

SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO



Bible Reference: Daniel 3

Date: 1/4/26

Grade: PreK /Kindergarten

2nd Service

Memory Verse:

"Do it all for the glory of God."

1 Corinthians 10:31

Big Picture Question:

How can we glorify God? We can glorify God by loving Him and obeying Him.

Christ Connection

- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego only worshiped God. When we trust in Jesus, we worship only Him because He is the one true Savior.

Schedule

- Welcome/ Intro Activity.....5 minutes
- Kids Worship @ 11:00.....15-20 minutes
- Circle Time and Bible Story.....10 minutes
- Movement Activity.....10 minutes
- Craft.....5-7 minutes
- Music.....5 minutes
- Global Partner Feature.....5-7 minutes
- Prayer and Bible Verse.....10 minutes
- Snack/ Discussion Time.....5-7 minutes
- Additional Activities.....As Needed

Notes and Reminders

Happy New Year! We are so grateful to have you as a part of our KidMin Shepherd team at LEFC! We pray that you will continue to see God move in the hearts and lives of the children in your class and in your own life this year!



SHEPHERD BIBLE STUDY

Daniel 3 contains one of the most powerful declarations in the Bible—a declaration so bold that it has inspired believers to stand firm in their faith, regardless of hardships or persecution. But before we get to that declaration, we must understand the situation in which it was given.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego faced a seemingly impossible situation. King Nebuchadnezzar had set up a massive golden statue and invited everyone to join him in commemorating the event by bowing down and worshiping the idol. When the call went out to bow down, everyone obeyed the king's command except for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. King Nebuchadnezzar was furious. He summoned the men and gave them a second chance to bow to the statue while reminding them that if they refused to bow, he would have them thrown into a fiery furnace where they would surely die.

Given the ultimatum, the three men declared, "If the God we serve exists, then he can rescue us from the furnace of blazing fire, and he can rescue us from the power of you, the king. But even if he does not rescue us, we want you as king to know that we will not serve your gods or worship the gold statue you set up" (Daniel 3:16-18). The boldest part of that statement comes in the second sentence, when they say, "even if he does not." They stood before this powerful king and declared that they would not bow regardless of what happened to them.

Ultimately, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were thrown into the fiery furnace where a mysterious fourth man walked with them. God rescued them from death, and His name was praised among the people. As we read the story of these three men, we see them refuse the temptation to bow down to anyone or anything other than the one true God. Encourage kids to be ready to stand firm in their faith like these three men and to remember that Jesus promises to be with those who trust in Him.

JUNIOR SHEPHERD HIGHLIGHT

Daniel 3 tells an amazing story about standing strong in faith. Before we look at the famous words spoken in this chapter, we need to understand what was happening.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were in a very difficult situation. King Nebuchadnezzar built a huge gold statue and ordered everyone to bow down and worship it. When the signal was given, almost everyone obeyed. But Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to bow.

The king became very angry. He called the three men to him and gave them another chance. He warned them that if they did not bow to the statue, they would be thrown into a blazing furnace and die.

The three men answered the king with courage. They said that God had the power to save them from the fire and from the king. But then they said something very important: even if God did not save them, they still would not worship the statue. They chose to obey God no matter what happened.

The king ordered them to be thrown into the furnace. While they were in the fire, a fourth man appeared and walked with them. God protected them, and they did not die. When the king saw this, he praised God.

This story shows us that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego trusted God completely. They refused to worship anything other than the one true God. We can learn from their example and be brave in our faith, remembering that Jesus promises to be with those who trust Him.

OUTLINE



Welcome and Intro Activity

5 minutes

Welcome the children and mark them as present on the attendance sheet on the clipboard by the door.

