



## L2L55: The Fiery Furnace

### Daniel 3

*Daniel's friends Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego (Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah) were given positions outside the palace in the province of Babylon. One day, the King of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar, decided to set up a huge golden statue. The height of it was 60 cubits--about as tall as an 8-story building! Nebuchadnezzar commanded that everyone worship the statue when they heard the music playing in its honor, or they would be put to death. Of course Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego had no intention of bowing to idols. The trouble began when some of the Chaldeans found out and reported them to the king.*

#### Discuss:

- Which Commandment forbids worshipping idols?
- In what way did Nebuchadnezzar decide a person be put to death if they did not worship the golden image?
- What did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego say when the king gave them one more chance to bow down and worship the idol?
- Did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego know for sure that God would deliver them? In what ways did they have to show courage?
- What happened to the men who threw the three men into the fiery furnace?
- When the king looked into the furnace, he saw four men. Who was the fourth one that the king saw?
- What happened to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego after they had been thrown into the furnace?
- What did King Nebuchadnezzar do after Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego walked out of the fire?



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#### Memory Challenge:

Daniel 3:16-18

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up."