

MEMORY VERSE: Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. Daniel 3:28 NIV

LESSON AIM: To be inspired to remain faithful to God, no matter what.

## INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY OUTLINE

### BACKGROUND

1. What type of image did King Nebuchadnezzar construct? Where did he place it? Daniel 3:1
2. Who did King Nebuchadnezzar summon for the dedication of the golden image? Daniel 3:2-3
3. What command was given concerning the image? What was the cue for this command to be obeyed? Daniel 3:4-5
4. What was the consequence if one disobeyed the king's command? Daniel 3:6
5. What did the majority of the people do about the king's command? Daniel 3:7
6. Who came before King Nebuchadnezzar to denounce the Jews? Daniel 3:8
7. Who did the astrologers report to King Nebuchadnezzar for refusing to worship the golden image he constructed? Daniel 3:9-12
8. Give the Hebrew names of those who refused to worship the golden image. Daniel 1:7
9. What position did these three Hebrew young men hold? Daniel 3:12a
10. How had the three Hebrew young men gained their positions? Daniel 1:18-20; 2:14-24, 48-49
11. What do you think was the underline reason these three Hebrew young men were reported to the king?

### I. STANDING UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT: DANIEL 3:13-18

12. What was King Nebuchadnezzar's initial reaction to the defiance of the three Hebrew young men? Daniel 3:13
13. What did the King Nebuchadnezzar do to verify the report? Why do you think so? Daniel 3:14
14. What alternative and warning were given the three nonconformists? Daniel 3:15a
15. Why do you think King Nebuchadnezzar gave the three young Hebrew men a second chance?
16. How did King Nebuchadnezzar directly challenge the faith of these Jewish men? Daniel 3:15b
17. What challenge did King Nebuchadnezzar give God? Daniel 3:15c

18. Where was Daniel at the time of this incident? Why do you think he was not singled out? Daniel 2:48-49
19. Did the three godly men need time to answer the King Nebuchadnezzar or defend their actions of refusing his command? Daniel 3:16
20. How did the three young Hebrew men put their faith on the line? How would you describe their faith? Daniel 3:17
21. Did the stand of the three young Hebrew men rest on being guaranteed deliverance? What should this teach us? Daniel 3:18
22. What question from Nebuchadnezzar did the three young Hebrew men answer? Daniel 3:15, 17

## II. WILLING TO FACE DEATH: DANIEL 3:19-23

23. What was Nebuchadnezzar's reaction to the unwavering faith of the three young Hebrew men? Daniel 3:19a
24. What did Nebuchadnezzar order to be done to the three? Daniel 3:19b-21, 23
25. Why do you think the king intensified the punishment against the Hebrews?
26. What happened to those who carried out the king's order? Daniel 3:22

## III. DELIVERANCE FROM THE FIERY FURNACE: DANIEL 3:24-30

27. Why was Nebuchadnezzar astonished? Daniel 3:24-25a, 27
28. How did Nebuchadnezzar describe the fourth person in the fire? Daniel 3:25b
29. After the miracle how did Nebuchadnezzar address the God of the Hebrews? Daniel 3:26
30. How did the king respond to the miracle he witnessed? Daniel 3:28a
31. What did Nebuchadnezzar say about the three Hebrew young men to let us know he had deep admiration for them? Daniel 3:28b
32. What decree did Nebuchadnezzar issue as a result of the faith three Hebrew young men? Daniel 3:29
33. What happened to the three Hebrew young men after their deliverance? Daniel 3:30

## SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION

34. Why did the three Hebrew young men refuse to worship the king's statue?
35. What were the three Hebrews sure about?
36. Does God always deliver us from our trials?
37. What consequences do Christians face today for standing up for right?