



GOD RESCUES

*Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego - Daniel 3
for Sunday, September 27, 2020*

INTRODUCTION *(words written in bold italic are intended to be said out loud)*

In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem and overtook the city (Daniel 1:1). He took items from the temple of God, people from the royal family, and the nobility of Judah with him back to Babylon. Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were among those who were taken away from their home and birthright. Upon arriving in this pagan land, each was renamed. Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were renamed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. They were to be educated in the Babylonian language, literature, and the ways of the empire in order that they might serve within the court of the king. Regardless of the food they ate, what their names were, or the pagan practices of this new society in which they were forced to be members, these young men wouldn't be stripped of their knowledge of God and the truth of who He is.

Pray as a family for God to bless your time before you open God's Word.

BIBLE EXPLORATION *Recommended resources: [God Rescues - Video](#)*

Everyone needs help sometimes! Discuss a time that you have needed help and someone helped you. ***Today in The Big God Story we'll hear about three men who really needed God's help. They needed God to save them—to rescue them.*** Watch the video together. ***God rescued His people, and He rescues us too. He sent Jesus to die for our sins so that we could be rescued from the punishment for our sin: death. And He's still with us each day. He loves us, and we can always turn to Him no matter what. Sometimes we go through hard things in our lives, but we know that God is always there. He will never leave us. He rescues. He's able to save us from any situation.*** Close your time in prayer thanking God for sending His Son to rescue you.

MEMORY VERSE

The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. Zephaniah 3:17a (NIV)

RESPONSE ACTIVITY

In the same way he rescued these three men from their punishment, God rescues and helps us from our sins! For today's activity, look at a map of the world with your family and think of a country or group of people that need God's rescuing. Pray that God would help them and give

them comfort in their hard times.

BLESSING

Read these words from Psalm 28:7 (NIV) over your family as a prayer: ***The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.***

