

Family Conversations | Daniel 3: The Fiery Furnace | April 2010 Week 1

Discovery Town: Kindergarten—Elementary

1. Why didn't Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego bow down to the false god (statue) the king had made?
 - a. *(They knew God was the only true God.)*
2. Why would it have been wrong for Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego to bow to the statue?
 - a. *(The first and second commandments given to God's people say "you shall have no other god's before me" and "you shall not make for yourself any idols or bow down to any idols." Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were Israelites and would have known these very well.)*
3. Did Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego do the right thing even though they may have been afraid?
 - a. *(Yes!)*
4. Has there ever been a time when you stood up and did the right thing even when everyone else wasn't?
5. Is it ok to do the wrong thing when someone important like a teacher, coach, or neighbor says you should?
 - a. *What should you do if that happens? (Parent—discuss different reactions you prefer your kid to have in those situations.)*
6. Do you think Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were afraid of the consequences when they didn't bow to the false god?
 - a. *(They told the king in v. 18 that regardless of being saved from death or not, they would not bow. It seems they were more fearful of disobeying God than man!)*
7. Do you think Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego thought God had abandoned them when they were being thrown into the fiery furnace?
 - a. *(No. They were willing to stand up for God regardless of the consequences. They probably could have changed their mind and bowed to the false god knowing they were sentenced to death in the furnace, but they remained loyal to God.)*
8. How can you do the right thing, even when you are afraid?
 - a. *Pray to God for the courage and strength to stand up for doing the right thing, and have a close relationship with God which will help give you the confidence and wisdom in those situations.*
9. Is there something in your life where you might be compromising God's standards? What can you do to change that?
 - a. *Ask God to forgive you, and make a decision to do the right thing when presented with the opportunity!*

U-Turn Youth: Jr. & Sr. High

1. What do you think was the underlying motive behind King Nebuchadnezzar making a statue of gold and requiring everyone to bow to it?
 - a. *Leaders (especially during that time in history) can sometimes think higher of themselves than they should. It can be a combination of pride, rebellion towards God, and greed.*
2. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were singled out because they refused to go along with the crowd. What are some ways you have seen people today stand up for their beliefs?
 - a. *Was it easy? Why or why not?*
3. In what ways does the world try to take our commitment away from God?
4. What are things you are committed to? When does your commitment waver?
5. Why do you think Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego had the courage to stand up to the king and face death?
 - a. *They feared God more than they feared man. (See Proverbs 29:25) They also had a relationship with the Living God which gave them the courage and confidence to make a stand.*
6. If you were in Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's shoes (sandals), what would you have done, faced with the same challenge?
7. What was the end result of the Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's faithfulness? (See Daniel 3:28-30)
 - a. *They were promoted, and the king issued a decree that no one should speak against their God.*
8. What might your commitment to God cost you?