But even if He does not

Everything you need to share The Fiery Furnace at home this week: a few minutes for you, a few minutes with your kids, and simple ways to keep the story going at the table, in the car and at bedtime.

Read Daniel 3 before the kids wake up, or during nap time. (Daniel 3)

The bravest words in this story come before the fire, not after it. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego told the king that God was able to save them, “But even if He does not,” they would not bow (3:17–18).

Their loyalty wasn’t a deal with God. They didn’t say, We’ll trust you if you get us out of this. They trusted Him before they knew how it would end.

And notice where God showed up: not outside the furnace, keeping them out, but inside it, walking with them. God doesn’t always keep us from the fire. He has promised, “Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you” (Hebrews 13:5).

Whatever is hot in your life this week, the diagnosis, the bills, the little one who won’t sleep, you are not in it alone. And your kids are learning, from how you walk through it, that God is with us even when things are hard.

REFLECT

Where do you need God to walk with you in the fire this week? What would “even if He does not” trust look like for you?

PRAY

Faithful God, you are with me in every hard place. Help me love you most, whatever happens, and let my kids see me trust you. Amen.

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THIS WEEK WE'RE LEARNING



The Fiery Furnace

Daniel 3

God is with me, even when things are hard.

"I see four men, unbound and unharmed, walking around in the fire." Daniel 3:25

ASK AT DINNER

What is something hard for you right now? How could we remember that God is with us in it?

PRAY

God, thank you for being with us when things are hard. Help us love you most, like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. Amen.

✂ Cut here. One card for the fridge, one for the car.

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CAR-RIDE CARD



On the way

The Fiery Furnace · Daniel 3

Listen: Play the Listen version of The Fiery Furnace on the way.

ASK

1. Why wouldn't Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego bow to the statue?
2. Who was with them in the fire?
3. What is something hard where you need God to be with you?

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Keep the story going

BEDTIME ROUTINE

Lantern-out in five steps



1. Lights low. Play the Listen version of The Fiery Furnace (Little for ages 3–5, Big Kid for 6–9), or read it from the app.
2. Ask one question: “Was anything hard today? Who was with you?”
3. Say the verse together with the motions: “I see four men, unbound and unharmed, walking around in the fire.”
4. Pray: “God, you were with your friends in the fire, and you are with me. Thank you for staying with me tonight. Amen.”
5. Lights out. You can say: “God is with you, even in the dark.”

KITCHEN

Fire-safe furnace snack

Make a “furnace” from a cup of orange and red fruit (oranges, strawberries, mango). Hide four pretzel sticks inside, then pull them out and count: one, two, three, FOUR! Talk about how the friends came out without even smelling like smoke.

LIVING ROOM

Stand-tall statue game

Play music and dance. When it stops, a grown-up calls “Bow to the statue!” and everyone stands tall and says, “We love God most!”

PLAYROOM

Four in the fire

Line up three toy people and a box with orange cloth or paper for flames. Walk the three in, then add a fourth shiny toy and say the verse together.

IN THE CAR

Car-ride story

Play the Listen version, then ask: “Why wouldn’t they bow?” and “How many men did the king see in the fire?”

SIBLINGS

Two ages at once

The older child is King Nebuchadnezzar peeking into the furnace; the little one walks around inside a blanket “furnace” and answers, “God is with me!”

THE FIERY FURNACE · STICKER CHART

My stand-tall week

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Each day, do one stand-tall thing for God, and remember He is with you. Add a sticker or color a flame!

Monday	Idea: Tell the truth even when it's hard	
Tuesday	Idea: Pray before something I'm nervous about	
Wednesday	Idea: Say no to joining in something unkind	
Thursday	Idea: Thank God for being with me	
Friday	Idea: Be kind to someone who is left out	
Saturday	Idea: Do something hard without grumbling	
Sunday	Idea: Say the verse to someone	

"I see four men, unbound and unharmed, walking around in the fire."

Daniel 3:25

THE FIERY FURNACE · MINI-BOOK

Make a mini-book

Print the next page on one sheet (landscape, actual size). One sheet folds into an 8-page book kids can “read” to siblings and grandparents.

STEP 1

Fold

Fold the sheet in half the long way, then in half twice more the short way, so you have 8 little panels. Unfold.

STEP 2

Cut

Fold it in half the short way again. Cut along the middle crease from the fold to the center, just one panel deep.

STEP 3

Open

Unfold. Fold the long way again and push the ends together so the cut opens into a diamond.

STEP 4

Flatten

Keep pushing until it flattens into a little book. The cover is on the front. Read it together!

The Fiery Furnace

This book belongs to _____

Long ago, a big army from Babylon beat God's people in a war and took many of them far away from home to the great city...

The king of Babylon was named Nebuchadnezzar.

The king was furious.

That made the king even angrier!

"I see four men, unbound and unharmed, walking around in the fire."

Daniel 3:25

God is with me, even when things are hard.

Then King Nebuchadnezzar said, praise the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

The king ran to the furnace door.

THE FIERY FURNACE · TRACING PAGE

Trace the big idea

Trace the letters with a crayon or pencil. Then say it out loud!

GOD IS WITH ME, EVEN WHEN THINGS ARE HARD.



God is with me, even when things are hard.

Four in the fire



The king saw four men walking in the fire. Roll four people, put one on each circle, and count them out loud: one, two, three, four!

1

2

3

4

“I see four men, unbound and unharmed, walking around in the fire.” Daniel 3:25