

## UNIT 3. GOD LOVES AND HELPS PEOPLE

## SESSION 4

Three Men Delivered from  
the Fiery Furnace

## BIBLE PASSAGE

Daniel 3

## LIFE POINT

God helps people do what is right.

## CHRIST FOCUS

Jesus always did what was right.

## LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God tells me to sing and pray  
to Him.

SUGGESTED USE DATE: August 22

**BIBLE VERSE**

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Hebrews 13:6 (*Paraphrase*)

Therefore, we may boldly say,  
The Lord is my helper; I will not be  
afraid. What can man do to me?  
Hebrews 13:6 (*CSB*)

So that we may boldly say, The  
Lord is my helper, and I will not  
fear what man shall do unto me.  
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So we say with confidence, “The  
Lord is my helper; I will not be  
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Lord is my helper; I will not  
fear; what can man do to me?”  
Hebrews 13:6 (*ESV*)

So we may boldly say: “The Lord  
is my helper; I will not fear. What  
can man do to me?”  
Hebrews 13:6 (*NKJV*)

**SCHEDULE AND PROPS****Huddle Ups** (*optional; time varies*)

Supplies (*for each small group*):

- “Would You Rather?”—none
- “Three Men Delivered from the Fiery Furnace”—crayons, coloring sheets
- “Match the Verse”—index cards, different colored markers

**Countdown Video** (*3 minutes*)

Props: none

**Worship Song** (*3 minutes*)

Props: none

**Welcome and Prayer** (*5 minutes*)

Props: large picture of a statue

**Miss Lindy’s Library**

(*3-5 minutes*)

Props: none

**Connection Point Game**

(*10 minutes*)

Props: marble or coin, marker  
board, marker

**Worship Song** (*3 minutes*)

Props: none

**Bible Story** (*10 minutes*)

Props: Bible

**Worship Song and Offering**  
(*3 minutes*)

Props: none

**Connection Point Bible Verse**  
(*5-8 minutes*)

Props: none

**Connection Point Missions**  
(*5-8 minutes*)

Props: none

**Real Life Connections**  
(*3-5 minutes*)

Props: none

**MUSIC AND MEDIA**

- **Countdown:**  
*Countdown* video
- **Worship Song:**  
“God Is Love”
- **Welcome and Prayer:**  
*Life Point* and *Bible Verse* slides
- **Miss Lindy’s Library:**  
*Miss Lindy’s Library* video
- **Connection Point Game:**  
*Connection Point Game* slide
- **Worship Song:**  
“God Can Use You and Me”
- **Bible Story:** *Bible Story* and *Christ Focus* slides; *Bible Story Time* video (*optional*)
- **Worship Song and Offering:**  
Worship song of your choice
- **Connection Point Bible Verse:**  
*Connection Point Bible Verse* and *Bible Verse* slides
- **Connection Point Missions:**  
*Connection Point Missions* slide; “Family Tree” missions video
- **Real Life Connections:**  
*Real Life Connections* and *Life Point* slides

## HUDDLE UPS (OPTIONAL)

Huddle Ups are for churches that have a drop-off time before the session begins or a pick-up time as parents arrive at the end of the session. It's a great time for interaction with a small group leader through games, conversations, or review questions. Play the countdown video to signal the end of Huddle Ups and the beginning of the session.

- ➡ Estimated time: varies according to schedule
- ➡ Tech: none
- ➡ People: Small Group Leaders
- ➡ Supplies (for each small group):
  - "Would You Rather?"—none
  - "Three Men Delivered from the Fiery Furnace"—crayons, coloring sheets
  - "Match the Verse"—index cards, different colored markers

## WOULD YOU RATHER?

*Prep: none*

- Say: "I will ask a question and give you two choices. Listen carefully and follow my instructions." *(Give each of the following instructions and lead preschoolers to respond. Hold up one finger when saying the first choice and two fingers when saying the second choice. Guide preschoolers to indicate their answers by holding up the correct number of fingers.)*
  - Would you rather eat broccoli or pizza? Hold up one finger for broccoli or two fingers for pizza.
  - Would you rather play outside or inside?
  - Would you rather sing or dance?
  - Would you rather sail a boat or fly an airplane?
  - Would you rather be a fast runner or a fast swimmer?
  - Would you rather have a new hat or new shoes?
  - Would you rather have a pet mouse or a pet elephant?
  - Would you rather go to the park or to the zoo?
- End the game by asking: "Would you rather do what is right or what is wrong?"
- Mention that today's Bible story is about three men who chose to obey God and do what was right.

## THREE MEN DELIVERED FROM THE FIERY FURNACE

*Prep: Print a coloring sheet for each child.*

- Tell preschoolers they will hear a Bible story about God helping three men make a right choice.
- Distribute crayons and coloring sheets.
- Invite preschoolers to color on their pages while they wait for the session to begin.

## MATCH THE BIBLE VERSE

*Prep: On separate index cards print each word of today's Bible verse (your preferred version). Use a different color for each word. Make 2 identical sets.*

- Review the Bible verse, Hebrews 13:6 (your preferred version).
- Mix the index cards.
- Place the cards facedown in a grid on the floor or table.
- Guide a child to choose two cards.
- Look at the cards and determine if they match.
- Mention that preschoolers can use the colors of the words as a guide.
- If the cards do not match, return them facedown on the table.
- If the cards match, invite the child who chose them to name a right choice he can make.
- Play until kids match all of the cards.
- Lead preschoolers to say the Bible verse.
- Remind preschoolers that God will help them do what is right.
- **Leader note:** *If you do not use the Bible verse paraphrase, list short phrases of your preferred version on each index card instead of one word.*

## COUNTDOWN VIDEO

- ➡ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➡ Tech: Countdown video
- ➡ People: none
- ➡ Props: none

*(Play countdown video to signal the beginning of worship time. Kids will count aloud as they join the large group.)*

**WORSHIP SONG**

- ➡ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➡ Tech: Music video, mics for singers, lights *(optional)*
- ➡ Music: “God Is Love” *(lead sheet available on DVD-ROM)* or download a worship song of your choice
- ➡ People: Worship Leader and/or Worship Team
- ➡ Props: none

**WORSHIP LEADER**

Welcome to church! Today you have an important choice to make. You can have a great time in worship, or you can be bored and have no fun. Who wants to be bored and have no fun? *(Allow for responses.)* Now, who wants to have a great time as we sing and learn together? *(Encourage kids to cheer and clap.)* Great choice! Let’s sing a fun song about God’s love!

