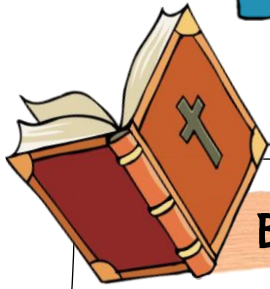


T Together @ Home



Here are some activities you could do together as a family, begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.

Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together, the story of the Fiery Furnace

You can find it in your Bible in:
Daniel 3

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children’s story version which best suits your group.



A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the fiery furnace. Thank you that you are always with us even in the most difficult situations.

Help us to be like the friends in the story who stood up for what they knew was right and chose to live right for God.

We pray for our government and leaders who are making difficult decisions in the world at the moment. Give them wisdom to do what is right and best for all.

Amen

Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

What did King Nebuchadnezzar want everybody to do? Why do you think he wanted them to do this?

King Nebuchadnezzar had a giant golden statue built of himself, it was 90 feet tall, that is approximately 6 and a half double decker buses high! He wanted everybody to bow down and worship the statue of himself. Just to make sure everybody did what he wanted the King threatened to kill anybody who refused.

It sounds like King Nebuchadnezzar was pretty insecure – he wanted to feel important and special, but he could only get that feeling by threatening others.

Some questions for children to ask adults

Can you think of a time when somebody asked you to do something which you knew was wrong? What did you do?

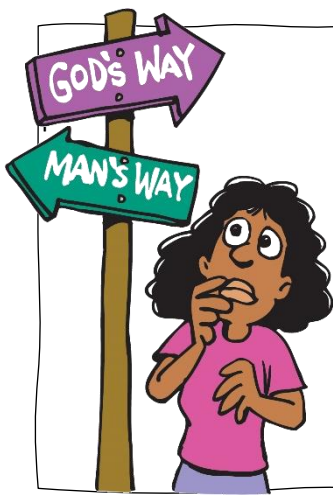
Family Activity 1

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego knew what was right, they knew that God had said that they should not worship anyone but him. We need to make good choices, to do the right thing and live in a way that pleases God.

Play a game of Simon Says together as a reminder that we should only do things that are in line with how God wants us to live.

One person is ‘Simon’, they should give instructions for everybody else to follow but the group should only obey the instructions if they are preceded by the phrase “Simon says”.





A verse to remember

Deuteronomy 5 v 33

“Live the way the Lord your God has commanded”

Try to learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.

Family Activity 2

You will need: Any craft materials you have in the house

Make your own ‘fiery furnace’ picture, using whatever you have around the house, why not cut red, orange and yellow pictures from any old magazines or food packaging you have to use as part of a collage.

You could turn your picture into a prayer activity by writing some of the challenges you face at the moment on the fiery furnace and adding pictures of yourselves inside the furnace. Don’t forget to add an extra person, just like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego we are never alone in our challenges, God will bring us through safely to the other side.



Active Prayer

Play a game of musical prayers. Just like musical statues - put on some worship music and dance around to it, but when the music stops everybody should stand still like a statue and pray until the music begins again.

You could make a list of people to pray for before you begin or think about different leaders around the world who you can pray for.

Why not pray that they would be wise and able to make good decisions for the people they are in leadership over. Pray that they would not be like King Nebuchadnezzar, but that God would give them wisdom to make right and good decisions.



Helping Older Children

Peer pressure and being encouraged to do things which we know are against God’s will is still something we can face in our daily life.

Even though our children are interacting with their peers differently at the moment there might still be temptation to behave in a similar way to classmates or watch programmes or video clips that others are watching.

As Christians we can choose to live differently even if that means saying no to our friends. Encourage your children to question whether a behaviour or activity is pleasing to God. Explain that if your friends really support you, they will accept when you say no to things even if they don’t understand your reasons completely.

A colouring page you could print and colour together

LIVE THE WAY THE LORD
YOUR GOD HAS COMMANDED

DEUTERONOMY 5 V 33



Puzzle Sheet

Can you find all the words in the word search?

J E S H A D R A C H O R N S
 B A B Y L O N E C A N R U F
 S H C A H S E M S T A T U E
 K I N G R E G N A R T S U S
 S R E H T I Z F L U T E S A
 R A Z Z E N D A H C U B E N
 O G E N D E B A F I E R Y S

- Abednego
- Babylon
- Shadrach
- Fiery
- Meshach
- Furnace
- King
- Stranger
- Nebuchadnezzar
- Horns
- Statue
- Zithers
- Flutes

Circle all the letters that are left in the wordsearch – they spell out the name of somebody who many people believe the stranger in the fire was!

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Can you find your way into the middle of the fiery maze?

Can you change one letter at a time to change the word fire to the word safe. Some letters are there to help you.

fire
f__e
__n_
l__e
_a__
safe

