

LESSON 15

THE FIERY FURNACE

Daniel 3

The King of Babylon had a huge statue made out of gold. He put it where everyone could see it. Then he made a rule that whenever music played, all the people had to bow down and worship the statue.

There were three friends in Babylon who served God. They would not bow down to the statue, so the King ordered the soldiers to throw them into the fiery furnace. It was so very hot that the soldiers who threw them in were burnt up.

God sent an angel to protect the men, and when they left the furnace, they were unharmed. Their clothes were not burnt, and they didn't even smell of fire. Because they did not worship the statue, God protected them.

ACTIVITY

Draw happy faces on the three men safe in the furnace. Colour or paste on material for clothes, and wool for hair. Use glitter to decorate the angel. Paste long strips of red, yellow and orange cellophane all over the page.

FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

Make a shoebox diorama with red cellophane strips pasted from top to bottom. Have four people standing among the strips. Sprinkle red glitter on the floor. Have three guards lying dead outside the shoebox. Further off, place the king with a crown on his head, pointing.

On a large tray or table depict the scene of the people worshipping the statue. Make an image out of cardboard covered with gold paper to stand at one end. Cut out smaller cardboard figures and bend them in half bowing to the image. Have three figures standing upright (use playdough for support) Add a few "musicians" near the image.

With great care, light a candle and singe a square of woollen material. Pass around the burnt section to allow each child to smell the scorch mark. Compare to Daniel 3:27.

The three men in the fiery furnace were protected by
God's angel.

