



Daniel:
The Fiery Furnace

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Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of freedom, you are our deliverance, no matter the test. Strengthen us with your spirit and uphold us with your love, for the sake of your Son our Lord, Jesus Christ, Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

²⁸Nebuchadnezzar said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king's command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God." (Daniel 3:28)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego have a hot dilemma before them: worship a worldly king and denounce the God of Israel, or face a fiery furnace and certain death? Fortunately for them, King Nebuchadnezzar has no idea who he's dealing with.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

What cultural pressures have you bowed to? What is one thing you do (or do not) that you feel like you shouldn't (or should)?

Wonder: Who was in the fiery furnace with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego? How did God save them from the fire?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God deliver you from fires that threaten to destroy. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Nebuchadnezzar changed dramatically when the three were spared. Go to https://www.ted.com/talks/kathryn_schulz_on_being_wrong to view Kathryn Schulz's TED talk, *On Being Wrong*. Open yourself to the possibility that you might be wrong. Open yourself to change.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, Daniel 3:1, 8-30, Daniel: The Fiery Furnace
Monday, Daniel 1:1-21, Four Israelites at the Babylonian Court
Tuesday, Daniel 2:1-16, Nebuchadnezzar's Dream
Wednesday, Daniel 2:17-23, God Reveals Nebuchadnezzar's Dream,
Thursday, Daniel 2:24-35, Daniel Interprets the Dream
Friday, Daniel 2:36-45, Daniel Interprets the Dream
Saturday, Daniel 2:46-49, Daniel and His Friends Promoted