

Class: 4-5 yr. olds

Date:

Lesson #: VIII - 3

Text: Daniel 1:3

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Memory Verse: Daniel 2:44

### Concept development

Faith ~ Knowing how to face persecution

### Lesson

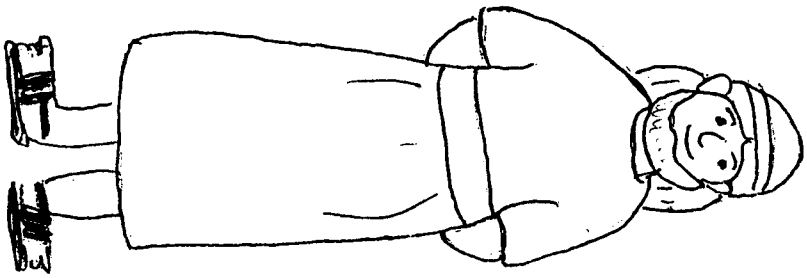
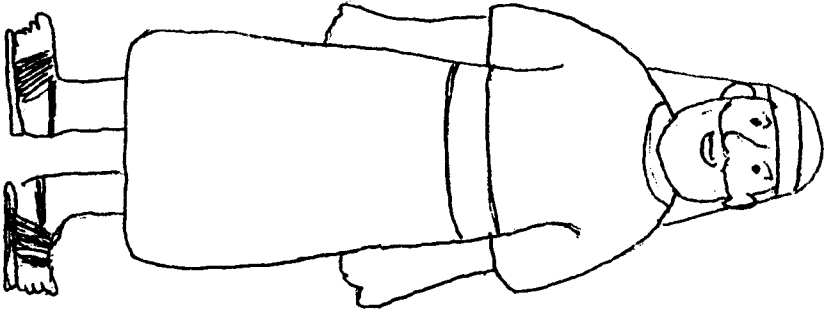
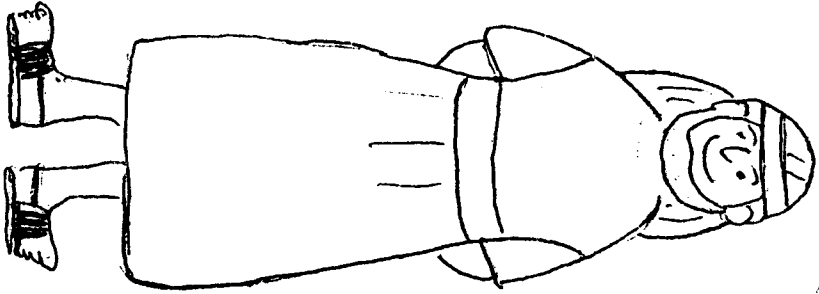
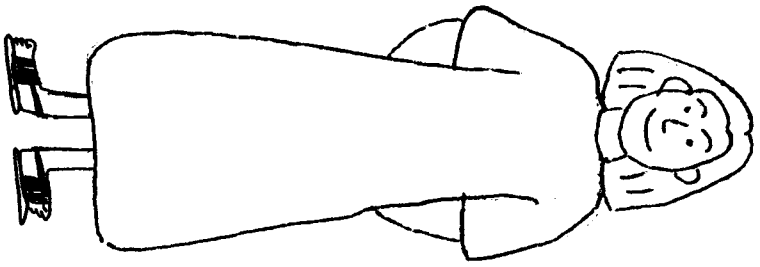
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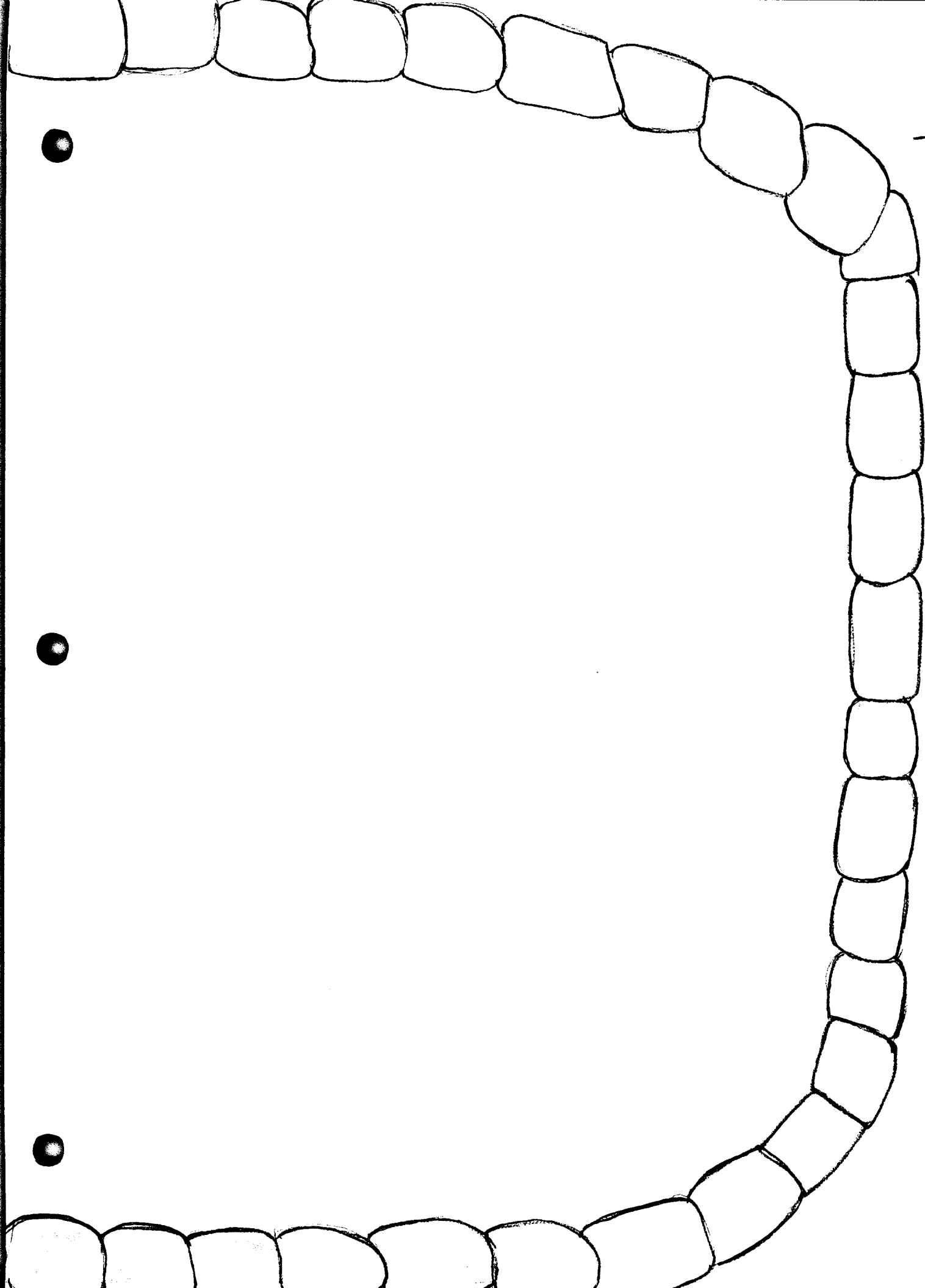
Read story from Children's Picture Bible.  
~~Read story from Children's Picture Bible.~~ Lit a candle and let the kids put their hand on top to feel how hot the flame is. Then discussed the stories from parables and asked them questions.

