

FAMILY LESSON - WEEK 5

Materials Needed: Orange, clear bowl filled with water

Bible Story: The Fiery Furnace (Daniel 3:1-27)



CIRCLE UP

Use this time to gather together and get everyone talking.

ASK Ask everyone this question: If you could have a special pirate parrot help you do anything, what would you want it to help you do?

SAY We all need help sometimes! If I had a special pirate parrot, I would want it to help me (say what you would want help with). While we don't have special parrot helpers, we do have the best treasure ever — God's Word! God's Word helps us know what's right and how to live! Say this after me:

God's Word (make book with hands)

Helps Me (thumbs to chest)

WATCH

Watch today's video on the web page where you found this lesson or on the Redeemer Church YouTube channel.

ASK your Elementary Schooler:

What did the king say would happen to anyone who did not bow down and worship his golden statue? (They would be thrown into a fiery furnace)

When Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego heard the king's music play, what did they do? (They didn't bow down because they only worshipped God)

How did God help the three men when they were thrown into the fiery furnace? (God sent an angel to keep them safe)

Did they even smell like smoke?! (No) No!

ASK your Preschooler:

When they heard the king's music, did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego bow down to worship the king's statue or did they stay standing? (Stayed standing)

Did the mad king throw them into the cool sea or a fiery furnace? (Fiery furnace)

Did the hot fire hurt Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego? (No) No way! God helped them!

HAVE FUN TOGETHER

DO & SAY

Show your family the **orange** and ask how the outer peel helps the orange. (It protects it, it keeps it from rotting, etc.)

Place the unpeeled orange in the **bowl** of **water**. Does it sink or float? (Float)

Now, peel the orange and place it back in the bowl of water. What happens to the orange now? (It sinks)

Explain that the peel is what helps keep the orange whole and good and stops it from sinking. Share that God's Word is like the peel of our lives.

Say: When we read and remember God's Word, it helps us know how to live, how to do what's right, and it helps us know that God loves us at all times. If we don't have God's Word to help us know these things, we can end up hurting others, making bad decisions, or feeling sad and lonely.

Ask: Is there anything you need help with today? (Maybe it's lying, having self-control, using kind words, obeying, etc.) Take time to find and read verses from God's Word that will help your family with what they are struggling with.

Have your family repeat the Need to Know again:

God's Word (make book with hands)

Helps Me (thumbs to chest)

PRAY

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Hey God! Thank You for the Bible and helping us know how to live! We want to treasure Your Word more than anything else. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

MEMORIZE IT

SAY & DO

There's a verse in the Bible that helps us know that God's Word is better than gold, and we can treasure it more than anything else! Say this after me:

"Your Word (make book with hands)

