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King Nebuchadnezzar built a tall, tall statue. King Nebuchadnezzar wanted everyone to bow and worship his statue. The king said, "Anyone who does not bow down will be thrown into a blazing furnace!"

Some men who worked for the king saw that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego did not bow to the king's statue. They did not bow because they knew they should only worship God, not a statue.

The king was very angry with the three men. The king ordered his guards to tie up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and throw them into the hottest furnace. But when these men were in the furnace, the king saw something very strange. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were not being burned! They were not even tied up anymore. They were walking around inside the furnace with another person—an angel!

The king called to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, "Servants of the Most High God, come out!" The king said, "Praise to the God who sent an angel to save His servants. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego would rather give up their lives than worship any other god. No god can save people like their God did."