Several coloring pages - split between Sun +  
Wed night

Make copies on cardstock paper of the furnace + the  
Activities: four people, let the kids color the people + cut  
out. Use red, orange yellow cellophane ~~and~~ and glue  
~~on a U shape~~ on a U shape on furnace paper. Leave  
the top open so they can put the men  
"into" the furnace.



God protects Daniel's friends in a furnace. Daniel 3:1-30



# Daniel and his friends choose to obey God.

Daniel 1:1-21





The Fiery Furnace  
*Daniel 3*

## The Fiery Furnace

**K**ing Nebuchadnezzar was so delighted with Daniel that he made him chief of all his advisers and gave him many rich presents.

The king often thought about the meaning of his dream, but instead of remembering about God, he thought more and more about the statue. He got so carried away with his own importance that he ordered his craftsmen to create a gigantic gold statue of himself.

When it was finished, the huge statue of the king was erected in the province of Babylon, and a great unveiling ceremony was organized. As well as summoning the ordinary people, Nebuchadnezzar invited all the important officials of his kingdom, including Daniel's three friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

Once everyone was assembled in front of the great statue, a herald issued a proclamation to the people. "This is what you are commanded to do. As soon as you hear the band start to play the royal music, you must fall down and worship the golden image of Nebuchadnezzar. Anyone who does not worship the statue will be thrown into a blazing furnace."

Then the band started to play, and all the thousands of people that were gathered fell to the ground and worshiped the statue. All, that is, except three. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego could not worship anything other than God.

When the king heard about this, he ordered the three men to be brought before him. "Is it true that you did not bow down and worship my golden image?" he said. "Do you realize that you will be thrown into a blazing furnace?"

Nebuchadnezzar gave the young men another chance to do as he ordered. But they told him, "We can never worship anyone other than God. If you throw us into the furnace, then our God is able to rescue us from the flames. Even if He doesn't, we must still worship him."

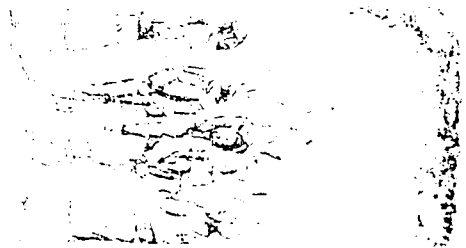
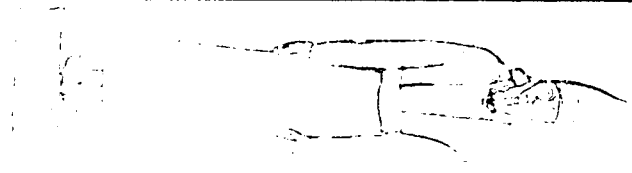
The king was enraged by these words and ordered that the furnace should be made as hot as possible. When it was white hot, he gave orders for the three men to be tied up and thrown in. The heat of the furnace was so intense, the soldiers who threw the prisoners in were scorched to death at the entrance.