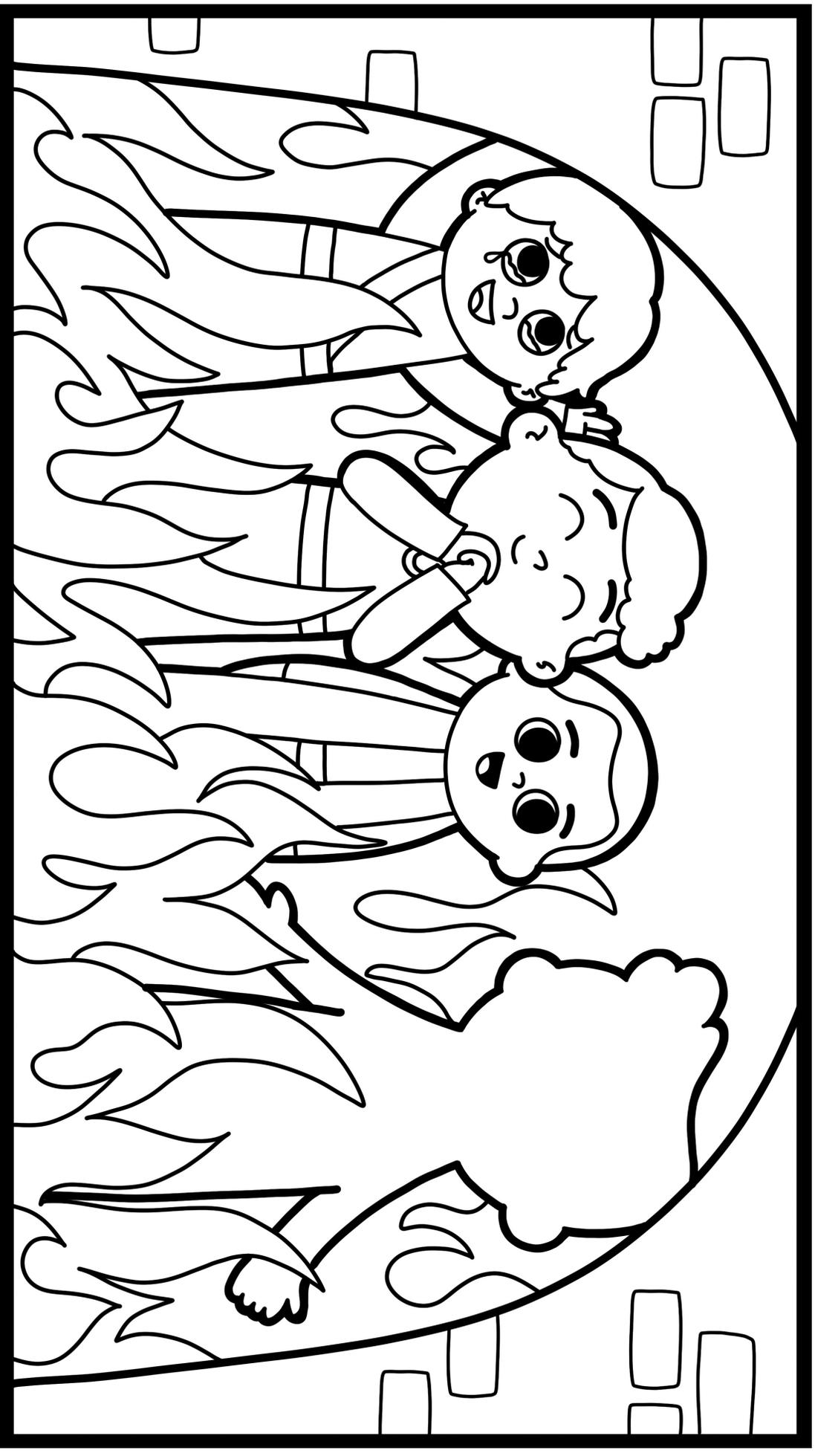
to me, Your servant, (thumbs to chest)

is like pure gold; (wiggle fingers)

I treasure what You say." (hands over heart)

Psalms 119:140 (make book with hands)

Have your family sit in a circle, putting your feet in the middle. Point to one person's foot and say the first word of the verse. Have everyone say each word of the verse as you point to the next foot. Whichever foot you are pointing to when you say "140," is out. Continue until there is only one foot remaining.

