Lesson: 18

Growing in Values

Four Men in the Fire

King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold that was 90 feet high and 9 feet wide. The king called together his officials and stood before the idol.



The people were told to fall down and worship the golden idol when they heard the music play. If anyone did not worship the idol, they would be thrown into a fiery furnace.

Some astrologers came to the king to tattle on Daniel's friends. Daniel's friends refused to worship the idol. The astrologers wanted Daniel's friends to be thrown into the fiery furnace.

The king asked to see Daniel's friends. The king was angry that they did not worship the idol. He threw Daniel's friends into the fiery furnace. The king ordered that the furnace is heated **seven** times hotter than usual. The fire was so hot that the flames killed the soldiers who took Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to the furnace!

The king was surprised when he saw four men in the furnace, not three. The king called for Daniel's three friends to come out of the furnace. When the three men came out, they were unharmed! An angel had kept the three men safe. Not even a hair their heads was burned!

Then King Nebuchadnezzar began to praise God. He ordered that no one say anything bad about God. Anyone who said anything bad about God was cut to pieces and their houses were destroyed.

Daniel's friends were given more important jobs than they had before.

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1. What is the name of the king? [1]

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2. What was the measurement of the image that was set up? [2]

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3. What would happen to the people who did not bow down to the image? [2]

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4. '***Some astrologers came to the king to tattle on Daniel's friends***.' What is the meaning of the word **tattle**? [1]

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5. Why didn't Daniel's friends worship the golden idol? [1]

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6. What happened to Daniel's friends? [1]

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7a. Did the soldiers who threw Daniel's friends in the fire were unharmed? [1] Write yes or no. _____

7b. Use information from the passage to support your answer. [2]

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8. What did the king notice when he looked in the furnace? [1]

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9. Why do you think God protected Daniel's friends? [2]

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10. Use the numbers 1 – 3 to put the king's emotions in the correct order. [3]

___The king was surprised

___The king was angry

___The king was grateful

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