From a safe distance, Nebuchadnezzar peered into the raging flames. Then he leaped to his feet in amazement. "Weren't there only three men thrown into the fire?" he asked his officials. They assured him that this was so. "Look!" he said, pointing. "I see four men walking in the flames. The fourth looks like an angel of God."

The king shouted into the furnace and ordered Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to come out. Nebuchadnezzar and his officials stared in disbelief when they saw the three men. Not a hair on their heads was singed, their clothes were not scorched, and their bodies had not been harmed in any way.

"Praise the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego," said the king.

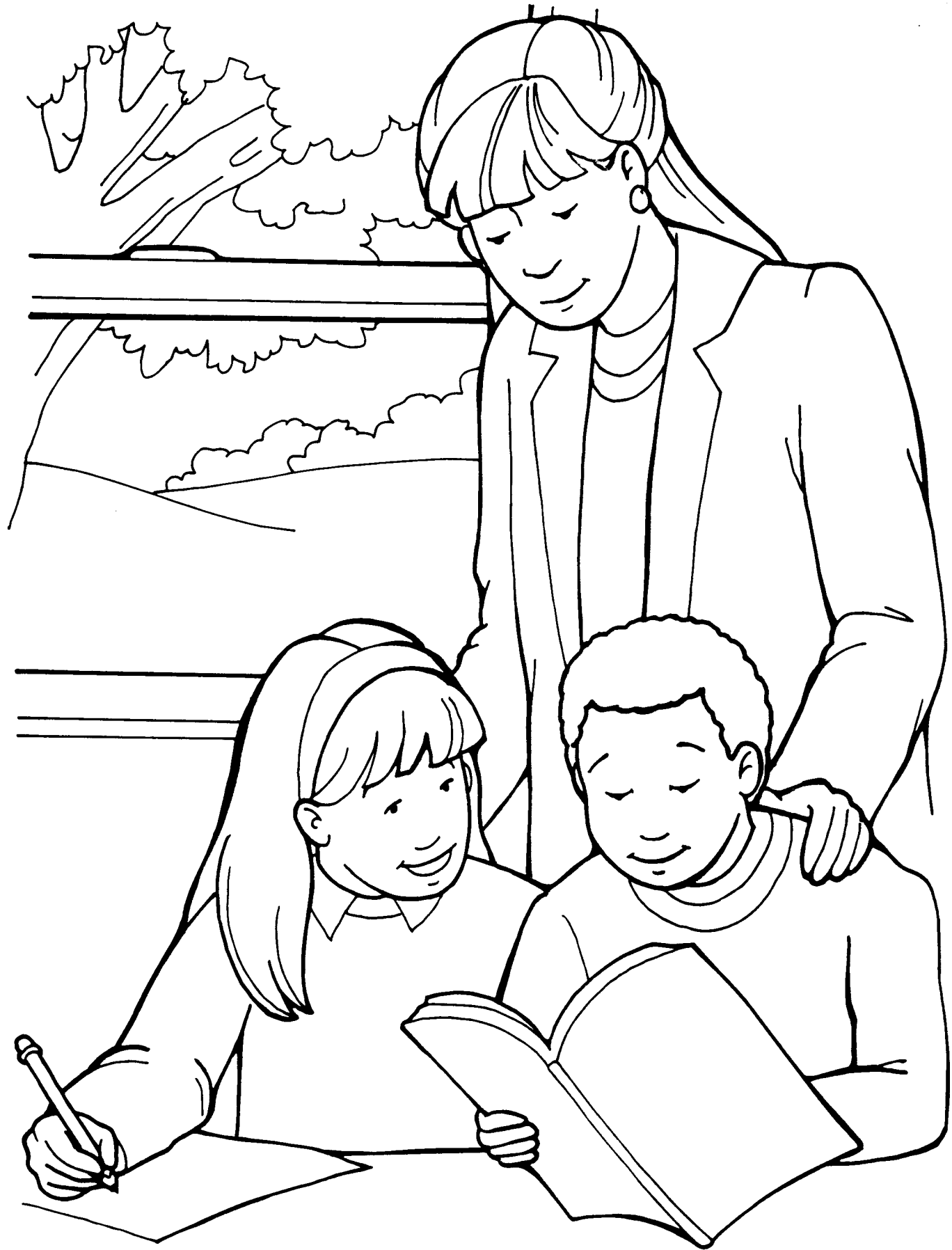
"He delivered them from the flames. No one is to say a word against this God ever again."



**God protects  
Daniel's friends  
in a furnace.**

Daniel 3:1-30





God will help me do what's right.