



# WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ME?

What is the biggest fire you have ever seen?

- A) A campfire.
- B) A house fire.
- C) A firefly.
- D) A fireplace.

Why do you think the king made the idol?

- A) Out of his own pride or insecurity.
- B) To unite his country.
- C) To test God.
- D) To make the people happy.

How do you think Daniel's friends felt when the command was given to bow to the idol?

- A) "Oh, no. Here we go again."
- B) "God will take care of us."
- C) "We'd better do what the king says."
- D) "What should we do?"

Do you think this was the first time Daniel's friends had to stand up for what they believed? Why or why not?

What message did God send by saving Daniel's friends?

- A) He is more powerful than any earthly king.
- B) He loves bonfires.
- C) He is the One True God.
- D) He doesn't like statues.

What are the fiery furnaces in your life, those areas of your life where you often feel pressured to compromise in doing what is right?

Have you ever come to a showdown of faith like this? Yes [ ] No [ ]  
If so, did you choose to trust God and take a stand, and did you have friends to stand with you?

Take John 16:23 as your promise this week.

## Daniel's Friends and the Fiery Furnace

# BETWEEN THE LINES

Take some time to read the story of Daniel and his friends in Daniel 1:1-20 and 3:1-30.



# WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Begin reading in Daniel 1. Name 3 things the King of Babylon took with him from Judah.

What did the Babylonians look for when deciding who would be taken captive?

What special treatment did Daniel ask for, and how did God bless him and his friends?

Read the next part of the story in Daniel 3:1-6. What did the king create, and what did he command?



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Do you think there would have been pressure for Daniel and his friends to fit in with the ranks of talented young people competing for the king's approval?

To our knowledge, these young men did not blame others or feel sorry for themselves for what had happened to them. What does that tell you about their view of God and life?

Do you think you would have responded similarly? Explain.





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