

BUILD IT!

LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

You were made to worship and love God.

OBJECTIVE:

Kids will know, "God made me to love him."

KEY PASSAGE:

Daniel 3:8-28, The Fiery Furnace

MEMORY VERSE:

"God is the builder of everything." Hebrews 3:4b (NIRV)

SUMMARY:

The king built a big statue of himself for the people to worship. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego loved God too much to worship anyone but God. The king threw the men into a furnace he had built, but God was with them and protected them! We were built to love God more than anything.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear Jesus,

You love us and made us. We want to love you back with all of our might.

Amen

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SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW

TITLE: Barb the Builder: Love God

ITEMS NEEDED: Wooden rocking chair, mallet, hardhat and outfit to suggest that Barb is a builder/fixer.

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN: 1F

CHARACTERS: Barb

Barb is on stage, tapping on the bottom of the overturned rocking chair with her mallet. She treats it with tenderness as she talks to herself.

BARB: Can I fix it? Yes I can.

Barb sees the kids.

BARB: Oh hello. Barb the Builder here. If you want it built, if you need it fixed, I'm your gal. I was just fixing my grandma's old rocking chair. It's been through a lot so I am restoring it and fixing it up. This rocking chair has been around a long time. I remember when I was just a little girl, I would curl up on my grandma's lap. She would sing to me and rock me to sleep in this very chair. She loves me so much. And I love her.

Barb puts the chair right side up and focuses her attention on the kids.

BARB: God loves you. God made you. You were made to worship and love God. You were wonderfully made by God. You were made for a special purpose. You were made to follow God. God did all this so that we could be with him. Just like my grandma loved it when I curled up on her lap, God loves it when we spend time with him. When we sing songs to him. When we remember how wonderful he is. When we tell him how much we love him. You were made to worship and love God. Yes, sir.

Barb sits down to "test the chair" and rocks gently with a smile on her face. She hums a tune. End.

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CRAFT

Hearts for God

ITEMS NEEDED: Construction paper – red and another color, scissors, glue sticks, heart-shaped stickers, crayons, markers.

ADVANCED PREPARATION: Cut the red construction paper into large hearts approximately 6"x6". Take the other colored construction paper and write at the top of the page in marker "God Made Me to Love Him."

DIRECTIONS: Give each kid one of the construction paper hearts. Allow them to draw and place heart stickers on the heart as they like. When they are done, help them in gluing the paper heart onto the "Made to Love Him" sheet of construction paper.

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MAIN LESSON

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WORSHIP TIME:

Prior to the lesson, sing one or two songs with the kids. Use CDs or live lyrics of songs that the kids are familiar with.

LESSON:

Today's story comes to us from the Bible. *(Hold up a Bible.)* The Bible is God's word to us, so we know that everything it says is true. *(Open the Bible and set it down in front of you as you give the lesson.)*

Do you like to make and build things? Maybe you build ships with Legos or high towers with wooden blocks. Maybe you like to make pictures with crayons or statues with clay. It's fun to get creative and build things.

King Nebuchadnezzar built a huge statue of himself. He told the people that they had to bow down and pray to his statue. Three young men – Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego – said "No! We were made to love God. We only worship Him."

King Nebuchadnezzar was mad. He told Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, "If you don't worship me, I will throw you into my furnace of fire. And you will die." Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego said, "No! We were made to love God. We only worship Him."

King Nebuchadnezzar got even more mad. He had Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego thrown into his furnace. It was hot and full of fire. But Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego did not burn up. They were fine. When King Nebuchadnezzar looked into the fire, he saw not 3 people inside the furnace, but 4. God was with them and protected them.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego knew that they were made to love God. God loves you. You were made to love God back. In good times and in bad times, remember:

God made me to love Him.

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MAIN LESSON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WIGGLE TAMER: Play a few rounds of Follow the Leader.

SMALL GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY: Ask for little ones to raise their hands if they think they know the verse. Select several kids with raised hands to recite the verse.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What did King Nebuchadnezzar tell the people to do?

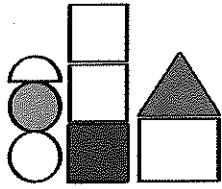
Why did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego say “no”?

What happened to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?

SMALL GROUP GAME OR ACTIVITY: Arrange 3 red Solo cups in a triangle to “build a fire”. *(You could add yellow paper flames to the side of the cups for an added effect.)* Give kids small beanbags to toss to “put the fire out” one at a time. Remind kids that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego couldn’t just put the fire out when they were in the furnace, but God was with them, protecting them.

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MAKE IT STICK

4 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

Build It Lesson 4

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: THE FIERY FURNACE



IN THE CAR:

On your next drive, play some worship music that highlights God's love. Explain to your kids that singing to God is one of the ways that we can show God we love him. Talk about other ways that we can show our love to God.



HANGING OUT:

Play House or Doctor's Office with your kids. How do we show our love within a family, or how does a doctor take care of their patients? Afterward, talk about the ways that God shows us that he loves us. How can we show God that we love Him?



AT DINNER:

During the mealtime prayer, take a moment to pray for some of the people that you love. Pray they would know God's love and that they would know that they were made to love God too.



AT BEDTIME:

Snuggle up together and read the story of the "The Fiery Furnace" from a Bible story-book or kid-friendly translation. Talk about how Shadrach, Meshach, and Abenego knew that worshiping God alone was the right thing to do. They did the right thing even when it was hard. God loves us and we were made to love God back.

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