



2nd & 3rd Grade

WEEK 2 - STARTER

Activity Name: Statue Stand-off

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Gather the kids together in your group area.
- Explain that you are going to play a game called “Statue Stand-Off.”
- Choose one child to be the “Guard.” Have them stand at one end of the room, facing away from everyone else.
- The rest of the kids will be “Statues” and will line up at the other end of the room.
- Explain the rules:
 - When the Guard has their back turned, the Statues can move toward them.
 - The Guard can turn around at any time! When they do, all the Statues must freeze perfectly still.
 - If the Guard sees any Statue moving, that Statue has to go back to the starting line.
 - The first Statue to sneak all the way to the Guard and tap them on the shoulder wins and becomes the new Guard.
- Play for several rounds as time and interest allow.

What You Say:

That was tricky! It’s hard to stand perfectly still, especially when you want to keep moving! In our Bible story today, we’re going to hear about three brave friends who had to make a choice to stand strong for God when everyone else was bowing down. Let’s go find out what they did!

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



Bible Story: A Gold Statue and a Blazing Furnace • Daniel 3

Bottom Line: God is with me, so I can stand for what's true.

Monthly Memory Verse: *God is our place of safety. He gives us strength. He is always there to help us in times of trouble. Psalm 46:1 NIV*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What are some wrong or unfair things you have seen?
- What can you do when you see something wrong or unfair?
- Tell about a time you did what was right, even when others did not.
- When do you need the Holy Spirit to help you be brave and do what is right?

Activity Name: Fiery Furnace Review

What You Need: ☐ “Furnace Find” activity page ☐ “Furnace Find” answer key ☐ Coloring supplies

What You Do:

- Have the kids stand on the line.
- Explain that you will say something about our Bible story. If what you say is true, they should jump to the TRUE side. If it’s not true, they should jump to the FALSE side.
- If they jump to the wrong side, they have to do a silly challenge.
- Read the following statements one at a time:
 - The king made a giant statue out of shiny gold.
 - The answer is TRUE. If you are standing on FALSE, do five jumping jacks.
 - The king told everyone to bow down to the statue when they heard music.
 - The answer is TRUE. If you are standing on FALSE, pat your head and rub your tummy 10 times.
 - Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego bowed down with everyone else. (FALSE! This is the most important part—they stood for God!)
 - The answer is FALSE. If you are standing on TRUE, hop on one foot seven times.
 - The king gave them a high five for being so brave. (FALSE! He was angry and threw them in a fiery furnace.)
 - The answer is FALSE. If you are standing on TRUE, spin around six times.
 - The fire hurt the three friends very badly. (FALSE! God protected them!)
 - The answer is FALSE. If you are standing on TRUE, do three star jumps.
 - When the king looked in, he saw a fourth man in the fire with them! (TRUE! An angel was with them!)
 - The answer is TRUE. If you are standing on FALSE, clap behind your back 10 times.
- Give each child a “Furnace Find” Activity Page and make coloring supplies available.
- Tell the kids to look closely at the picture of the fiery furnace.
- Explain, “In this picture, you can see Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. But someone else is in there with them—an angel God sent to protect them! Can you find all four people? There are also some silly, secret pictures hidden in the flames. Let’s see if we can find them all!”
- Point out the list of hidden items at the bottom of the page (football, shoe, heart, sunglasses, dumbbell, house, thumbs up) and challenge them to find and circle everything.
- Let them color the picture when they are finished.

What You Say:

Great job remembering our story! Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stood for what was true, even when it was scary and even when they were the only ones standing. They knew God was with them. God showed up in an amazing way to keep them safe—He sent an angel to be with them. We can be brave and stand for what is true because we know God is always with us, too. **[Bottom Line] God is with me, so I can stand for what’s true.**