- Post the Big Picture Question Poster near the entrance to the room. Tape the Bible Story Picture Poster to the outside of a large envelope. Write the story point on a sheet of paper and place inside the envelope. Hide the envelope in the room. Encourage children to find the hidden message. Show the Bible Story Picture Poster as you read the message. Invite children to hide the envelope for the next child to find.
- SAY Welcome! I am so glad that you are here today. Our big picture question asks, How can we glorify God? We can glorify God by loving and obeying Him. Our hidden message tells us God protected Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

Circle Time and Bible Story

10 minutes

Thinking Activity

- Arrange paper towel tubes in a small pile in the center of the group time area forming a pretend fire pit. Give each child a small piece of tissue paper as you invite them to join you in group time. Encourage children to wrinkle the paper and place it on the sticks to build a pretend fire.
- SAY Fires are very hot! Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego only worshiped God. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego knew God could save them from a fire when they refused to worship fake gods. God protected Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

Bible Story

- King Nebuchadnezzar took some young men from Judah to work for him. Three of them were named Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. One day, the king made a big gold statue and told everyone to bow down and worship it when they heard music. If they did not, he would throw them into a hot, fiery furnace. When the music played, everyone bowed down—except Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. They knew they should only worship God. Some people saw them and told the king. The king got very angry and said, “If you do not bow down, I will throw you into the fire! What god can save you then?” But the three friends said, “Our God can save us from the fire; but even if He doesn’t, we won’t worship your statue.” The king was so mad! He made the furnace extra hot and had them thrown in. But then the king saw something surprising! He said, “Didn’t we put three men in the fire? Now I see four men walking around, and one looks like a god!”





- The king called the friends out of the fire, and they were not hurt at all—not even their clothes were burned! The king was amazed and said, “Praise the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! No other god can save like He does.

Christ Connection

- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego only worshiped God. When we trust in Jesus, we worship only Him because He is the one true Savior.

Review Activity

- Cover the Bible Story Picture Poster with sticky notes. Use one sticky note for each child in your group. You may need to cut the notes into smaller pieces if you have a large group. Invite each child to remove a sticky note to reveal the Bible Story Picture Poster. Talk about what you see and ask questions about the story as the picture is revealed.
- **SAY** Who are the people in this picture? (Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego) Where are they coming out from? (the fire) Were they hurt? (no) You discovered a picture of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego coming out of the fire. God protected Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. They were not hurt at all. Their clothes were not even burned. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego only worshiped God. When we trust in Jesus, we worship only Him because He is the one true Savior.

Movement Activity

10 minutes

Write the names Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, and God on individual pieces of construction paper. Place the papers on the floor. Encourage a child to toss a beanbag toward the papers. If the beanbag lands on Shadrach say, “God protected Shadrach.” Follow the same pattern with Meshach and Abednego. If the beanbag lands on God, say the complete story point.

SAY The king built a big gold statue and told everyone to bow down and worship it. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego did not bow down. They knew they should only worship God. The king got very angry and threw them into the fire. The king called them to come out of the fire, and they were not hurt at all. The king was amazed! God protected Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.





Craft

5-7 minutes

Distribute a craft spinner to each child and place crayons or markers on each table. encourage children to color both sides of their spinner with markers. When children are done, show children how to roll the stick back and forth between their hands to make the circle spin, blending the two pictures together.

SAY Look what picture you can see when you spin your craft! When Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego would not worship the statue, they were thrown in a hot, fiery furnace. But when the king looked in the furnace, he did not see three men; he saw four! One looked very special. This is who God sent to protect Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! God protected Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. The men lived because God protected them.



Music

5 minutes

You will find music and other video resources on the USB which is already plugged into the TV. Feel free to play the videos in any order you like! You may distribute the Activity Page for the children to complete at this time, if they would prefer to sit and listen to the music.

Friends From Afar

5-7 minutes

You will find today's activity for Friends from Afar in the Binder on the counter. The information for this month's Global Partner family and an activity to learn about where they are serving are included.





Prayer and Bible Verse

10 minutes

Prayer (Use these words, or your own, to pray about today's Bible lesson. Take time to listen to prayer requests from the children and pray for them as well!)

