

# **Bible Story 25: SHADRACH, MESHACH AND ABEDNEGO IN THE FIERY FURNACE; DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN**

**SCRIPTURE:** Four Jewish Youth Prisoners: Daniel 1:1-20  
Fiery Furnace: Daniel 3:1-30  
Lion's Den: Daniel 6:1-28

**MEMORY VERSE:** Psalm 66:19

## **BIBLE STORY:**

The people from Judah had been taken prisoners to Babylon. Among these Jewish prisoners were four healthy, handsome and intelligent youths who were taken to the palace to serve the king of Babylon. They were: Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. They continued to obey God's teachings. They only ate vegetables and drank water at the king's table. They learned to read and write like the people in Babylon. God gave them knowledge and understanding. Even though they were far away, these Jewish boys worshiped and served God.

### **THE FIERY FURNACE**

One day, King Nebuchadnezzar insisted that Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego kneel down and worship a golden idol that he had made. They would not do this, because they only worshiped God. The king was very angry and threw them into a burning furnace that was very, very hot. What happened? God sent an angel to protect the Jewish boys. Finally the king had them taken out of the furnace. King Nebuchadnezzar recognized that these Jewish youths served and were protected by their all-powerful and almighty God.

### **THE LION'S DEN**

Many years passed, and King Darius was now the king of Babylon. He signed a law demanding that for thirty days all the people must only pray to him. Daniel had a habit to pray one, two, three - yes, three times each day to God. When he heard this new law, Daniel went home, opened his window and prayed to God. He continued to pray three times each day. Because of this, he was taken and put in a den with lions. God protected Daniel by sending an angel that closed the mouth of each lion. When the king saw that Daniel was safe, he had Daniel taken out of the den of lions. King Darius ordered all the people in the land to respect and honor the powerful God that Daniel served.

## **PART 1: PERSONAL QUESTIONS**

1. What did you learn from the story?
2. How can you apply this story to your life?

## **PART 2: GENERIC QUESTIONS**

1. What do you like about the story?
2. What is there in the story that you do not understand?
3. Who are the main people in the story?
4. What problems did the people face?
5. How did the people face their problems?
6. How have you faced similar problems?
7. Is there someone in the story who is similar to you or who is different from you?
8. What does the story tell about God?

## **PART 3: SPECIFIC QUESTIONS**

1. What were Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego doing in the palace?  
--- Did they still worship God even though they were away from their home?  
--- What did they eat and drink at the king's table? Why?
2. Do you need to worship God when you are away from home? Why?  
--- Why do you need to eat healthy food and drinks?  
--- What are some other things that you can do to have a healthy body?
3. Why were Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego thrown into the fiery furnace?  
--- How did God protect their lives? What happened?
4. Do you think it took a lot of courage not to worship the golden idol when everyone else was doing it? Why?
5. How can you resist and not do wrong things that others around you are doing?  
--- Why should you resist?  
--- Is it hard to go to church when you have family or friends that stay home?  
--- Why should you go to church to worship God?
6. Why was Daniel thrown in the lions' den? How did God protect his life? What happened?
7. Why is it important to pray to God? What are some things you can pray to God about each day?
8. Is it hard to pray when other people are around you? What can you do when you feel timid or feel embarrassed about praying?
9. Are you ever afraid? How can you ask God for help? What are some ways that God helps when you are afraid? Who are some people who can help you when you are afraid?