

# The Fiery Furnace: Lesson 3

**SuperTruth:** Jesus is always with me.

**SuperVerse:** “Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:20 (NLT)

**Bible Story:** Daniel 3

## Game Materials

### Needed:

- Small balls—tennis balls, racquetballs, rolled up socks, etc., one per five or six children
- Whiteboard and marker or chalkboard and chalk
- Timer—clock/watch with second hand, stopwatch, timer app
- Music player—mobile device, CD player, MP3 player, etc.
- “Salvation Poem” or another upbeat Christian song(s)

## Teaching Materials

### Needed:

- Holophone Pattern for children not present for previous lessons
- Fiery Furnace Poster
- Figure Patterns
- Scissors
- Optional: utility knife, for the teacher to use before class
- Cardstock or paper
- Optional: masking tape or painters tape
- Crayons or markers—red, orange and yellow
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

## SuperVerse Materials

### Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker or chalkboard and chalk
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

## Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

## LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

The men weren't in the furnace alone; God was in the furnace with the Hebrew men, protecting them. No matter what we are doing or where we are, Jesus is always with us! When we go through a happy time, or a temptation, or difficulties, Jesus is right there with us.

- 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.
- In the Signposts video we will learn how the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego point to the life and mission of Jesus.

## SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

**Game:** Hot! Hot! Hot! (15 minutes)

*Objective: Play a game and don't get burned!*

- This game is similar to an old game called “Hot Potato.” The name of our game is “Hot, Hot, Hot!”
- Before playing, look at the board and practice saying the names of the three Hebrew men—Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego. This is important for the game!

*Game Instructions:*

- Each of these balls represents a hot coal from the fiery furnace. I will start the music and you will play until the music stops. The person who is holding the coal, or who tossed it last if no one is holding it, is out of the game. You don't want to hold onto it very long, but before you can toss it to someone else you must say the name of one of the three Hebrew men.

**Teaching:** In the Fire (15 minutes)

*Objective: Discuss how the story of the fiery furnace points to Jesus.*

- The events of this story tell us a lot about the nature of Jesus.
- For each of the four signposts, select a child to go the poster and carefully pull out the numbered figure in the proper sequence. Have the child read aloud the information on the figure.

*Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)*

- Continue with the challenge to look up the remaining Bible verses. Remember, the most important part is to pray about ways that God would want you to stand up for Him!

**SuperVerse:** Superbook Assurance (5 minutes)

*Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.*

- Jesus spoke these words to His disciples before He left Earth and ascended to heaven. He wanted to encourage them and give them peace. Jesus would send His Holy Spirit to be with all of His disciples all over Earth—that means us!
- Divide the children into two groups. Give them a minute or two to memorize their section of the SuperVerse. They may use hand motions if desired. Bring the groups back together and then have them say their sections of the verse in order.

**Prayer:** Presence Prayers (5 minutes)

*Objective: Communicate with God.*

- We are some of the blessed people Jesus is talking about in this verse, because we have not seen Him with our eyes but believe by faith that He is here with us in Spirit!
- Children bow their heads and close their eyes, and each have a chance to say a short thank-You prayer to Jesus, then close in prayer.

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

**Bounce Game:** Bounce balls, score points, and answer review questions. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

**Object Lesson:** Present an object lesson about staying the same. | **Grades 4–6** | 10 min

**Drawing Activity:** Draw a picture and reveal Jesus. | **Grades 1–3** | 10 min

**Bible Activity:** Dig deeper into how Jesus is always with us. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min