

1. **The three were thrown into the furnace with _____**
 - (a) copies of their Bible scrolls
 - (b) copies of the king's decree
 - (c) all of their clothes on

2. **When Nebuchadnezzar looked into the furnace, he saw _____**
 - (a) nothing but flames
 - (b) three men praying
 - (c) a fourth man walking with the three thrown in

3. **Who tied up the three friends and threw them into the fiery furnace? _____**
 - (a) Nebuchadnezzar
 - (b) the most mighty men
 - (c) Pharaoh

4. **Any one who refused to bow down to the king would be thrown into the _____**
 - (a) hot pot
 - (b) fiery furnace
 - (c) lake

5. **Nebuchadnezzar commanded that the furnace be heated _____ times hotter than usual.**
 - (a) 7 times
 - (b) 9 times
 - (c) 10 times

6. **The men who threw the three Hebrews into the furnace _____**
 - (a) made fun of them
 - (b) died from the flames
 - (c) all of the above

7. **The astonished king asked his counselors if they had not cast _____ men into the furnace.**
 - (a) four
 - (b) three
 - (c) five

8. **The king said that the fourth man looked like _____**
 - (a) the man of god
 - (b) The Son of God
 - (c) The Son of a prophet

1. _____ Furious with rage when he was told that his command was refused, King Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to come before him.
2. _____ Nebuchadnezzar said, “Is it true that you do not bow down and worship the image of gold I have set up?”
3. _____ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter.”
4. _____ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego said the God we serve is not able to deliver us.
5. _____ Nebuchadnezzar ordered the furnace to be heated four times hotter than usual.
6. _____ The king commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace.
7. _____ So these three men, still wearing their clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace.
8. _____ The furnace was so hot that the flames of fire leaped up and killed the soldiers who were following the king’s orders.
9. _____ The three Hebrew boys were fully consumed by the flames.
10. _____ The King said “Weren’t there three men that were thrown into the fire? I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth man looks like the Son of God.”
11. _____ The king approached the opening of the furnace and shouted, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, come out.”
12. _____ The three men had been walking up and down in the fire, not leaving it, but waiting for God’s timing to bring them out.
13. _____ When Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out of the fire, the officials crowded around them.
14. _____ The king saw that the fire had burned the hair off their heads.
15. _____ Then Nebuchadnezzar said, “Praise the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego who has sent His angel and rescued His servants.”

Read Daniel 3:19-28. Then find and write the word that has the same meaning as the word given::

1. fierce anger _____ (verse 19)
2. face or countenance _____ (verse 19)
3. heater _____ (verse 19)
4. strong _____ (verse 20)
5. hot and inflamed _____ (verse 20)
6. very important _____ (verse 22)
7. surprised _____ (verse 24)
8. burned, even slightly _____ (verse 27)
9. bow down in reverence _____ (verse 28)
10. willing to give _____ (verse 28)

After studying the passage, answer the following questions

1. Why do you think Nebuchednezzar's visage was changed? _____

2. What happened to the men who threw Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego into the furnace? _____

3. How many men did the king see in the furnace? _____
4. Were Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego hurt then they came out of the furnace?

5. The king said that God sent whom to His servants? _____

WRITE THE WORD IN THE BLANK THAT FINISHES THE VERSE

1. "Did not we _____ three men bound into the _____ of the fire?" (V-24)

Read Daniel 3:19-28, and use the words below to fill in the sentences correctly

**DELIVER
FOUR
STATUE**

**BOW
ANGRY**

**SEVEN
WORSHIP**

**COMMANDED
FURNACE**

1. King Nebuchadnezzar made a _____
2. The people were to fall down and _____ the statue.
3. The people who did not obey would be thrown into the fiery _____
4. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego did not _____ to the statue.
5. King Nebuchadnezzar was very _____ and called the three men to him.
6. The three men told the king, "Our God whom we serve is able to _____ us from the fiery furnace."
7. The king commanded the furnace to be made _____ times hotter than usual.
8. After the men were thrown into the furnace, the king looked in and saw _____ men, and one was like the Son of God.

WRITE THE DEFINITION OF THE FOLLOWING WORDS

1. Shadrach: _____

2. Meshach: _____

3. Abednego: _____

4. Hosen: _____
5. Visage: _____
6. Preincarnate Christ: _____

7. Wont: _____

8. Chaldeans: _____

9. Fury: _____
10. Marduk: _____
11. In the midst of many troubles, Danielle was presented with a great temptation. What was the belief that helped her remain faithful to God?

12. Today's lesson is about standing _____ in our _____
13. The princes, governors, captains, and king's counselors all saw the fire had no _____ on these three men.
14. In Scripture, Chaldeans are often synonymous with _____
15. **Underline three terrible things that Nebuchadnezzar did to the Jewish people.**
 (a He destroyed Solomon's temple
 (b he captured Jerusalem
 (c He took most of the people into exile
 (d He ruled over Egypt
16. Most of the Old Testament is written in Hebrew, but this passage is written in _____
17. Circle the right number: Nebuchadnezzar was so angry that the three young men would not bow down to his statue that he ordered the fire in the furnace to be 2, 5, 7, 9 times hotter.
18. What happened to the guards who threw the young men in the furnace?