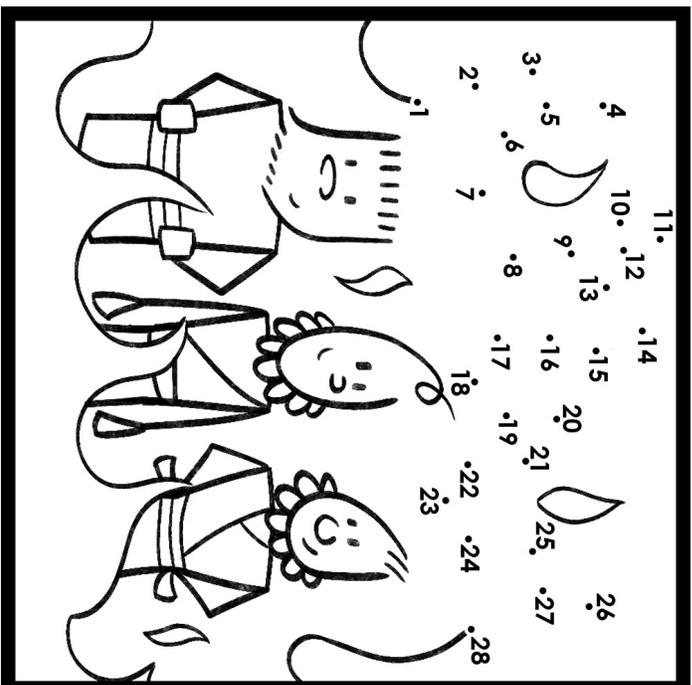
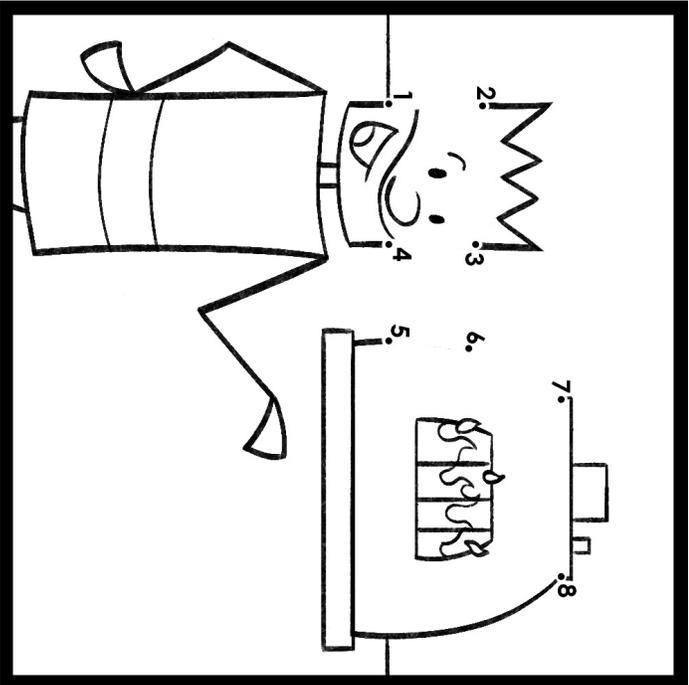
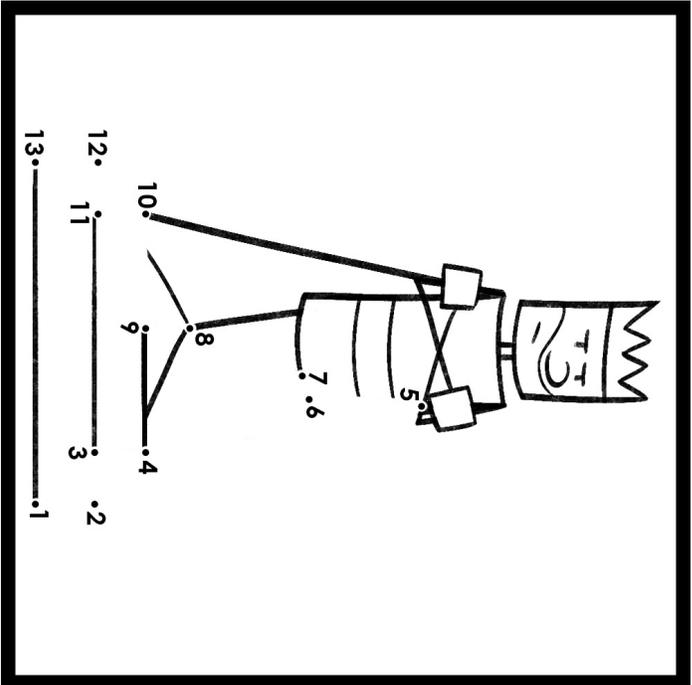


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Series Memory Verse: "Your Word to me, Your servant, is like pure gold;
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