

**Response Activities**  
**God Protects & Rescues**  
***Bible Passage: Daniel 3***

***Remember Verse:Deuteronomy 31:6***

*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.*

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***Hello Families!***

***We hope you enjoy this bonus material, it includes discussion questions and activities designed as additional ways to connect with the story videos. The Kids Connect video message coordinates with what is being taught in our main service and breaks it down to a more age appropriate level. It is our intention with both the videos and these activities to include different elements for the various age levels of kids who will be participating in these lessons. Each week we are drawing from curriculums designed for different age levels to help make this happen. We understand that not every element will apply to every age, but it is our hope that each family will be able to draw out those elements they can tailor to the children in their families. It is our prayer that this lesson, the kids' videos and the live steam service will help open up conversation in your household and provide a way for your entire family to engage with God's word!***

# Daniel 3

## RESPOND

### *PRESCHOOL*

#### Wonder Questions

##### RELATE

In today's part of The Big God Story, we heard how Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to worship anything or anyone but God. Even though the king threatened to throw them into a hot, fiery furnace, they knew their God was able to protect them.

I wonder ... Why did God protect Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?

I wonder ... How does God protect me?

I wonder ... How can I worship God for His protection?

### My Colorful Prayer

##### SUPPLIES

- Prayer sheet
- Crayons, markers, and/or colored pencils

##### PREPARE AHEAD

Print or copy a Prayer sheet for each child.

##### RELATE

**God protects us each day, sometimes in ways we don't even see. What are some ways God protects us?** Give children a moment to respond. Possible answers: God can protect us by giving us families, safe homes, and people like police officers, lifeguards, firefighters, etc. **Today in our creative worship, we're going to color a picture of our prayers of thanks to God for His protection. This picture can be of anything you want to say to God. You can draw some ways God protects you, or you can just draw a pretty picture for God.**

### *ELEMENTARY*

#### Discussion Questions

- **What did King Nebuchadnezzar command the people to do?** Daniel 3:5–6
- **Why didn't Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego obey the king?** Daniel 3:16–18
- **What happened after God rescued Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?** Daniel 3:28–29
- **What is one way God has rescued you?**

### God Rescues Comic Strip

##### SUPPLIES

- Comic Strips
- Markers

##### RELATE

**God rescued His servants from a scary situation. What are some other examples in The Big God Story of God rescuing His people?** Invite answers. **Good thoughts.**

**God is our Rescuer too! He is mighty to save. Not only did He save us from sin and death, but He is with us every day! When we experience hard things in life or something doesn't happen how we want, He gives us**

**strength and peace. We can praise God because He will never leave us. What do you want to say to God for being your Rescuer?**

**Let's celebrate and praise God for being our Rescuer!** Use the comic strip pages to create a story of God's rescue. In the first few boxes draw some of the stories from the Bible where God rescued His people (example Moses and the Red Sea). In the next few boxes, draw a way that God rescues you, it can be a situation that He has rescued you from or it can be that He rescued you by sending Jesus to die for your sins. In the last box thank God for rescuing you and for being with you always.

## **Just for Fun: Musical Statues (All Ages)**

In this game of freeze dance, kids will recall that God's servants refused to worship the statue the king created.

### **SUPPLIES**

- Upbeat music

### **SET UP**

Clear some space for kids to do the activity.

### **RELATE**

**God rescued His servants Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego when they refused to worship anyone but the one true God. Today we're going to play a game of Musical Statues. I'm going to stand up and play some music for you to dance to. When the music stops, you need to freeze in place. If anyone is still moving after the music stops, I'll ask you to sit down.** Continue until there's only one child left standing.

After the game, discuss: **Why was it hard to stop when the music stopped? Why did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refuse to worship the statue? How does God rescue His servants today?**

## **BLESS**

Gather children around you in a circle. As you bless children individually, encourage each one to hold out her hands, palms up as if cupping water. This posture represents the child's willingness to receive from God.

**Now I know the Lord protects** (child's name). **He answers** (his/her) **prayers with His mighty power** (paraphrase of Psalm 20:6).

**May you remember that God is with you always and protects you, even in the things you cannot see.**

# **My Prayer(s) to God**

# GOD RESCUES