19. What amazing thing did Nebuchadnezzar do after the three young men came out of the fire? _____
20. This passage reminds us of the danger of an authority figure who is allowed to make decisions based on _____ and _____
21. **Memorize and write verbatim daniel 3:28.**
"Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God." (KJV)

22. The three Hebrew young men were not guaranteed a miracle on their behalf, but they were firm in their commitment to obey the Lord. What situation are you facing this week that calls for obedience to God no matter what the consequences?

Read through the following situations. What would you do in each one?

SITUATION #1

Your best friend wants to take you out for a nice dinner to celebrate your birthday. She's heard rave reviews about the new sushi place in town, and she even bought a Groupon so the two of you can go. Problem is, you **HATE** even the thought of sushi. **What do you do?**

SITUATION #2

Your grandson made you a tie at school. Out of felt. And chenille wire. And glittery pom-poms. You might even be allergic to it. But he can't wait to see you wear it at his kindergarten graduation this weekend! **What do you do?**

SITUATION #3

A family from out of state moved in next door, so you left them a note inviting them over for a Saturday cookout. They stopped over to accept, and only then did you notice the multiple piercing, neck tattoos, and black fingernails--and that was just the dad! You're pretty sure they won't be comfortable around the other friends you also invited. **What do you do?**

SITUATION #4

A gut at work is trying to start a morning devotional group. You think it's a great idea, but your boss obviously does not. You're up for a really big promotion, so it's important to stay on your boss's good side. So when you're specifically asked to join the devotional group, you feel more than little a little torn. **What do you do?**

THE IMAGE OF GOLD AND THE FIERY FURNACE: FOR DISCUSSION

1. WHY DID NEBUCHADNEZZAR INSIST EVERYONE WORSHIP THE GOLDEN IMAGE?

- (a) he wanted to control them
- (b) he was committed to his god
- (c) He was insecure
- (d) He wanted to unite his people
- (e) Other _____

2. HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE KING'S OFFICIALS?

- (a) yes-men
- (b) fearful
- (c) politically pragmatic
- (d) loyal
- (e) idolatrous
- (f) other _____

3. WHO OR WHAT WAS THE FOURTH FIGURE IN THE FURNACE?

- (a) an optical illusion
- (b) an angel
- (c) "a son of the gods"
- (d) the Son of God
- (e) a mystery
- (f) other _____

4. NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S RESPONSE TO THE MIRACLE INDICATED THAT HE:

- (a) believed their God was powerful
- (b) believed their God was the only true God
- (c) wanted to serve their God
- (d) wanted their God on his side
- (e) other _____

5. WHAT DO YOU MOST ADMIRE ABOUT THESE THREE YOUNG JEWS?

- (a) their courage to defy authority
- (b) their witness for the Lord
- (c) their faith in God for a miracle
- (d) their trust in God no matter what would happen
- (e) they stood up for what they believed in
- (f) theyb did not fear death
- (g) other _____

6. WHERE DO YOU FEEL GOD WANTS YOU TO TAKE A STAND BECAUSE OF YOUR FAITH?

- (a) family relationships
- (b) breaking a bad habit
- (c) my business practices
- (d) a public issue
- (e) setting priorities
- (f) being open about my faith
- (g) other _____

7. WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST RESOURCE FOR TAKING A STAND?

- (a) supportive family
- (b) supportive friends
- (c) financial resources
- (d) god's power
- (e) the Christian community
- (f) encouragement from Scripture
- (g) other _____

8. IN WHAT AREA OF LIFE ARE YOU FACING THE GREATEST PRESSURE?

- (a) work
- (b) finances
- (c) marriage
- (d) fathering
- (e) time demands
- (f) other _____

NO COMPROMISE!

We all struggle with doing the right thing--when to speak up and when to shut up. Sometimes we don't even know what the "right" thing is! It can be the same when it comes to our faith. As much as we love God, there are times when we may face derision, isolation, or worse for standing up for Him. Three captives in a foreign land give us a great example of refusing to compromise in the face of unthinkable consequences. Let's see what they have to teach us.

Retell the events these three passages using only questions

READ DANIEL 3:13-18

READ DANIEL 3:19-23

READ DANIEL 3:26-28

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego faced a decision: either bow to the image King Nebuchadnezzar had built or be burned to death in a furnace. These men were well aware of God’s command against worshipping other gods. What do you think was going through their minds as they pondered this choice.

Which of those questions would likely also go through the mind of a Christian facing martyrdom today?

Read aloud daniel 3:28. Sometimes Christians are challenged to endure great trials because of their convictions. Let’s take a look at Christians who have faced and are facing the difficulty of such challenges.

The website www.prisonalert.com was created by The Voice of the Martyrs. As homework assignment, use this site later to send a message of encouragement to a believer who is imprisoned because of his or her faith.

Write the message that you will send later this week.
