

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego

(A CedarS Scriptural Skit-- @)

Setting: Babylon (in CedarS Camps Bible Lands Park)

Bible: Daniel 3

Characters:

- Narrator
- Shadrach
- Meshach
- Abednego
- King Nebuchadnezzar
- Subjects/Guards
- Fourth Man with God-like appearance

Costumes: Biblical Attire from Antioch (in CedarS Camps Bible Lands Park)

Props:

- Mini Golden Idol
- Musical instrument of any sort
- String

Narrator: Once upon a time, there were three men named Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego [SMA wave], who were in charge of the affairs in the province of Babylon. [SMA stand tall, proud, and with a thinking face; look like they might be delegating] The king of Babylon, named King Nebuchadnezzar, decided to make a golden statue and gathered all his subjects to declare this law:

King Nebuchadnezzar: Attention my loyal subjects, you are commanded that when you hear [insert sound/beat/music from instrument] you are to fall down and worship the golden statue that I have set up. Whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire.

Narrator: And so every time the people of Babylon heard [insert sound/beat/music from instrument] they would fall down and worship the statue [subjects bow down and worship the idol] Some subjects noticed Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego did not worship the statues, so they went to the king and said

Subjects: O king, we have been faithful to you by bowing down to the golden statue every time we hear the sound [insert sound/beat/music from instrument]. However, some of your officials, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, to be specific, never bow down and worship your statue.

King Nebuchadnezzar: How dare they! Bring them to me at once!

Narrator: Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego are brought before the King.

King Nebuchadnezzar: Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up? I will forgive you and let you go if you bow down the next time [insert musical instruments name] plays. If you do not bow down, then I will be forced to throw you into a fiery furnace. Who will save you then?

SMA: We're not worried, go ahead and throw us into the fire. Our God is able to save us and He will; but even if He doesn't we will never worship your statue.

Narrator: Nebuchadnezzar became furious and yelled out:

King Nebuchadnezzar: Throw them in immediately! Raise the temperature seven times higher than the normal heat! My strongest guards, bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego then throw them into the fire!

Narrator: The extreme heat of the furnace killed the guards that threw Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego into the furnace. The king was amazed when he saw what happened next.

King Nebuchadnezzar: Weren't there only three men thrown into the furnace?

Subjects: [in a scared voice] Yep, only three...

King Nebuchadnezzar: Then why do I see four men unbound and walking in the middle of the fire and not hurt? And the fourth man looks like the son of God.

Narrator: The king approached the furnace and shouted:

King Nebuchadnezzar: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!

[SMA walk out of the furnace]

Subjects and King: Amazing! They don't have any burn marks! Their hair and clothes don't even smell like smoke! All the fire burned off was their bonds!

King Nebuchadnezzar: Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted him. They didn't listen to me and they risked their lives to worship their one true God. Therefore, I make a decree: Anyone that criticizes the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego will be torn limb from limb and their homes shall be destroyed because there is no other God more powerful than this God.

Narrator: The King promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego back to be rulers in the province Babylon and the three lived happily ever after.

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Possible follow-up questions on and applications of this Bible Lesson story:

Have you had an experience when others have attempted to prevent you from practicing your beliefs? How have you responded?

What does tolerance mean, and how can we/do we use it today?

What is integrity?

Who in this story uses integrity?

When is it okay to sacrifice your integrity?

How do you define your integrity?

How does God play a role in your sense of integrity?

What “smell of smoke” or lingering reminders or after-effects of some fiery trial would you like to put behind you like SMA did?

What limitations meant to bind you would you like to see burned away as the only result of a fiery encounter?

When SMA told the king, “We’re not worried” and gave gratitude in advance for God’s ability to save them, they role-modeled being fearless based on confidence in God. In what areas would you like to be more fearless and unworried?

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