

Lesson 4: Resistance

Today's Bible Story

The King of Babylon built a large golden statue and told all the people that when they heard the sound of the king's band, they had to bow down and worship the statue. Whoever didn't pray to the statue would be thrown into a fiery furnace.

But there were three faithful men — Shadrach (*SHAD-rack*), Meshach (*MEE-shak*), and Abednego (*a-BED-neh-go*) — who did not pray to the statue. They believed in the real God.

The King had the men brought before him, and he asked them why they disobeyed his law. The three young men said that they couldn't pray to a statue, because they could only worship the true God in heaven. "We won't bow down to your statue," they said. "If you throw us in the fiery furnace, we trust that our God is able to save us. But even if he doesn't, you should know, we still won't bow down!"

The king grew very angry. He had the furnace turned up seven times hotter than it normally was and commanded his guards to throw the men into the fire.

Everyone thought that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were dead. But as the King watched, he saw something he couldn't believe. "Didn't we just throw three people into the fiery furnace? Look! I see four men walking around in the furnace, and the fourth man looks like a god!"

Then the king called them out, and the three walked out of the fire. The fire had not touched the men: their hair was not singed, their clothes were not burned, and they didn't even smell like smoke!

The king was amazed. "Great is your God who sent his angel to protect you when you trusted in him!"



From Daniel 3:1-28

Bible Rhyme

The king set up a statue tall
and made a law commanding all:
"When music plays you must all bow,
or to the fire you'll go right now!"

But three men said they wouldn't do it.
They had faith and would stick to it.
The king was angry at these men.
"Prepare the furnace! Throw them in!"

But God was with them in that place.
An angel kept them cool and safe.
The king, he saw them walk around.
God had kept them safe and sound.

1) God

- ### 1) Nebuchadnezzar

- ## 2) Shadrach

- ### 3) Meshach

- #### 4) Abednego

- ## 5) Angel

7) Statue

- ## 8) Music

- ## 9) Fire

- ## 10) Furnace

- ## 11) Heat

- ## 12) Flames

13) Command

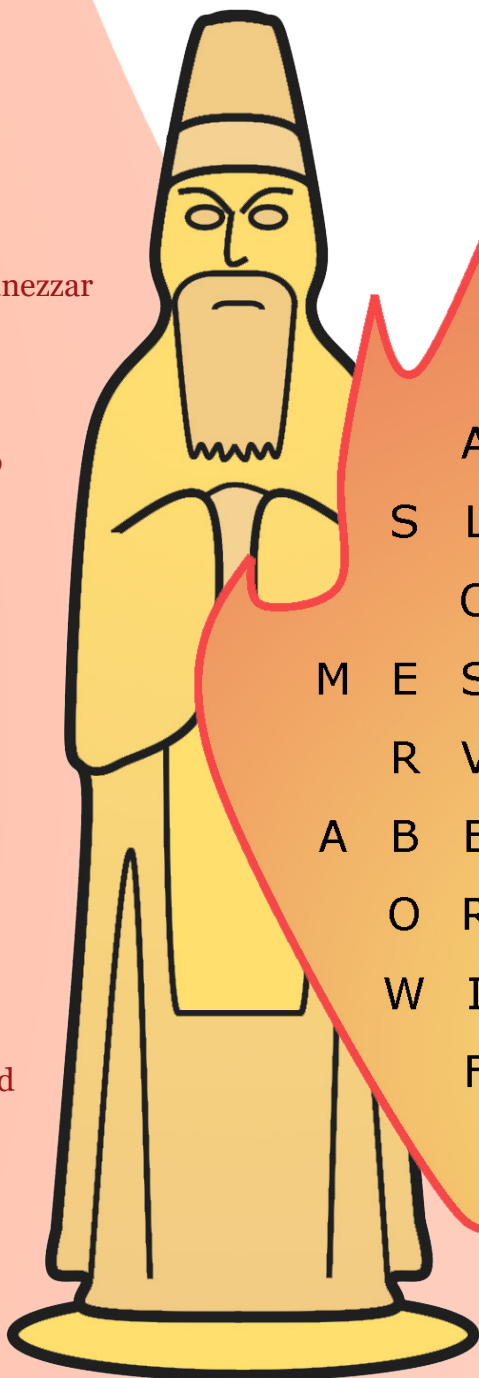
- ### 14) Bow

- ## 15) Worship

- ## 16) Resist

- ## 17) Trust

- ## 18) Save



Circle the letters that have not been crossed out.

Use them in the order they appear to spell out what the three men said to the king:

(Daniel 3:18)