

MAIN POINT:

When I Feel Pressure; God is Faithful

MEMORY VERSE:

"The Lord is with me. I will not be afraid. What can mere human beings do to me? Psalm 118:6

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

King Nebuchadnezzar took Israelites captive, and in the group were Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. The king made a giant statue and told everyone they must bow down and worship it or be thrown into a blazing furnace. Everyone did what the king told them to do, except Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego because they would only worship God. When the king threw them into the fire, they didn't burn up. Instead, the Angel of God was with them in the fire and they were safe!

WATCH IT

Find the lesson video on our website: <https://cchurch.ca/childrens-online>

Search: CSC Children's Ministries on YouTube to find our channel.

DO IT → FIERY FURNACE HAND SPINNER

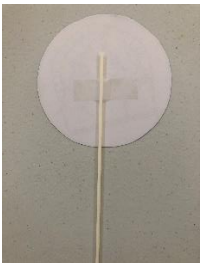
SUPPLIES

- Hand spinner template (1 per child, see last page)
- Lollipop stick (a pencil would also work)
- Glue
- Scotch tape
- Scissors
- Pencil crayons, markers or crayons

Activity Instructions:

Cut out and colour the template pieces.

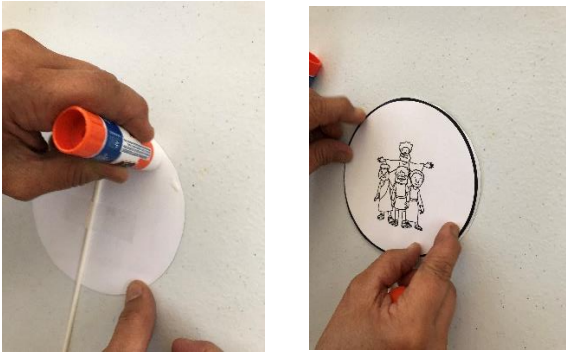
On the back side of one of the pieces, tape the upper 1/3 of the stick onto the centre of the circle.



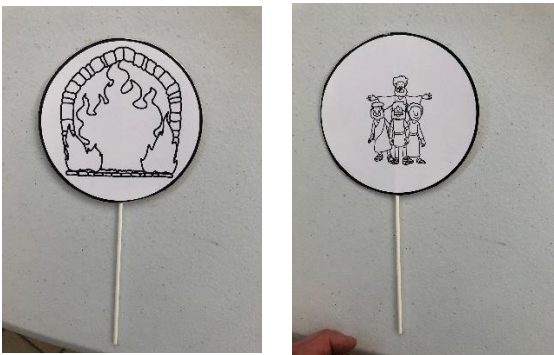
Make sure the picture is the right way up on the other side.

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Glue the second picture over top, sandwiching the stick between the papers. Again, make sure it's in the right direction before it gets sealed down. Have children glide the glue stick as close to the edges as possible for a good seal. Remember to have them press down for a count of 12 while glue starts to dry



Wait 2 minutes before trying their craft so it has time to completely dry. Have the children roll the stick back and forth between their hands to see Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the furnace.



The Point

We are faced with difficult choices like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. And just like them, we can always count on God to be with us. When you spin your craft, you can remember that God is faithful and will always be with you.

TALK ABOUT IT:

Do this section with your child while they are assembling their craft.

- 1. Have you ever had a burn?** (touching stove element, a curling iron, hot pan or even a sunburn.) **If you've felt a burn then you know the difficult choice that Shadrach** (shad-rack), **Meshach** (Me-Shack) **and Abednego** (A-bed-neh-go) **faced.**

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2. **Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego faced the ultimate pressure. They had to choose to follow God or risk their life! They made a wise choice when they trusted that God would protect them. We are faced with pressures all the time to do things that we know are wrong. What sort of situations have you been in where you felt pressure to go along with the crowd or to choose what was right?** (Following the rules, even when the other way is more fun; leaving out a child at school because nobody else likes him; talking about Jesus openly to a friend, when another friend said the Bible isn't true; friends telling a lie and we have to choose to fess up or go along with it.)

3. **When we're caught in a situation where we're feeling the pressure it can be very hard to make the right choice. God promises to be with us always. He is Faithful so we can count on him. What are things we can do in the moment to help us make wise choices?** (Pray! Ask God to help you. Recite a Bible verse to help you remember that you aren't alone. Walk away from the situation. Sometimes removing ourselves takes the pressure away. Read your Bible. This can help us know what to do.)

FAMILY PRAYER:

Dear God, thank You for being faithful in every situation. Thank You that you are there for us, even when we face big pressures. Please help us to remember we can always turn to You when we need help. We love You and pray in Jesus' name, amen.

OFFERING:

Our offering project will go to Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child to help with shipping costs of the shoeboxes.

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