- God, help us make You the most important thing in our life like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego did. Help us trust in Jesus and worship only Him because He is the one true Savior. Amen

Bible Verse

- Read the key passage aloud. Encourage the children to stand up and do the following motions as they say the key passage. "Do" (touch feet); "everything" (touch knees); "for" (hands on hips); "the" (touch shoulders); "glory" (touch head); "of God" (put hands in the air). Repeat the movements several times.
- SAY Our key passage reminds us that God wants us to do everything for His glory. In today's story, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego glorified God by loving and obeying Him. We can glorify God by loving and obeying Him too!

Snack and Discussion Time

5-7 minutes

Have children sanitize their hands before passing out snacks and cups of water. During this time, you can connect with children and discuss questions regarding the lesson.

1. What did you like about the Bible story? (Answers will vary.)
 2. What were some things in the Bible story that made you happy or sad? (Answers will vary.)
 3. What did King Nebuchadnezzar do to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego when they did not worship the statue? (Had them thrown in the furnace)
 4. Why didn't Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego worship the statue? (Because God said only to worship Him.)
 5. How did God help Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego when they were in the furnace? (He protected them from getting hurt.)
 6. How can we glorify God? We can glorify God by loving Him and obeying Him.
- SAY Nebuchadnezzar told everyone to bow down and worship his special statue or they would be thrown into a fiery furnace. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to bow down because they only worshiped the one true God. Nebuchadnezzar was very angry and threw them into the furnace, but God protected Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. King Nebuchadnezzar called for them to come out. He told everyone to worship God because no one saves like God.





