Preschool–Grade 5

The Fiery Furnace Craft

Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego · Daniel 3 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



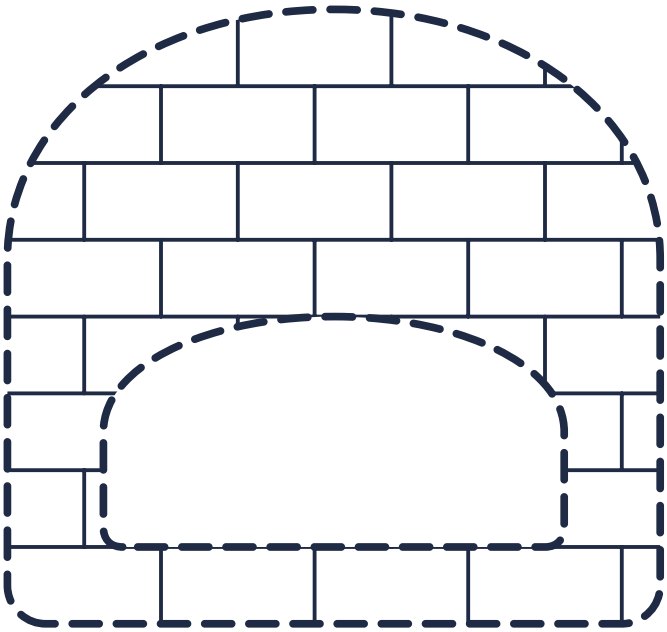
Harder

Both levels have a brick furnace with a window. The fire strip slides behind it, so the three friends kids drew walk back and forth in the fire, because the king saw them "loose, walking in the midst of the fire" (Daniel 3:25). Medium (left): the furnace and fire strip from page 2. Harder (right): a flame frame from page 3 stands out around the window on paper springs.

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Name: _____

✂ Cut on the dashed lines



glue on the back of this band

When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

Isaiah 43:2 (KJV)

glue on the back of this band

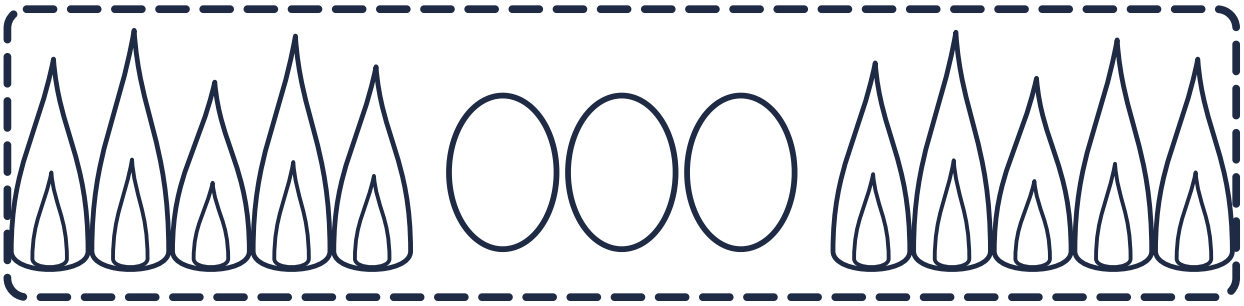
Verse card (above)

glue it on the back of the furnace

Furnace (left)

color the bricks brown; cut out the window

Fire strip (below): draw the three friends



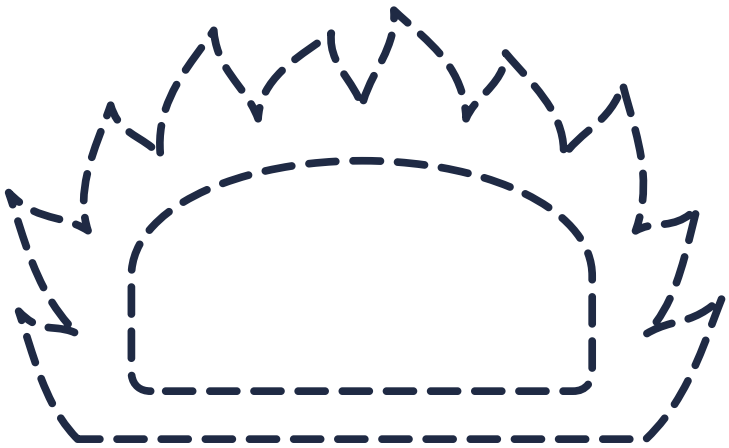
Color the bricks brown. Color the big flames red and orange and the small flames yellow. In the three ovals, draw Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego (Daniel 3:25). Cut out every piece, and cut out the window in the furnace (a grown-up can start the cut).

