Teaching Guide - Preschool & VSN

Heaven's Kingdom: Living for the King

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Lesson - I Worship God, my King!

Hey Victory Kids, and welcome to Heaven's Kingdom: Living for the King! This month, we are learning what it means to live for God, our King! When God is our King, we worship Him, follow His ways, and make choices that please Him.

Today, we are going to meet three men with some BIG names: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! Can you say, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego"? (Have them repeat the names.) These three men loved God and knew that only God deserved their worship.

One day, King Nebuchadnezzar made a huge golden statue. The king told everyone, "When you hear the music, bow down and worship the statue!" When the music played, everyone began to bow. But Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego did not bow! They knew that only God deserved their worship.

SAY IT: I worship God only!

DO IT: Lift both hands toward heaven.

The king said that anyone who would not bow to the statue would be thrown into a fire. But, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego still chose to worship God. They knew God could save them, but even if He did not, they would not worship the statue. Victory Kids, we can choose God's way too! We can tell the truth, obey, be kind, and choose what is right because God is our King!

SAY IT: I choose God's way!

DO IT: Give two thumbs up.

The king became very angry and threw Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego into the fiery furnace. Then something amazing happened! The king looked into the fire and said, "Didn't we throw three men into the fire?" Let's count them: One, two, three!

But the king saw four people walking around! Let's count again: One, two, three, FOUR!

God was with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fire! When the king called them out, they were not burned. Their clothes and hair were not burned, and they did not even smell like smoke! When the king saw what God had done, he praised God. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego chose to worship God no matter what. Victory Kids, we can do the same. Living for the King means putting God first, worshiping Him only, and choosing His way!

SAY IT: I live for the King!

DO IT: Point to yourself, then point up.

PRAYER: Dear Jesus, You are our King, and we want to live for You. Help us put You first, worship You only, and choose Your way. Help us make choices that please You every day. We love You. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Lesson Questions - 10 Mins

2 & 3Yr Olds

1. Did they bow down to the golden statue? **(No)**
2. Was God with them in the fire? **(Yes)**
3. How many men did the king see in the fire? **4 (count them one...two..three...four)**
4. Is God with us, too? **(Yes)**

4Yrs - 1st Grade

1. What was one of the names of the three men in our Bible story? **Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego**
2. What did King Nebuchadnezzar tell everyone to worship? **A golden statue**
3. Why wouldn't Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego bow down? **They worshiped God only**
4. What happened when Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out of the fire? **They were not burned or hurt.**

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Activity 1: Hot, Hot, Safe!

Items Needed: Red, orange, and yellow paper circles, music

Connection: God kept Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego safe in the fire.

Step 1: Scatter the colored circles around the floor to represent flames.
Step 2: Have children move around the room while music plays without stepping on the "flames."
Step 3: When the music stops, call, "God is with me!"
Step 4: Children freeze, put their hands over their hearts, and repeat, "God is with me!"
Step 5: Restart the music and continue.

Activity 2: Fireball Toss

Items Needed: Red, orange, and yellow foam balls and buckets

Connection: The fire looked scary, but Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego trusted God.

Step 1: Place a basket a short distance from the children.
Step 2: Let each child toss the fireballs into the basket.
Step 3: After each child takes a turn, ask, "When I am afraid, who can I trust?"
Step 4: Have everyone answer, "I can trust God!"

Activity 3: Bubble Party OR Story Time

Items Needed: Bubbles and music OR book basket

We've got some extra time today, so let's spend it worshipping and dancing with bubbles or reading a book to the class (please show the pictures on each page).

Craft or Coloring Sheet (use 1 or 2 options depending on class age & time)

Craft 1: Fiery Furnace Craft

Items Needed: Motipuns 24 Set 3D Fiery Furnace Craft

Connection: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego trusted God even when they were thrown into the fiery furnace. This craft reminds us that God was with them in the fire, and God is with us too.

