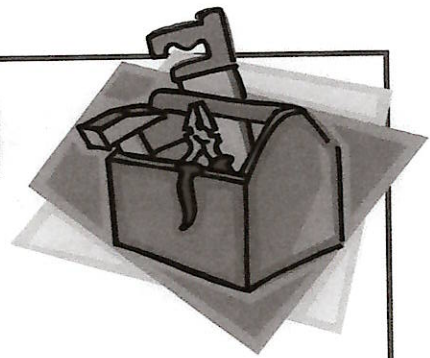


Building Your Life for God



Lesson 2

Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego

Theme: Faith—Trusting God in all circumstances

Memory Verses

“If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”
Daniel 3:17-18

Daily Bible Readings

Thursday Daniel 1:3-20
Friday Daniel 2:1-2, 10-19, 24
Saturday Daniel 2:44-49
Monday Daniel 3:1, 8-18
Tuesday Daniel 3:19-30

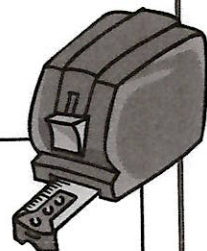
People of Judah were taken captive to Babylon. Among them were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah — these guys were young, good-looking, and smart. The king of Babylon decided to feed and educate them to prepare them to serve in his court. The men’s Hebrew names were changed to Babylonian names: Daniel became Belteshazzar, Hananiah became Shadrach, Mishael became Meshach, and Azariah became Abednego.

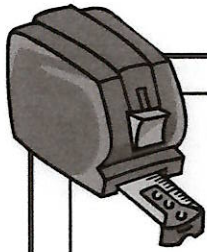
Daniel 1:3-20

What did Daniel make up his mind to do about the king’s choice food and drink?

Name two ways Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were better than the other young men.

- 1.
- 2.





Daniel 2:1-2, 10-19, 24

How did Daniel know the dream and its meaning when the other wise men of Babylon didn't?

God Helped the Men be Fit

The king of Babylon wanted the young men to eat his special food and drink his wine. Daniel asked permission for Hananiah, Mishael, Azariah, and himself to eat only vegetables, so they wouldn't be unclean from the king's food.

The king's officials thought the four men would be weak. But at the end of ten days, the four men were

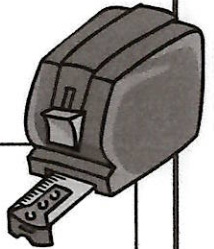
healthier than all the others who were eating the king's food. So they were allowed to keep eating the food they knew pleased God.

God also made sure the four young men had knowledge and understanding in their studies. At the end of three years, the king found them to be more fit for serving him than all the others. Daniel and his friends did what was right, and it showed!

God Helped Daniel Know the Dream

Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, had dreams that troubled him, and he wanted to know what they meant. The king's wise men couldn't tell the meaning of the dreams. This made Nebuchadnezzar mad, and he ordered all his wise men be killed, including Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

When Daniel heard this, he said he would tell the meaning of the king's dream. Daniel explained that God caused the dream and would give its meaning. The main point was that God would set up a kingdom that would be stronger than any of the great kingdoms of the world, and His kingdom would stand forever. King Nebuchadnezzar knew that Daniel's words were right, so he honored God. He also promoted Daniel and his friends to high positions in Babylon.



Daniel 2:44-49

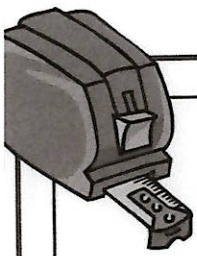
In the dream's meaning, what would the kingdom of God do to the other kingdoms?

- crush them
- love them
- help them

Cross out the wrong answer.

After Daniel gave the meaning of the king's dream, the king honored:

God	Daniel	Himself
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Daniel 3:1, 8-18

What did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego do about the king's orders when the music sounded?

True or False? Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were not sure whether God could deliver them from the blazing fire.

God Rescued Men of Faith

King Nebuchadnezzar had a huge golden statue of himself made in his honor. He told all the officials and rulers of Babylon to fall down and worship before the statue. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were rulers in Babylon, but they knew it was wrong to worship this way.

The king said that if they did not bow down, they would be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire. Shadrach, Meshach,

and Abednego had courage and faith in God and would not bow down. This made Nebuchadnezzar mad. He ordered the furnace to be heated hotter than usual, tied up the three men, and had them thrown in the fire.

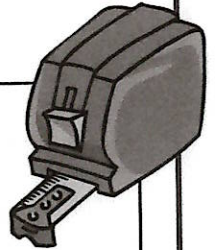
When the king looked into the fire, he saw four men walking around! Guess who it was? It was Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, and a divine being like an angel God had sent to be with them! The king told them to come out of the fire; and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego walked out! Again, the king learned to honor the one true God. He said no one could speak anything against God. He then promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego again.

Daniel 3:19-30

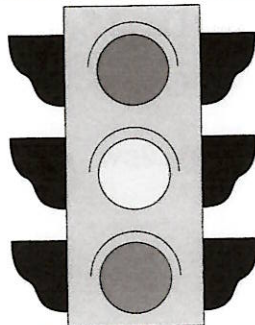
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego survived the fire with

- only minor burns.
- no burns at all.
- a heat rash.

What did King Nebuchadnezzar think about the God of heaven?



I am afraid to stand alone for God.



Put an X in the light that best describes you.

Red — most of the time

Yellow — sometimes

Green — never

Think About It ...



Name three things that will help you have faith and courage to do what is right even when it's hard.


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- 2.
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Nail Down the Bible Facts

Right here, right now, write from memory Genesis 1:1.

Which book of the Old Testament is about rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem?

On a map inside the back cover, locate the Dead Sea, the Sea of Galilee, and the Mediterranean Sea. Mark them with a .