



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:

The Fiery Furnace

Take Home Point:

In fiery trials, trust God to rescue you.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: Tell us what you did with chocolate chips today. (*Melted them on a spoon over a candle.*) Who went through the fire in today's Bible event? (*Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.*) What happened to them? (*God saved them from burning up!*)

Select questions and adapt for your family.

God Time at Home

FOR STARTERS: Make S'mores for dessert. As you serve the snacks, talk about "going through a fiery trial" or "having a melt-down." Let each family member share a difficult time they have experienced recently.

READ THE BIBLE: Daniel 3

KEY VERSES: Isaiah 43:1b, 2b, "...this is what the Lord says: Do not be afraid, because I have reclaimed you, I have called you by name; you are mine...when you walk through the fire, you will not be burned."

TALK ABOUT IT: How did Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego reply when King Nebuchadnezzar said he was going to throw them into the fiery furnace? (*Daniel 3:16-18. They told him they did not have to defend themselves and God would rescue them. Even if he chose not to rescue them, they still would not bow down.*) What did the king and other men see when they looked into the fire after they threw Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego into the furnace? (*Daniel 3:25. Four men walking around unharmed.*) How did Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego look when they came out of the fire? (*Daniel 3:27. They had no burns, even on their hair or robes. They did not even smell of fire.*) How did King Nebuchadnezzar react? (*Daniel 3:28-29. He told everyone to worship the true God or their houses would be turned to rubble.*) Who do you think was in the fire with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego? (*Some say Jesus or an angel.*) How do you think Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego felt while walking around in the furnace? Why?

Read the key verse and ask, "Do you know how Jesus redeemed you?" (*He died on the cross for the punishment we deserve for sin. He paid the price we owe.*) Because God loves us this much, he also promises to be with us wherever we are, even in the midst of fiery trials, just like the fourth man in the furnace with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

PRAYER POWER: Pray for any fiery trials family members or friends are currently facing. Pray that God would rescue them. Pray for courage to be aliens in this world and to stand up in fiery trials like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. Thank God that he sent Jesus to redeem us so that we can belong to him and can depend on him for our rescue.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

FAMILY TIME OPTIONS: Make a fire escape plan for your family if your home ever catches fire. List the steps on paper. Next, discuss what you would do if a family member were going through a fiery trial. List those steps on paper as well. Post it in your home for a few weeks. When a trial emerges, refer to it and use it.

"Aliens in a Strange Land" - Lesson 24