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Great Stories of the Bible



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Kingdom News

Kingdom Life Lesson 20:

The Fiery Furnace

Today's Story:

We are learning about having **faith** in hard times. To have faith is to **trust** and **obey** Jesus.

Today's story is from the Old Testament. The people of Israel had been taken far away from their Promised Land to Babylon, where they had to serve King Nebuchadnezzar.

This king had built a huge gold statue that everyone had to bow down and worship. But three young Israelite men called Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were **faithful** to the One True God. They refused to bow down and worship the statue, even though it meant they would be thrown into the fiery furnace and die.

They knew God **could** save them from death, but they didn't know whether he **would**, because God doesn't always save us from difficulty. The three men chose to be faithful to God no matter what happened.

This time God **did** save the three men from dying in the furnace. The king was amazed when he saw another man in the furnace, a heavenly being who was protecting the three men. Christians have always believed that it was God the Son himself who appeared in this fire, a long time before he came to earth as the baby Jesus born in Bethlehem! The three men came out of the furnace alive and not even burned.

In our country, nobody gets thrown into a fiery furnace because they are faithful to God. But staying faithful to God can make us unpopular. People might want us to do things that are against God's commandments. In those situations, we can pray and ask God to help us be faithful to him. Jesus has promised that **he will always be with us**, both in good and hard times, and he has given us the hope of eternal life.

Bible Memory Verse: *Jesus says, "In this world you will have trouble. But be encouraged! I have won the battle over the world." John 16:33 NIV*

My Art Response:

