



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5
Prophets & Promises Part 2: Elijah - Malachi
Unit 9, Lesson 45

Daniels' Friends and the Fiery Furnace

Lesson Aim: To know God is with you wherever you go.

THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "God is with you."

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO IS LORD OF ALL

Sing Bible Memory Verse and other related songs.

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to the God who is Lord of all. He is the one in control of everything in heaven and on earth. He is with us and watches over us wherever we go. That is today's Whisper Verse. Let's try it together. Review: "God is with you." Include sign language. That reminds me of a song about how God is with us and watches over us everywhere we go! Sing: "I Am with You."

God is with us right now. He watches over us and hears us when we sing to Him. Let's thank Him for being with us by giving our offering to His church. Sing: "Give Thanks to the Lord" while collecting the offering.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

In Bible times, there were three friends who loved God. Their names are fun to say: **Shadrach** (Shad-rack), **Meshach** (Me-shack), and **Abednego** (Ah-bed-neh-go). Teach the children to pronounce the names and practice them together. **The three friends knew God was always with them. When they were put in a fiery furnace, God was with them there, too. He saved them from being hurt in the fire.** Sing: "He Is Mighty to Save."

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

God was with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. It was a miracle they were not hurt in the fire. This miracle showed everyone God is with us and He is the Lord over everything—including fire! Let's praise Him for the way He shows us He is with us! Sing: "Let Everything That Has Breath."

THE WORD GOD IS WITH THREE FRIENDS CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we learned God gives life to everyone and everything. Today, we will hear how God is with you wherever you go. Handle the Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Daniel 3:25.

WATCH THE WORD: DANIEL 3:12-21, 24-28

Read poem. Display visual.

- An angry king sent for three good men,
- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.
- The king said, "Tie them up with rope;
- In the fiery furnace they must go!"

- Then, the king saw four men walking in the fire.
- They were not hurt—it's true!
- For God was with them in the fire,
- And God is with you, too.

- The king called them out of the furnace,
- There were no burns on their ropes or clothes.
- The king knew God saved all three men,
- And now everybody knows!

When the king looked inside, how many men did he see walking safely in the fire? (Four.) Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read Daniel 3:25 from the teacher's Bible.

Some say the fourth man was an angel or Jesus. Whoever he was, he showed God was with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Who is with you wherever you go? (God.) Our Whisper Verse tells us: "God is with you." Include the sign language or hand motions.

THE WAY GOD IS WITH YOU

CRAFT: Fiery Furnace

GAMES: Musical Chairs Furnace, "God Is with You" Ball Roll

SNACK: Fiery Furnace Snack

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Daniel 3:12-21, 24-28

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Praise Balloon Bop, Instrument Praise
STORY TIME