



THE FIERY FURNACE LESSON 3

WONDER TRUTH:
God Is with Us in Difficult Things

SCRIPTURE:
[Daniel 3](#)

GOD'S BIG STORY:
Three young Jewish men refuse to worship a gold statue, so they are thrown into a blazing furnace—an experience they survive with God's help.

WORD OF WONDER:
Work together on memorizing this verse!

[Hebrews 13:5b](#)
"I will never fail you. I will never abandon you."



Watch God's Big Story

Listen to our Playlist



Wonder about it!

What is one thing you are learning about God and the wonder of His big story?

How do you see God's story as part of your own story?



Family Conversations

Families, use this to prompt conversations at the table, in the car, and anywhere else your family experiences life together.

Tell about a time you felt lonely or homesick. Where were you at the time?

• *Which member of your family would do best living alone on a desert island? Why that person?* • *God is always with us! Why, then, do you think we don't always feel His presence?* • *How can knowing God is with us change things in our family's life?*



Walk It! Act It! Move It! - Tough Times Trek

Time to lace up those sneakers for a family hike! A hike in your neighborhood, that is.

You'll need to concentrate, so leave screens (cell phones and tablets) at home. The goal of this hike is to move through your neighborhood looking for signs that someone is having a tough time. It may be uncut grass because someone is too elderly to do it, a newly installed wheelchair ramp, a car that's clearly not roadworthy and is awaiting repairs. Look carefully, knowing many difficult things aren't necessarily visible. When someone spots a tough times clue, pause and pray as a family for that neighbor. When you get home, share a snack and talk about this:

- **How did it feel to pray right out in the open?**
- **What gets in the way of knowing when people around us are having a tough time?**

If someone you know is experiencing a difficult time, brainstorm ways your family can help. Some people are more open to help than others, so use wisdom if approaching anyone you don't already have a trusting relationship with.



Hands On - Hot/Cold

Give each family member an ice cube to hold tightly in his or her fist as your family has a frosty conversation! Expect drips, so give a paper towel to each family member. Here are questions to kick-start the conversation:

- **What's happening in life that's hard for you?** (Other than holding an ice cube!)
- **If you could fix something broken in a friend's life, who's the friend and what would you fix?** (This cube is cold!)
- **If you had to pick one person to be with you nonstop for a year, who would you pick—and why?** (Yowza!—this hurts!)

Within a minute, holding an ice cube is uncomfortable. At two minutes, it's time to drop the cubes and warm your hands. Do that; then wrap your cubes in paper towels and grab the cubes again. Notice a difference? Talk together about this point: **God doesn't always whisk us out of difficult situations. But He's with us in them. When we face hard stuff, we're not alone. God's love wraps around us and helps carry us through.**