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DANIEL 3

THE FIERY FURNACE

Scripture: Daniel 3

Open: Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

Supplies: Printed pictures of the instruments in Daniel 3, Orange and red streamers (optional). Optional Experiment Supplies: bowl, 1/2 cup water, 1/4 cup rubbing alcohol, 1 tsp salt, paper, tongs

Explain:

Today, we are going to read a big chapter in the Bible. It is long, but so good. In order to help you listen, I've printed out some instruments that we're going to say a few times in the story. Whenever you hear the instrument you have, you have to stand up and make a noise like that instrument.

Many pictures of these can be found online. I do not have them included here for copyright reasons.

Hand out papers

Read: Daniel 3:1-15

Ask:

What is going on so far?

Do you remember the great dream Nebuchadnezzar had about the statue? Isn't it interesting that he makes a completely golden statue of himself (when in the dream the head that represented his kingdom was made of gold)?

Why didn't Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego bow?

How do you think they feel with the king yelling at them?

What would you do?

Read: Daniel 4:16-30

Act it Out:

After reading the story, assign kids different parts and have them reenact it as a play. Help them with the words if needed. Use the orange and red streamers for flames.

Experiment:

To represent Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego being thrown into the furnace but not being burned, do an experiment.

First, light a piece of paper on fire using tongs holding the paper over a burner.

Everyone can see the fire burns it up.

Next, create a solution of water, a little ethanol, and a dash of salt.

Place another piece of paper in the solution. Now try to burn this. Watch as the paper catches fire, but doesn't burn up.

Apply:

There will be times in your life where people will ask you to go against what God's Word says. You will have to make a choice- do I bow to the world, or do I stand for God? In that moment, I pray you can be like these three men and stand. They trusted and knew that God could save them, but even if he didn't they refused to bow.

Make no mistake, God can save us from any trial, but sometimes his will allows us to face struggles when we stand for him. We may lose friends or a job. We may get made fun of. We could even be hurt. But we have a God who can save. And even if he chooses not to, we can trust that his plans and his ways are good.

Memorize: Daniel 3:17-18

Close in Prayer



Combine 1/2 cup water with 1/4 cup rubbing alcohol and 1 tsp salt. Cut a piece of paper to a workable size



First burn a regular scrap of paper for your control. Then, dunk a scrap of paper in water and show how it doesn't catch fire. Finally, dunk a scrap in your water, alcohol, and salt solution.

Set your final solution on fire and watch the flames! It will be quick, so make sure you're ready



This is after the fire! Notice how it didn't burn!