



“The Fiery Furnace”—The Story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego

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SuperVerse: “God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him.” (James 1:12)

Introduction:

We have a new Superbook video for you today called “The Fiery Furnace.” Our story today is about three Hebrew men named Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. They lived in Babylon, where the king commanded everyone to do something that the three young men knew was wrong. I can’t wait to see what they decide to do! But first, let’s see what Chris, Joy and Gizmo are doing today.

Play Video on the Church App, Website, or YouTube: <https://youtu.be/bFhmFzmW4oI>

Play Video: Chris and Joy’s Dillema (3:00 minutes)

- Pause video and ask the following question.

Follow up Question

1. Have you ever felt pressure to do something you knew was wrong?

As followers of Jesus, we must make choices every day. We can follow the crowd or choose to obey God and do what is right. Our SuperTruth today is an important one to hide in our hearts and say to ourselves when we are faced with tough choices each day. Let’s say it again together: “I will obey God no matter what.”

2. What choice was Chris struggling with in today’s adventure?
3. Why did he want to pass the test so badly?
4. What do you think Chris will end up doing; will he actually cheat and use the test answers?

Play Remainder of Video: Bible Story and Resolution

Would you say that the three Hebrew men patiently endured testing and temptation? Yes, even facing death, the Hebrew men obeyed God. It must have been tempting to just give in and go with the crowd, but they passed the test and God blessed them by protecting them and promoting them!

Bible Reading

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were three young Hebrew men who were captured and brought to serve the Babylonian king, Nebuchadnezzar. Babylon was not a godly nation and their ways were not God’s ways. In our story today, these three Hebrew men chose to obey God again rather than follow the crowd. They refused to worship the king’s gold statue that was 9 feet wide and 90 feet

tall! They knew that one of the Ten Commandments says not to worship any false gods. They made the choice to obey the One True God under extreme pressure from an angry king, despite facing a painful, sure death in the fiery furnace as their punishment for their disobedience.

Read Galatians 2:20

Jesus died on the cross and rose again so that when we accept Him as our Lord and Savior, our sins are forgiven and we have a brand-new life in Him. The Bible says we have died with Him, and we live a new life of faith.

Read 2 Timothy 1:7

God has given us His Holy Spirit to live inside us and to fill us with power, love, and self-discipline. We are not limited by our own strength in a time of weakness.

Read Ephesians 6:13-17

God has given us His invisible spiritual armor and weapons to protect us and to enable us to stand firm in battle.

Read Ephesians 6:18

God has given us prayer to ask for His help and guidance and to praise Him for His answer to our situations.

Is it easy to obey God when everyone else is doing the opposite? Certainly not—especially if we are taken by surprise! But we can prepare ourselves for temptation and equip ourselves to fight the battle—and win, with God’s help! As difficult as it was for the Hebrew men to stand up to the king, they were ordinary people like we are. When we use the weapons God provides us, ordinary people become extraordinary!

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