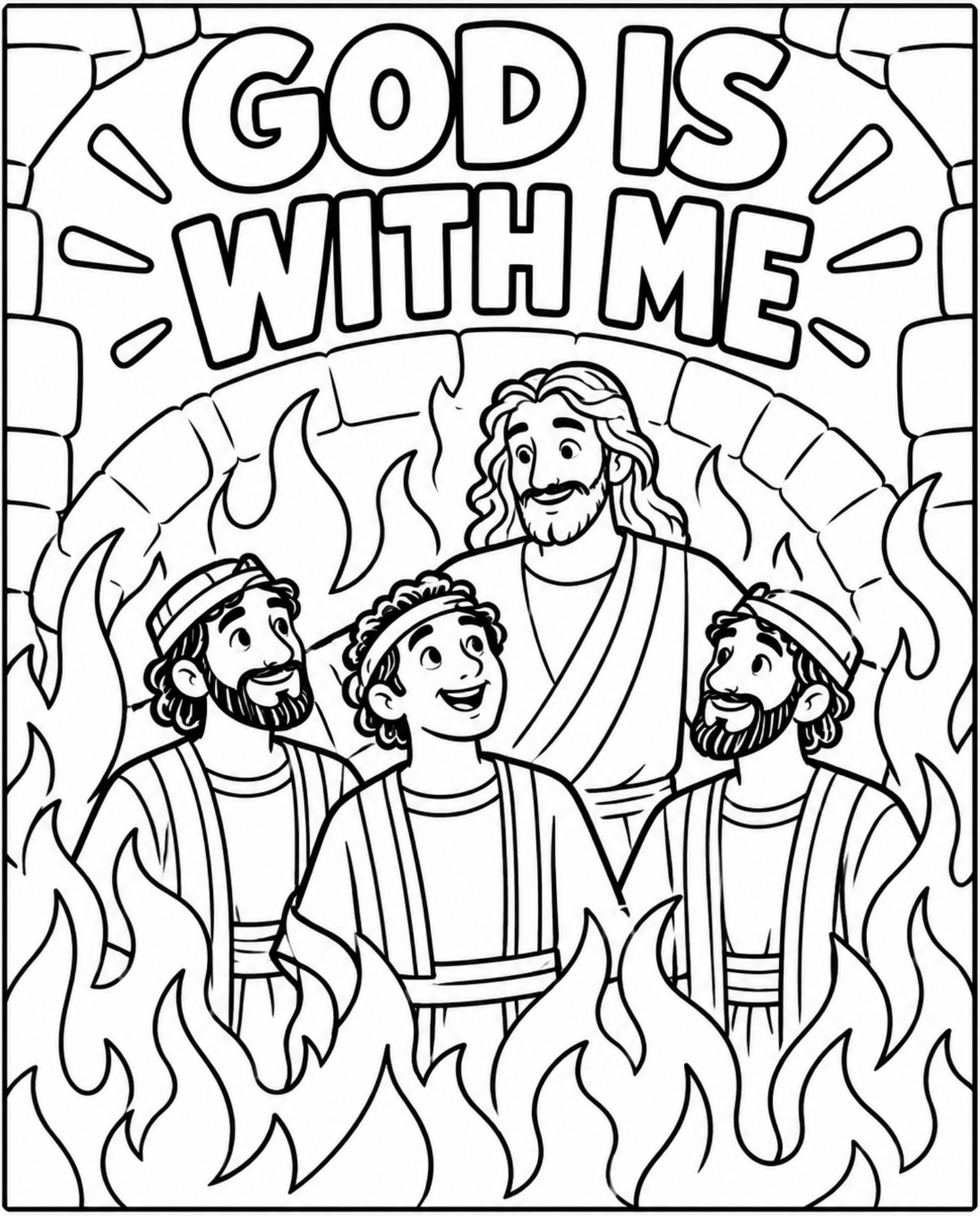
Step 1: Give each child one Fiery Furnace Craft Kit.
Step 2: Have the children assemble the furnace by folding and connecting the pieces to create the 3D shape.
Step 3: Add the flame pieces inside the furnace.

Craft 2: God Is With Me Coloring Sheet

Items Needed: Coloring sheet and crayons.

Connection: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego trusted God, and God was with them in the fiery furnace.

Step 1: Distribute the coloring sheets and allow time to color.


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