

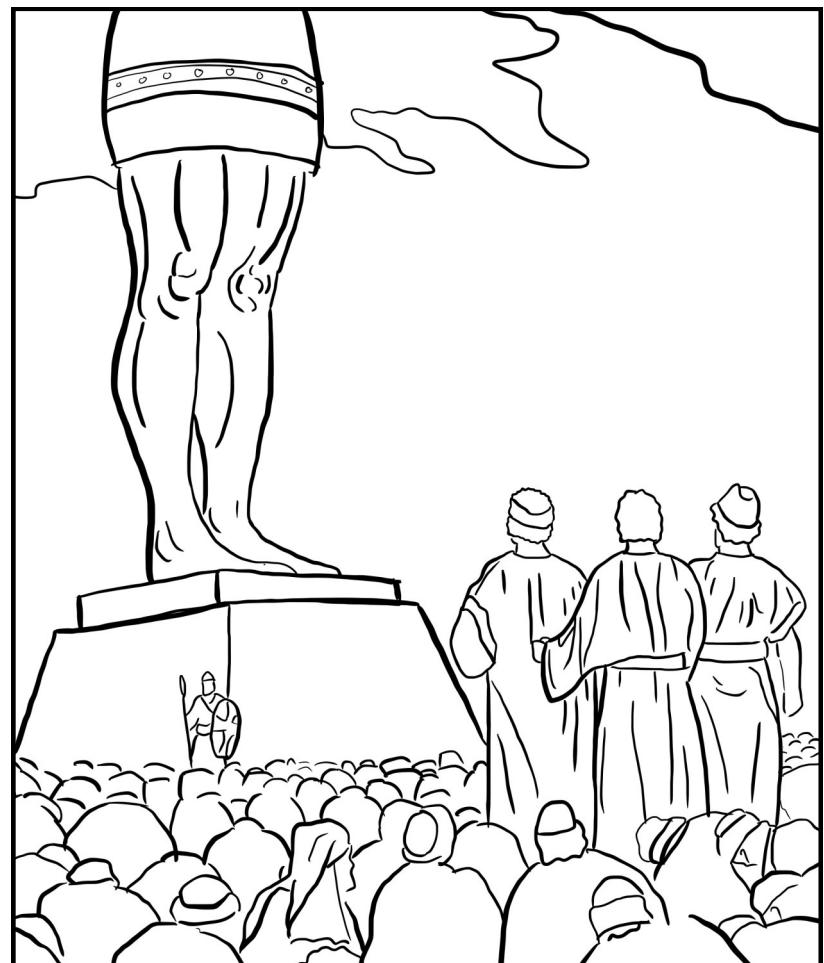
APPLICATION

The 2nd of the 10 commandments that God gave Moses is to have no idols. An idol is anything that we love more than God or is more important to us than God. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to worship the king's idol (the gold statue) because they loved God and obeyed his command to only worship Him.

Is there anything in your life that is more important to you than God? Do you think it is good for anything in your life to be more important than God?

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***“kneel before the LORD
our maker, for he is our
God...”***

Psalm 95:6-7 NLT

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for he is our God."**

Instructions: Read the story, then go back and reread the story and answer the questions.

Daniel 3:13-28 NLT

In the Old Testament, a king named Nebuchadnezzar made a law that all people must kneel down to a golden statue that he created, but three men of God refused to worship the king's statue. **(?1) (?2)**

The Bible says: ¹³ Then Nebuchadnezzar... ordered that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought before him... ¹⁴ Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you refuse to serve my gods or to worship the gold statue I have set up? **(?3)** ¹⁵ ...if you refuse, you will be thrown immediately into the blazing furnace. And then what god will be able to rescue you from my power?"

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you. ¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. ¹⁸ But even if he doesn't, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up."

¹⁹ Nebuchadnezzar was so furious... ²⁰ he ordered some of the strongest men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace... **(?5)**

²⁴ But suddenly, Nebuchadnezzar jumped up in amazement and exclaimed to his advisers, "Didn't we tie up three men and throw them into the furnace?" **(?6a)**

"Yes, Your Majesty, we certainly did," they replied.

²⁵ "Look!" Nebuchadnezzar shouted. "I see four men, unbound, walking around in the fire unharmed! And the fourth looks like a god!" **(?6b)**

²⁶ Then Nebuchadnezzar came as close as he could to the door of the flaming furnace and shouted: "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stepped out of the fire...

²⁸ Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise to the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! He sent his angel to rescue his servants who trusted in him. **(?7)** They defied the king's command and were willing to die rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. **(?8)**

QUESTIONS

1. Who was the king in this story?

2. What did the king order all people to kneel down and worship to? _____

3. Who refused to worship the king's statue?

4. Why do you think these men refused to bow down?

5. What did the king do to these men as a punishment?

6 a. How many men did the king throw into the blazing furnace? _____

b. How many men were seen in the furnace after? _____

7. Who rescued the men from the furnace? _____

8. The men of God would rather _____ than _____ anything or anyone besides God.