Additional Activities

As Needed

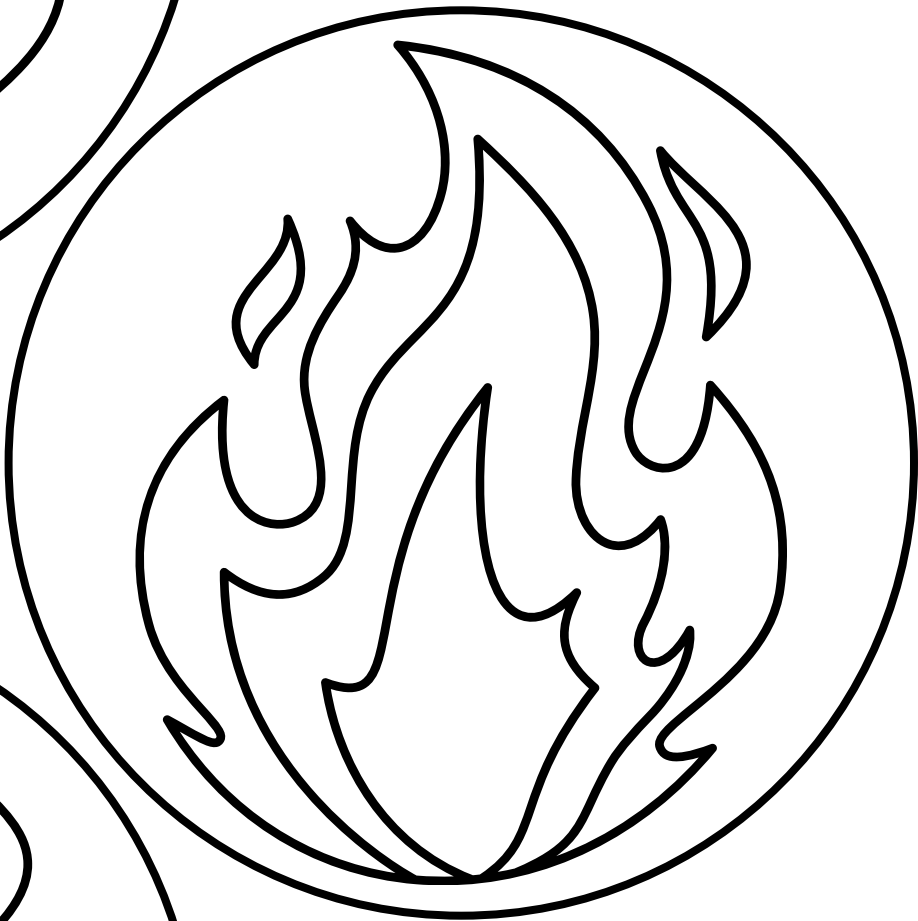
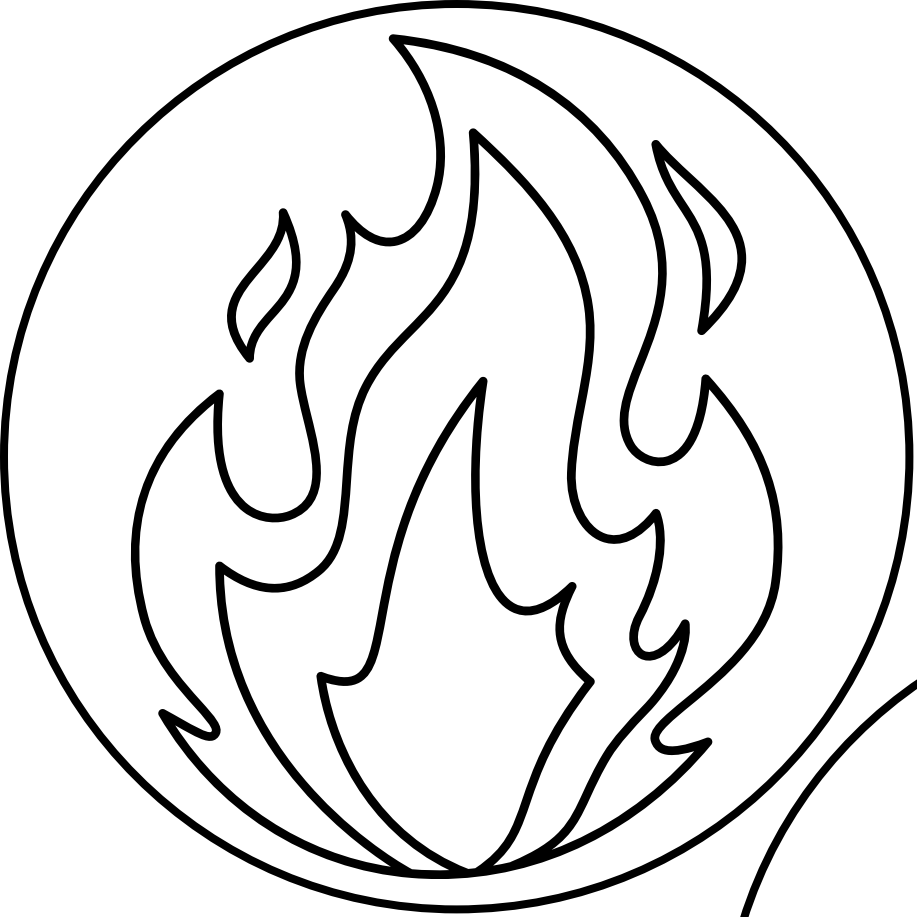
Build Together

- Invite children to sit in a circle. Give each child a block. Lead children to work together to build a tower by adding one block at a time. Challenge them to make it as tall as possible without knocking it down. Extend the game by challenging them to add the block with their eyes closed or using only one hand.
- **SAY** You worked together and built a tall tower. In today's Bible story, King Nebuchadnezzar built a tall statue and commanded everyone to bow down and worship it. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego only worshiped God. The king threw them in the fiery furnace, but God protected Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. When we trust in Jesus, we worship only Him because He is the one true Savior.

