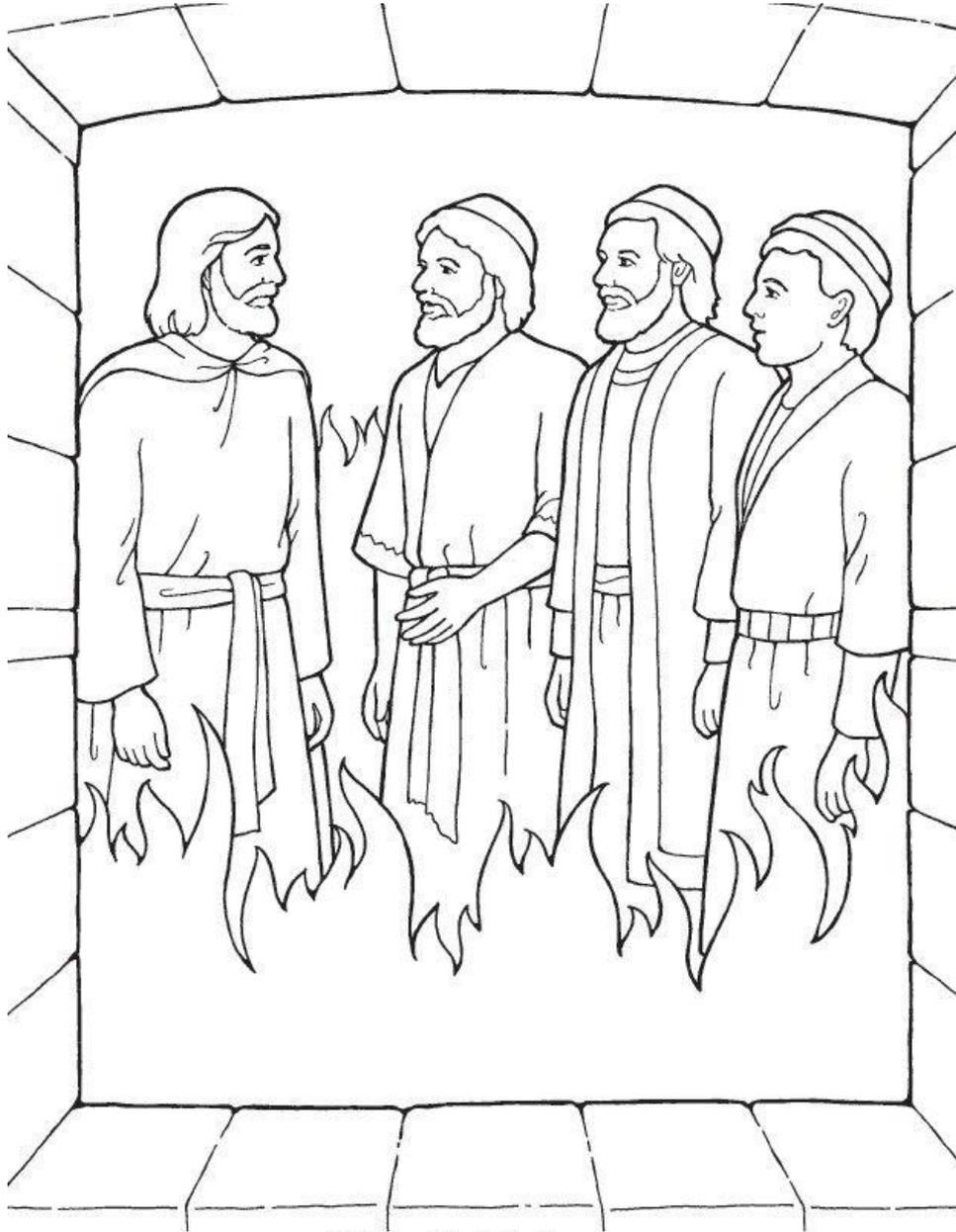




JESUS KIDS – LESSON 3

THE BOYS WHO WERE SAVED FROM FIRE (DANIEL 1-3)

Many many years ago, king Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon captured Jerusalem. As per his order, some Israelite boys who were handsome, intelligent and bright were selected for palace duties. They were trained in the palace. The king also gave orders that every day they were to be given the same food and wine as given to the members of the royal court. After three years of this training they were to appear before the king handsome and brilliant.



Righteous Men in the Fiery Furnace

I see four men . . . , walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God (Daniel 3:25).



In this group, there were four young men, who were good natured and devoted to God. Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. They decide not to take the royal food and wine. They wanted to have only vegetarian food and not to drink wine. After 10 days they became more handsome than others who ate the Royal food. They were brilliant too. As Daniel was intelligent, the king made him the head of all royal advisers in the palace. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were given charge of the affairs of the province.

After some time, a gold statue was made and the king commanded that everyone should worship this statue. Those who will not bow down and worship the statue would be put into a blazing furnace.

All the people in the province worshipped the statue. Some Babylonians complained the king that Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego didn't worship the statue. The king flew into a rage on hearing this. When asked, they replied that they would not worship any God other than the true God. The king lost his temper. They were given one more chance and the king said that if they don't obey, they would be put in the furnace. The youth replied calmly, "The God whom we serve will save us from the blazing furnace." The strongest men in the army tied them up and threw them into the blazing furnace.

When the king looked, he found four men walking in the furnace. He could understand that the fourth one was an angel. The king became perplexed and asked the boys to come out.

When they came out, it was found that even their clothes, sandals or hair were not all burnt up and there was no smell of smoke on them. The king repented and said that their God is the real God. He agreed to worship that God. The youth were given new higher positions in the province of Babylon.

MORAL

Don't worship any other God than our true God.

PRAYER

God, give us the good desire to worship you. Lord, save us from dangerous situations.

MEMORY VERSE

"You shall have no other Gods before me." Exodus 20:3