







# Three Men Stay Standing

Nebuchadnezzar was a powerful king in a country called Babylon. He was a very proud man. He wanted the people to worship him as a god. He made a statue of himself out of gold. The statue stood ninety feet high, as tall as an eight-story building. The king commanded, "When the music plays, you must bow down to the ground and worship the statue. Whoever does not bow down will be thrown into a fiery furnace."

Living in Babylon at that time were three people of God named Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men loved the true God. They refused to bow before the statue. When the music played, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stayed standing. The three men said, "If you throw us into the fiery furnace, we

know the true God can save us. And even if He does not choose to help us, we will still honor Him above all."

Nebuchadnezzar was so angry. He ordered the furnace to be heated up seven times hotter than usual. He told his strongest soldiers to throw the three men into the furnace. Then he sat down to watch.

Suddenly, the king jumped up in amazement. Instead of being burned, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were still standing. In fact, they were walking around unharmed in the fire. The king saw someone else in the furnace—an angel who looked like God Himself. The king shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out of the furnace!" The three men came out unharmed.

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above all.



*Parents:* Show your children a picture of Jesus. Pictures of Jesus remind us that Jesus is with us and that He is our Savior and Friend. Yet, we do not worship pictures or statues. We worship the true and living God as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego did. Help your child learn the First Commandment: "You shall have no other gods."