Find Jesus

- Hide the "Jesus" printable in the classroom. Play a "Hot and Cold" game to help the children find the picture of Jesus. When the children move toward the picture, say, "hot," and when they move away from it, say "cold." Tell children to close their eyes as you hide the picture a second time and play the game again.
- **SAY** You looked for the picture of Jesus. When King Nebuchadnezzar looked into the fiery furnace, he saw that the fire wasn't burning Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He saw a fourth person in the fire. God protected Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. The king told everyone to worship God because no one can save like He does.

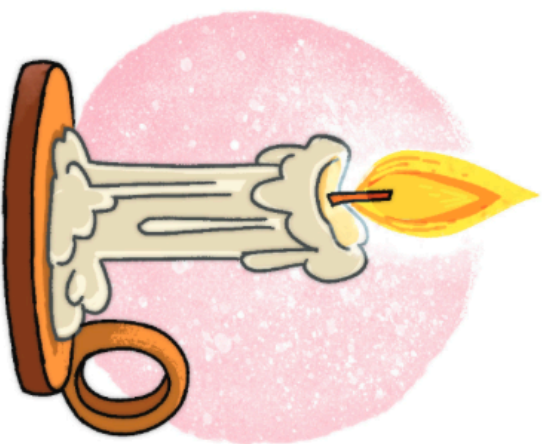
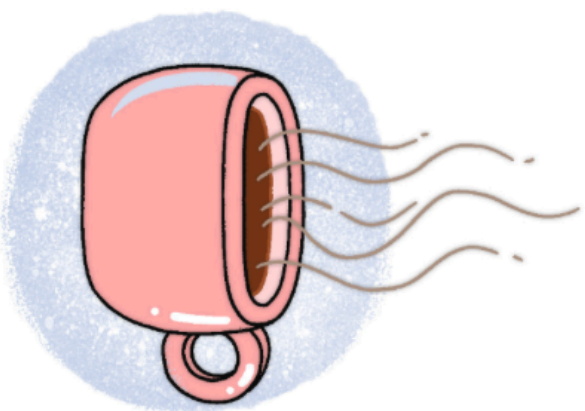






Circle What Is Hot

INSTRUCTIONS: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were thrown into a hot furnace because they chose to worship the one true God. Circle the items that are hot.



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the **GOSPEL** PROJECT



Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego

Daniel 3

STORY POINT: God protected Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

CHRIST CONNECTION: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego only worshiped God. When we trust in Jesus, we worship only Him because He is the one true Savior.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: Do everything for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