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Name: _____ ✂ Harder level

Flame frame and 4 springs (harder level)

Color the frame red, orange and yellow. Cut on the dashed lines, and cut out the window.



Springs: fold each one back and forth on the dotted lines, like a fan.



The window in the frame is the same size as the window in the furnace.
Use the furnace, verse card and fire strip from page 2.

How to make the flame frame

1. Make the furnace with the fire strip and verse card from page 2 first.
2. Color the flame frame red, orange and yellow. Cut it out on the outside dashed line, then cut out its window.
3. Cut out the 4 springs. Fold each one back and forth on the dotted lines, like a fan.
4. Glue the bottom end of each spring on the front of the furnace, just outside the window: one at each bottom corner and one on each side of the curved top.
5. Put glue on the top end of each spring. Press the flame frame on them, with its window lined up over the furnace window. Now the flames stand out from the furnace.
6. Slide the fire strip so the three friends walk in the fire, and say Isaiah 43:2 from memory.

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/fiery-furnace-craft
Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels
You need: page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), brown, red, orange and yellow crayons or markers, scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child.
Before class: for preschoolers, cut out the pieces and the windows, and glue each verse card on the back of its furnace ahead of time (glue on the two bands only). Practice sliding a strip in so you can show the kids.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's furnace, window, verse card and fire strip, and glue the verse card on the back of the furnace. Kids color the bricks and the flames and draw the three friends in the ovals (or you draw three simple faces for them). Then they slide the strip in with your help and walk the friends through the fire. Read the verse together, or just "when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned."
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, draw, cut out the pieces, cut out the window with a grown-up starting the cut, glue the verse card on the back and slide the fire strip in. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the furnace like the medium level, then add the flame frame from page 3: color it, cut it out with its window, fold the four springs like fans and glue the frame on them around the furnace window, so the flames stand out. Kids say Isaiah 43:2 from memory before they take it home. This is the craft in the second photo.

Why three ovals: the king saw four men in the fire, and "the form of the fourth is like the Son of God" (Daniel 3:25). The craft gives ovals for the three friends only. Tell the kids what the Bible says about the fourth man, and don't add a drawing of him.

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Steps (medium level)

1. **Color:** color the furnace bricks brown. On the fire strip, color the big flames red and orange and the small flames inside them yellow.
2. **Draw:** in the three ovals on the fire strip, draw Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego walking in the fire (Daniel 3:25).
3. **Cut:** cut out the furnace, the verse card and the fire strip on the dashed lines.
4. **Window:** cut out the window in the furnace. A grown-up pinches the middle of the window and snips a small slit to start the cut.
5. **Verse card:** turn the furnace face down. Turn the verse card face down too, put glue on its top band and bottom band only, and press it across the back of the furnace so it covers the window. The verse faces out. Keep glue off the middle of the card, or the strip won't slide.
6. **Fire strip:** slide the fire strip into the gap between the furnace and the verse card, drawing side toward the window. Turn the furnace over: the three friends show through the window.
7. **Walk in the fire:** pull the strip back and forth, so the three friends walk in the fire. Turn the furnace over and read the verse on the back together.

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Questions to ask while kids work

- Point to your three friends. How many men did the king throw into the fire, and how many did he see walking in it? *(Three men bound, and four men loose, Daniel 3:24–25)*
- Slide your strip. Were the friends tied up or loose in the fire? *(Loose, walking in the midst of the fire, with no hurt, 3:25)*
- When they came out, what had the fire done to them? *(Nothing: not a hair singed, their coats not changed, not even the smell of fire, 3:27)*
- The friends said God was able to deliver them, "but if not," they still wouldn't bow (3:17–18). When is it hard for you to stand firm for God?

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained:** thou and thee = you; walkest = walk; kindle upon thee = catch fire on you; deliver = rescue; loose = untied; singed = burned even a little.
- **What the Bible says:** the king saw four men "loose, walking in the midst of the fire" (Daniel 3:25), and afterward said God "hath sent his angel" (3:28). The craft shows the three friends only and draws no fourth figure. Daniel 3 doesn't say what the furnace looked like, so the brick furnace is a simple picture, not a Bible detail.
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything, including the window, and glue the verse cards on ahead of time. Hold up a finished craft so they can see the goal.
- **Sliding strips:** cardstock slides best. If a strip sticks, check for glue in the middle of the verse card, or trim a sliver off the strip's top edge.
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego Sunday school lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/fiery-furnace.

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