

Discussion Questions Course 203–3

Large Group

1. Can someone tell me how many men were thrown into the fiery furnace?
2. Later, how many men were seen walking around inside the furnace?
3. Remember the video from our first lesson—what was Chris tempted to do?
4. Why was he tempted?
5. Did Chris actually cheat?

Small Group

Game

1. How many times hotter did the king tell his servants to make the furnace?
2. How many instruments were played before the people worshiped the statue?
3. How many of them can you name?

Teaching

1. Tell me your favorite part of the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.
2. One of Jesus' names is Immanuel. Does anyone know what Immanuel means?

Signpost #2

1. Can you think of some other times that Jesus said "I AM"?
2. When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, Satan tried to get Jesus to worship him instead of God! What do you think Jesus did?

Discipleship Challenge

1. Share how the Bible characters risked everything to obey God, and what happened when they obeyed?
2. Does anyone want to share a way that you were able to stand up for God recently and obey Him, even if others didn't want you to obey Him?

SuperVerse

1. Jesus spoke these words to His disciples before He left Earth and ascended to heaven. He wanted to encourage them and to give them peace. Why do you think they might be troubled?
2. Jesus had just told the disciples to spread the Gospel, baptize new believers, and teach them God's word—without Him! How do you think you would feel if you were one of them?

Prayer

1. Do you wonder if Jesus is with you sometimes? Can you share why?

Additional Activities

Object Lesson

1. Hold up the video game. Will this game be the same in the next few months, or how about next year? How can you ever be sure there won't be an update and newer version released?
2. Ask the younger volunteer to come up and talk briefly about how he/she has changed while growing up. Discuss things he/she used to like or do as a preschooler or toddler, such as TV

shows, books, games, music, or toys. etc.; and compare them to things he/she likes today and how much things have changed.

3. Next, invite the older person to come up and talk about how things have changed during his/her lifetime, and what things are different now.

Discussion Activity

1. In our Bible story, did God remove the three Hebrew men from the difficult situation? Did He put a lid on the top of the fiery furnace so the men could not be thrown inside?

2. What do you think might have happened if God had kept the men out of the furnace?

3. Do you think that the king would have seen God's power and ability to save His faithful followers who refused to bow down?

4. Do you think he would have ordered that all people worship only the Hebrew men's God?

5. What is the most difficult part of trusting that Jesus is with you? There is no right or wrong answer here!

6. Imagine yourself as one of the three Hebrew men. How would it feel to be in the fire, alive, and then see Jesus beside you?

7. Have you ever been in a difficult situation and you knew Jesus was with you through it?

8. How could you tell He was there with you?

9. Have you ever trusted God in a difficult situation and seen how God affected others through your faith, like the king was affected by the Hebrew men's faith?

10. Do you think that now you can better stand up for God and do what is right, knowing that Jesus is with you all the time?