



Day 1: Standing Together for What Is Right

Scripture Reading: Daniel 3:1-7

Devotional:

King Nebuchadnezzar built a huge golden statue and commanded everyone to bow down and worship it. However, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego knew that God had commanded His people to worship Him alone. Sometimes following God means making a different choice from the people around us. Maybe everyone else is making fun of someone, cheating on a test, telling a lie, or doing something we know isn't right. It can be difficult to stand for God when we feel like we're the only one. But, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego weren't standing alone. They had friends beside them who believed the same thing. On God's team, we can encourage each other to make the right choice, even when it's difficult.

Discussion:

1. Why would it have been difficult for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego not to bow down?
2. How can you encourage yourself and others to do the right even when it's hard?

Prayer:

God, help me stand for what is right even when others make different choices. Thank You for giving me people who can follow You with me. Amen!

Welcome to our *Game Changer* Devo for week 6! Throughout this series, we are learning what it looks like to be on God's team and that two are better than one! This week, we are learning that On God's Team, Players Stick Together! *Let's get this game started*, we know you will learn so much!

Day 2: Encourage Each Other to be Brave

Scripture Reading: Daniel 3:8-18

Devotional:

When King Nebuchadnezzar discovered that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego wouldn't worship his statue, he was furious. He gave them another chance to bow down and warned them that if they refused, they would be thrown into a blazing furnace. The three of them could have chosen to bow down to the statue, but they choose to follow God instead even though they were afraid. Being brave doesn't mean we're never scared. Sometimes being brave means choosing to trust God while we're scared or uncertain about the outcome. And it's easier to be courageous when we're surrounded by people who remind us of what's true. On God's team, we can help each other be brave. When someone is tempted to make a wrong choice, we can encourage them to do what's right. We are stronger when we stick together and point one another toward God.

Discussion:

1. What would happen to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego if they didn't bow down? What would happen if they did?
2. What should we do if we want to do the right thing but we are afraid?

Prayer:

God, help me trust You no matter what happens. Give me courage and help me encourage others to be brave too. Amen!

Day 3: God Is With Us

Scripture Reading: Daniel 3:19-27

Devotional:

The king became so angry that he ordered the furnace to be heated even hotter. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were tied up and thrown into the fire. But when the king looked into the furnace, he didn't see three men, he saw four! Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were walking around unharmed, and someone else was there with them. God had not abandoned them in their hardest moment. God gives us people who can walk through hard things with us. That's part of what it means to be on God's team. We don't leave someone behind when they're struggling. We pray for them, encourage them, listen to them, and remind them that God is ALWAYS near. When life gets difficult, we can stick together and trust that God will never leave us, He will be walking with us.

Discussion:

1. What happened when Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were thrown into the furnace?
2. What are some ways we can stick beside someone who is going through something difficult?

Prayer:

God, thank You for never leaving me. Help me remember that You are with me in hard times and that we are meant to help others too!

Amen!

Day 4: Stick Together and Point Others to God!

Scripture Reading: Daniel 3:28-30

Devotional:

When Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out of the furnace without being hurt, King Nebuchadnezzar was amazed. Their faithfulness helped the king see how powerful God is. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego could have made different choices. One could have bowed while the others stood. One could have run away when things became difficult.

Instead, they stuck together and remained faithful to God. And when other people see us loving, encouraging, and standing beside one another, our lives can point them toward God too!

Activity: "Stick Together Challenge"

Give everyone in the family one craft stick, straw, or uncooked spaghetti noodle. Try breaking one by itself! Next, gather several of them together into a bundle and try again. Notice how much harder they are to break when they're together. Talk about how your family can be like that bundle. When someone is struggling, you can pray for them, encourage them, help them, and remind them that God is with them.

Then have each person name one way your family can stick together this week.

Prayer:

God, thank You for giving me people to follow You with. Help me encourage others, stand beside them, and stick together as we follow

You. Amen!

Memory Verse

"Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do."

Ecclesiastes 4:9 NIRV