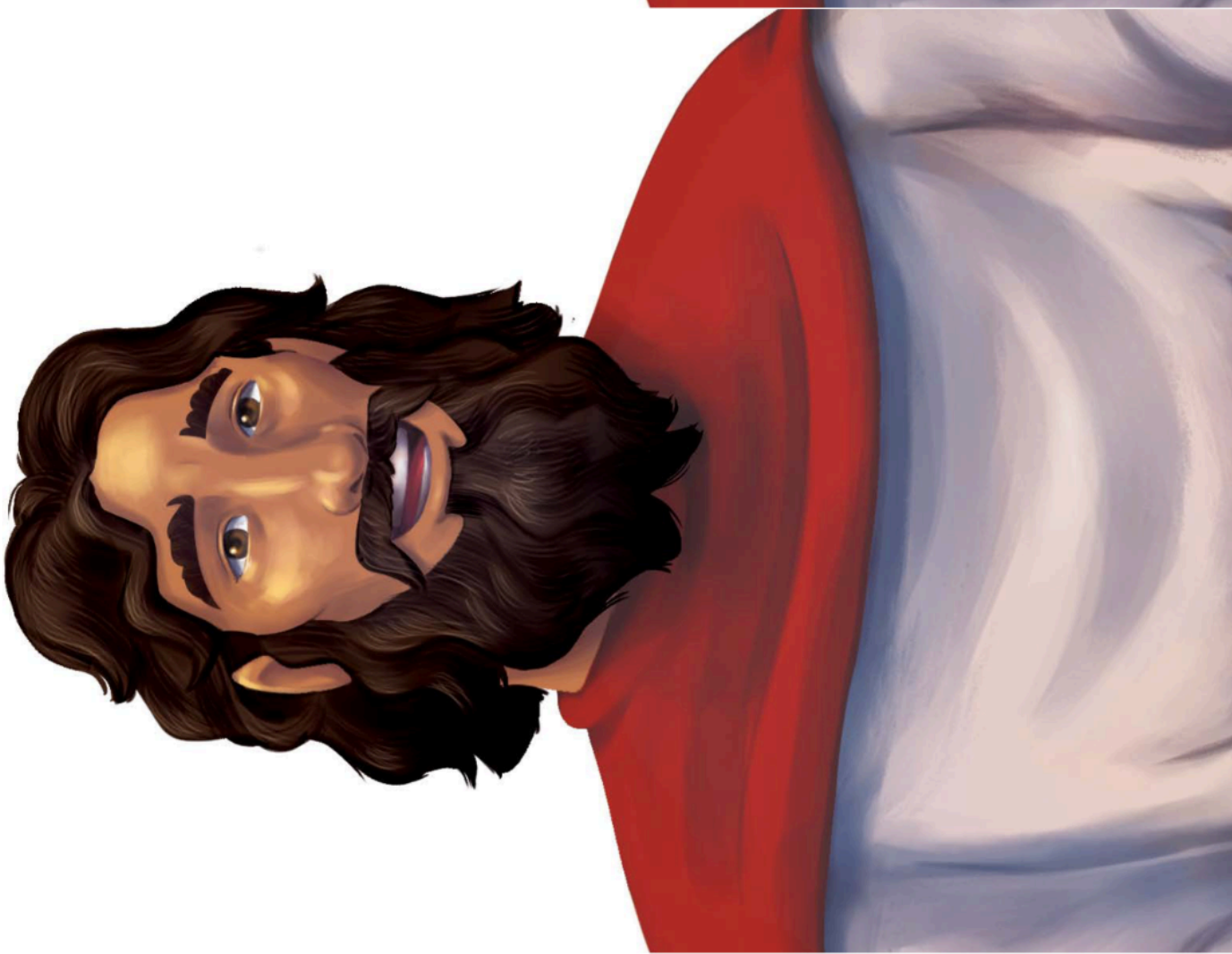
BIG PICTURE QUESTION: How can we glorify God? We can glorify God by loving and obeying Him.

Scan the QR code for resources to use at home!





How can we glorify God?





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UNIT 16 - HOPE FOR CAPTIVES

Unit Description: The people were far away from the land God had given them, but they were not far from God. The Lord was with His people even while they were in exile. He watched over them and promised that they would one day return to the land. When they did, they would return to Him as well.

Younger Preschool Big Picture Question:

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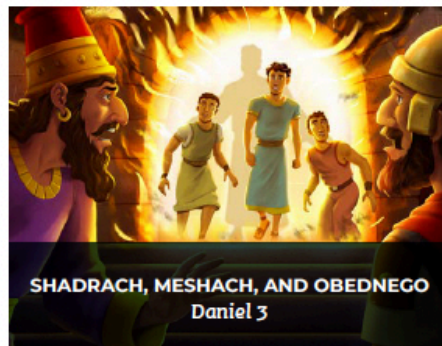
Older Preschool Big Picture Question:

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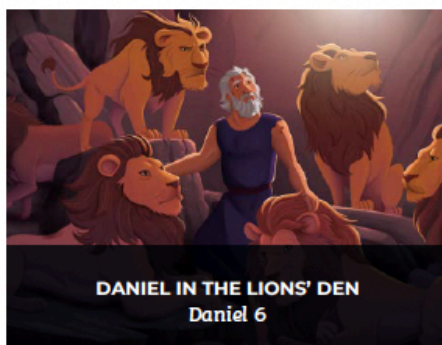
SESSION 1



SESSION 2



SESSION 3



SESSION 4

