

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego (Kids)

Today we're going to talk about three friends whose faith was tested in one of the most famous Bible stories ever.

The names of the three friends are Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

The story takes place in a land called Babylon. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were buddies. They were living in Babylon but they were actually Jewish. You know how they ended up in Babylon? They were taken as prisoners. The King of Babylon told his troops to take the strongest, smartest, and handsomest men from Judah and bring them back to live in their country. That's how three friends got there. Here's what is important to remember.

The three friends knew and worshipped the real God.

They still worshipped the God of the Bible even though they were far from home. The Babylonians didn't know this God. They worshipped fake gods. So, here's what happens....

***Daniel 3:1-6** King Nebuchadnezzar made a gold statue ninety feet tall and nine feet wide and set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. Then he sent messages to the high officers, officials, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates, and all the provincial officials to come to the dedication of the statue he had set up. So all these officials came and stood before the statue King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. Then a herald shouted out, "People of all races and nations and languages, listen to the king's command! When you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes, and other musical instruments, bow to the ground to worship King Nebuchadnezzar's gold statue. Anyone who refuses to obey will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace."*

So King Nebuchadnezzar makes this huge statue and commands all the people to bow down and worship it. All the people bowed down because no one wanted to burn up in the fire. But, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were like, "No way," They said, "We won't worship that silly statue. We worship the real God."

So, Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "I'll give you one more chance to bow down." But, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego didn't give in.

They said:

***Daniel 3:17-18** If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. But even if he doesn't, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up."*

Can you believe how brave they were? They stood up to the King and refused to worship his silly idol. You know how they were able to do that?

The three friends had Big faith in a Big God.

They were living out our memory verse.

***1 Corinthians 16:13** Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong.*

Do you want to know how they had such a big faith even though they were young? It'll started when they were kids back at home. They knew what God had said, that they should only worship the One and True God. They also knew what God did. That He's the one that made them, handsome, smart and strong. What about you? What has God done in your life to make your faith bigger? Do you know His Word like these three friends knew it? Do you know what He has done in your life, for you and for your family. When you talk about these things it's going to make your faith bigger. That's what happened for the three friends. By the way,

The three friends were thrown into the blazing furnace because they didn't bow down to worship the statue.

The king does throw the friends into the furnace. But guess what? They were totally unharmed. In fact, they were dancing in the fire and God was there with them. King Nebuchadnezzar was so shocked by what he saw that he believed in the real God and never demanded the people worship that silly statue again.

Memory Verse

1 Corinthians 16:13 Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong.

Discussion Questions

1. **Set Up:** Watch the video together or invite someone to [set up the conversation](#).
2. What's the bravest thing you've ever done? Were you nervous? What or who helped you accomplish it?
3. Have you ever done something that is wrong just because you wanted to please your friends? Does this honor God? Why or why not?
4. Read [Daniel 3:18](#). The three friends believed God could rescue them – and they were still going to trust him even if he didn't. Do you think you could have said the same thing if you were there? Explain.
5. **Takeaway:** Write a [personal action step](#) based on this conversation.