

The Fiery Furnace: Lesson 2

SuperTruth: God is able to save me.

SuperVerse: “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.” Daniel 3:17 (NLT)

Bible Story: Daniel 3

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game Materials Needed:

- Fiery Furnace Poster
- Three medium size boxes—smaller classes may need only two
- Utility knife or any sharp knife, for the teacher to use before class
- Thirty sheets of paper
- Optional: five Sixth Grade readers
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego placed their lives completely in God’s hands. They were willing to serve God even if it meant death! It’s comforting to know that our God watches over us and is able to save us from anything!

- Superbook takes Chris, Joy and Gizmo to ancient Babylon to meet Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. The three Hebrew men must choose whether to bow to an idol or face death. The children learn that obeying God is always the right decision.
- Watch the Bible Background video to learn more about the story of “The Fiery Furnace.”

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: Seven Times Hotter (15 minutes)

Objective: Play a game to heat up the fiery furnace.

- The furnaces in Bible times were very large and made of stone or brick. The goal of our game today is to make the furnaces hotter by throwing “fuel balls” into them. The king ordered the furnace to be made seven times hotter, so today we need to throw seven fuel balls into the top or the front of your furnace. The first team to do this wins!

Game Instructions:

- Each player throws two fuel balls on their turn and then go to the back of the line. When you run out of fuel, a player must go get the balls that missed the furnace and return them to your team.

Teaching: Some Things Never Change (15 minutes)

Objective: Discuss how our hearts toward God cannot be changed.

- God knows each one of us—He knew us before we were even born! He knows everything about us, inside and out. Nothing can change that. The king tried to change the three men but he could not change or remove what was inside of them—their love, faith and trust in the One True God. Things can change in the world, but that doesn’t affect our relationship with God.

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- Once you complete Memory Card “A,” continue with memory Card “B.” The most important part of our challenge is to pray about ways that God would want you to stand up for Him!

SuperVerse: Superbook Correction (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- When we stay on the right path, even in difficult times when we don’t understand what is happening, we will discover that God is working out a good plan and we are part of it!
- Children cover their eyes. Use the list to change one word on the board at a time to alter the meaning of the verse. Children then raise their hands to tell you what word should be fixed.

Prayer: Heard Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- To fear God means that we have tremendous respect and admiration for Him. When we choose to serve and worship God above anyone or anything, He hears every word we speak to Him and draws near to us.
- Take a few minutes now to find a place in the room to pray with God, alone. Take your desires to Him today. Give children time to pray alone and then close with prayer.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

Protection Object Lesson: Discuss protection. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

SuperVerse Game: Find and assemble the SuperVerse. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Word Search: Look for answers in the Bible and complete the puzzle. | **Grades 1–3** | 15 min

Bible Study: Explore instances where other people gave their lives for God. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Holophone Pattern for children not present for Lesson 1
- Scissors
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- Pencils
- Optional: cardstock
- Two volunteer readers—from grades 5 or 6
- Holophone craft model from Lesson 1
- Very small box
- Zippered sandwich bag
- Sheet of paper
- Marker
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and markers; or chalkboard and chalk, eraser
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App
- Sixth Grade helper to read scripture