

LESSON 10

DANIEL'S THREE FRIENDS REFUSE TO BOW TO AN IDOL

Worksheets

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DANIEL'S THREE FRIENDS REFUSE TO BOW**PART I: THE GOLDEN IMAGE IS MADE**

1. King Nebuchadnezzar compelled all his people to worship a _____ set up in the plain of _____, in the province of Babylon.
2. According to the new _____, whoever did not fall down and worship the gold image would be cast immediately into a burning _____.
3. There were three _____ who did not follow this new law—Shadrach, _____, and Abed-Nego.
4. King Nebuchadnezzar said to the three friends, "And who is the god who will _____ _____?"

PART II: SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABED-NEGO IN THE FIERY FURNACE

1. The king was angered by the three friends and commanded the furnace to be heated _____ times more than it was usually heated.
2. The king saw _____ men walking in the midst of the fire and the form of the fourth was like the _____.
3. After the three friends came out from the furnace, the king and his subjects realized that there was no _____ of fire on them.
4. King Nebuchadnezzar then made a _____ that any people, nation, or language which spoke anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego would be cut in pieces, and their houses would be made an _____; because there was no other God who could _____ like this.

Christians: Yes, We Are!

PART I: SELF-REFLECTION

Consider each action listed below. Put a check mark if you do that action at the specified place.

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|--|---------|-----------|-----------|
| I pray on a regular basis. | | | |
| I think about God's teachings from time to time. | | | |
| I respect others. | | | |
| I am kind and friendly to others. | | | |
| I don't say bad things about others. | | | |
| I am eager to help others. | | | |
| I am aware of my responsibilities. | | | |
| I am not afraid to tell others I am a Christian. | | | |
| I talk politely. | | | |
| Other people know that I am a good person/Christian. | | | |

PART II: DISCUSSION

Read the story below and discuss the situation Vincent faces in the story with the rest of your group members. Use the questions at the bottom as a guide.

At school, Vincent and his classmates are sitting together at the table, ready to eat lunch. As Vincent is saying grace on his own quietly, his friend William says aloud, "Look, Vincent is praying to the God he learned about from the story book! He believes in everything the story book says!" Some of their other classmates start laughing with William.



Discussion Questions

1. How do you think Vincent feels in this situation?
2. What would you do if you were Vincent?
3. What do you think God wants Vincent to do?
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It's Halloween this weekend and Vincent's friends have invited him to go "trick-or-treat" with them. Vincent knows that he should not celebrate Halloween as a Christian, so he politely declines their invitation and says thank you. Two days later, they ask Vincent again, and he insists not to go with them. William, who is one of these friends, begins to get angry and says to Vincent that if he does not go with them, he and his friends will never talk to him again.



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Consistence Is Key!

We need friends like Daniel's three friends with us today! We need men and women of faith who will make up their minds to be consistent and faithful in their beliefs! Are you a consistent Christian? Do you live every day to the glory of God? God just wants people to be consistent in their good actions. Do you know the secrets of being consistent in your beliefs? Here are the secrets!

I. Remember that God is always with us.

"Vivian behaves well when she is surrounded by adults. However, when she is only with her friends at school, she is not very nice and friendly to others. Vivian's friends think that she is mean and disrespectful. One day, one of Vivian's friends said to her, 'You don't act like a Christian.'"



Questions

1. God, who promises to be always with us, is next to Vivian. How do you think God feels when He hears what Vivian's friend said?
2. In your daily life, do you also do things that make God feel that way?

II. Have daily devotional time with God.

"Darren is going to college next year. Not only does he study very hard every day and night, but he also quit basketball, his favorite after school activity, in order to make more time for studying. Nevertheless, Darren understands that God is his priority, and therefore continues to do his daily Bible reading and praying despite how busy he is."



Questions

1. In order to make time for basketball, Darren could have sacrificed his daily devotional time with God. What do you think about Darren's decision to quit basketball?
2. Are you so busy every day that you cannot make time for God? How can you apply this story to your daily life?

WHY PERSECUTION?

Why does God allow us to be persecuted and suffer for His name? What should we do when we are being persecuted? Let's find out from the Bible! Answer each question using the reference verse given.

What are we suffering for in times of persecution? (1 Peter 1:7)

Answer:

Which quality can we produce when facing persecution? (Romans 5:3)

Answer:

What did God promise to reward us with if we endure persecution for His name? (James 1:12)

Answer:

What should we do to our persecutors? (Matthew 5:44)

Answer:

If we have a good conscience, what will eventually happen to our persecutors? (1 Peter 3:16)

Answer:

What should our attitude be when facing persecution for Christ's sake? (1 Peter 4:13; 1 Peter 3:14)

Answer:

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Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Weekly Bible Reading: _____

Bible Reading: Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

Prayer: Check each box after you pray to God that day.

| | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Read | | | | | | | |
| Pray | | | | | | | |

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

2. _____

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. (Psalm 19:14)

Fill in the Blank

1. Daniel's three friends who did not bow to the gold image were named _____, _____, and _____. They were _____ who had been exiled to _____.
2. King Nebuchadnezzar said that there was no _____ who delivered like the God Daniel's three friends worshipped.

True or False

3. The fourth person King Nebuchadnezzar saw in the fiery furnace was Daniel. _____

Multiple Choice

4. _____: King Nebuchadnezzar threw Daniel's three friends into the fiery furnace after _____.
 - a. He immediately found out that they did not bow down to the gold image he had made.
 - b. He asked them why they did not worship the gold image he had made and they did not answer.
 - c. He commanded them once again to bow down to the gold image and they refused.
5. _____: Daniel's three friends did not bow to the gold image because _____.
 - a. They knew that God is the only true God to whom they should bow down.
 - b. God appeared in their dream and told them not to bow down to the gold image.
 - c. Daniel told them not to bow down to it.
6. _____: After Daniel's three friends were thrown into the fire, King Nebuchadnezzar _____.
 - a. Was relieved and left.
 - b. Saw the three friends alive in the furnace with another man.
 - c. Sent his servants to see if they were still alive.

