

## The Fiery Furnace

**Props:** tall statue out of paper affixed to wall; furnace made from refrigerator box or puppet stage; flames made from red, orange & yellow paper attached to sticks; rope; sound effect for music; angel costume; 3 cloaks; king costume; 2 guard costumes.

### Parts:

Narrator	Official #3	Meshach
Nebuchadnezzar	Harold	Abednego
Official #1	Extra people	Angel
Official #2	Shadrach	

### Scene One:

- Narrator: A long time ago in a faraway country, there lived a group of people called the "Jews." The country they were living in was not their own, and the people that lived there did not serve the one true God as the Jews did.  
There was a very powerful king in charge named Nebuchadnezzar.
- Nebuchadnezzar: *(enters stage right and steps center stage, stands tall and puffs out chest)*  
I am King Nebuchadnezzar, in charge of Babylon.
- Narrator: One day Nebuchadnezzar decided to make a huge image out of gold.
- Nebuchadnezzar: *(calling his officials to himself)*  
Officials! Come here!  
*(2 or 3 officials come running, entering stage left and stand in front of Nebuchadnezzar)*  
I have decided to make an image out of gold. I want it to be 88 feet tall.  
Now go make it for me.
- Officials: Yes sir! Your wish is our command. *(officials exit stage left)*
- Nebuchadnezzar: Whatever.
- Narrator: So the image of gold was made and set up in a field in Babylon. Then Nebuchadnezzar sent officials all over the whole kingdom to gather the satraps, prefects, governors, counselors, treasurers, justices, magistrates, and basically anyone who was of any importance.
- Nebuchadnezzar: Officials! Come here!  
*(Officials enter stage left running and stand before Nebuchadnezzar. He addresses them.)*  
I want you to travel throughout the whole kingdom and get all the important people to come here next Saturday for the dedication of my new golden mage. Get all the satraps, prefects, governors, counselors, treasurers, and all those other dudes that are important.
- Officials: Yes sir! Your wish is our command! *(Exit stage left.)*
- Narrator: So the officials went all throughout the kingdom of Babylon and gathered all the satraps, prefects, governors, counselors, treasurers and, well, you get the idea.

## Scene Two

*(All available cast gather around the golden image on the wall.)*

Narrator: They all came the next Saturday and gathered in the field around the image the king had set up. Then one of the king's heralds stepped forward and made this announcement:

Herald: *(enters stage left)* You are all commanded that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image. Whoever does not fall down and worship will be thrown into a burning furnace right away! *(Crowd gasps)*

Narrator: As soon as all the people heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music they fell down and worshiped the golden image.  
*(Sound effects: music sounds and all but Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego fall down prostrate on the floor before the image. After 5 seconds, all rise.)*

Narrator: As soon as everyone got back up, a couple of dudes came up to the king and ratted out some Jews who had not bowed down.  
*(Two officials approach and address the king)*

Official no. 1: O king, we hope you live forever! You know how you said that if anyone did not fall down and worship they would be thrown into a burning fiery furnace, right away? Well guess what!

King: I give up, what.

Official no. 1: There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon.

Official no. 2: *(interjecting and pointing in their direction)*  
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to be specific.

Official no. 1: These guys did not pay any attention to what you said.

King: Oh they didn't, did they? Have Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego brought up here right away.

*(Officials grab the three men and bring them before the king.)*

King : OK you three, I am going to give you one more chance. On the count of three the music is going to play again. Then I want you to bow down and worship the idol I made. Got it?

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego: *(together)* Never!

Shadrach: If you throw us in the furnace, our God is able to save us.

Meshach: But even if He doesn't save us...

Abednego: We are not going to serve your gods or bow down to the golden image.

Narrator: Well, the king was furious at that.

King: *(King clenches fists and makes angry face)*  
That's it you three, no more Mr. Nice Guy. Guards, heat the furnace up seven times hotter, bind these three up, and throw them in.

### SCENE III (In front of the furnace)

*(All the onlookers and the king are in front of the furnace. Guards lead Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego each with hands bound behind their backs with ropes.)*

King: Guards, throw them into the furnace!  
*(Guards take Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and push them into the furnace.)*

Narrator: The furnace was so hot that the guards were burned up by the flames as they threw Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in.  
*(Guards yell and fall to the ground. Crawl off stage when no one is looking.)*  
*(Inside the furnace the three are walking back and forth and the angel who has been in there hiding walks among them.)*

Narrator: Then the king looked in the furnace and saw an amazing sight.

King: *(looking into window in furnace)*  
I see an amazing sight. *(turns to officials)* How many men did we throw into the furnace?

Officials: Three sir.

King: *(looking into furnace again)*  
Hmmm. Well they seemed to have multiplied. I see four now. And the fourth looks like the son of a god.

Narrator: Then the king called through the window to Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

King: Hey you guys – you can come out now.  
*(The three walk out smiling and high fiving each other. The angel hides in furnace again.)*


Narrator: So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out and everyone crowded around them.  
*(They all crowd around.)*  
The people saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies  
*(the three demonstrate by holding out their arms and crowd ohhs and ahs),*  
the hair on their head was not burnt, and their clothes did not even smell like fire.  
*(people sniff clothes and shrug in bewilderment).*

Narrator: Then the king made this declaration:

King: Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. He sent his angel and rescued them. No other god can save in this way. Their God is amazing.

Narrator: So God protected Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego because they refused to worship other gods. They were willing to give up their own lives rather than worship any god except the one true God. The king was amazed and he gave them a promotion instead of killing them.



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