*(Show the music video.)*

*(Kids stand to sing.)*

**WELCOME AND PRAYER**

- ➡ Estimated time: 5 minutes
- ➡ Tech: *Life Point* and *Bible Verse* slides
- ➡ People: Bible Story Leader
- ➡ Props: large picture of a statue

**BIBLE STORY LEADER**

Look at this picture of a statue. *(Show picture.)* Have you ever seen a statue at the park? *(Allow for responses.)* Let’s answer a few questions about the statue. Can the statue talk? *(no)* Can the statue move? *(no)* Can the statue hear what we say? *(no)*

Statues aren’t alive. They can’t talk, hear, or move. Let’s pretend to be statues. On the count of three, freeze like a statue. *(Count and lead preschoolers to respond.)* Great job being statues!

Today we will hear a Bible story about a king who wanted people to worship a statue instead of God. Do you think it is a right choice to worship a statue? *(Allow for responses.)* No, people should worship only God.

*(Show Life Point Slide.)*

**God helps people do what is right.** Let’s say that together: **“God helps people do what is right.”**

We should want to do what is right. Our Bible verse says that God will help us make right choices. Listen as I say the verse, and then we will say it together.

*(Show Bible Verse slide—select preferred version.)*

*(Say the verse. Lead kids to repeat it after you.)*

**BIBLE VERSE (SELECT PREFERRED VERSION):**

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Hebrews 13:6 *(Paraphrase)*
- Therefore, we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?  
Hebrews 13:6 *(CSB)*
- So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.  
Hebrews 13:6 *(KJV)*
- So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?” Hebrews 13:6 *(NIV)*
- So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”  
Hebrews 13:6 *(ESV)*
- So we may boldly say: “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”  
Hebrews 13:6 *(NKJV)*

Making the right choice is always best, and God will help us! Let’s pray and ask God to help us obey Him. After we pray, we will visit Miss Lindy at the library.

*God, sometimes it is hard to make right choices. Please help us do what is right. Teach us to obey Your words in the Bible. We love You. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.*

**MISS LINDY’S LIBRARY**

- ➡ Estimated time: 3-5 minutes
- ➡ Tech: *Miss Lindy’s Library* video *(optional)*
- ➡ People: none
- ➡ Props: none

*(Play the video.)*

**CONNECTION POINT GAME**

- ➔ Estimated time: 10 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Connection Point Game* slide
- ➔ People: Connection Point Leader, 3 kids
- ➔ Props: marble or coin, marker board, marker

**GAME INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Choose 3 kids.
- Print each player's name on the board.
- Put your hands behind your back.
- Hide the marble in one of your hands.
- Hold both hands in front of you with closed fists.
- Invite all 3 players to guess which hand holds the marble. (Players can choose different hands or the same hand.)
- Open your hands to reveal the marble.
- Make a tally mark on the board for the players who guessed correctly.
- Continue until a player reaches 5 correct guesses.
- Name the first player to reach 5 points as the winner.

**CONNECTION POINT LEADER**

(Show Connection Point Game slide.)

Let's play a game about making choices. Who would like to play? (Choose three players. Print each player's name on the board.)

(Show the marble.) I will hide this marble in one of my hands. Your job is to choose which hand has the marble. If you're right, you get one point. We will play until one of you makes five right choices.

Do each of you understand how to play? (Answer any questions and play the game.)

Our friends did a great job making choices. Did they make the right choice every time? (Allow for responses.) No, sometimes they chose the wrong hand. It was hard to know which hand was right!

Our game was just for fun, but sometimes people need to make important choices. The people in today's Bible story had to choose if they would worship God or a statue. After we sing, we will hear what the people chose to do.

**WORSHIP SONG**

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: Music video, mics for singers, lights (optional)
- ➔ Music: "God Can Use You and Me" (lead sheet available on DVD-ROM) or download a worship song of your choice
- ➔ People: Worship Leader and/or Worship Team
- ➔ Props: none

**WORSHIP LEADER**

I love the way you are choosing to worship God today! God helps us sing and pray to Him. These are right things for us to do. Let's continue to praise God as we sing together.

(Show the music video.)

(Lead kids to sit as song ends.)

**BIBLE STORY**

- ➔ Estimated time: 10 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Christ Focus*, and *Bible Story* slides; *Bible Story Time* video (optional)
- ➔ People: Bible Story Leader
- ➔ Props: Bible

**Option 1:** Show the Bible Story Time video and conclude with a short prayer.

God, thank You for helping me do what is right. I want to always obey You by making good choices. Even when it is hard, please help me do the right thing. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

**Option 2:** Tell the following Bible story.

**BIBLE STORY LEADER**

(Show Bible Story slide.)

I'm glad all of you are here because I could use some help. My neighbor is moving. She asked me to help pack all of her things to take to her new house. I promised I would help tomorrow, but a friend invited me to go swimming tomorrow. Swimming would be a lot more fun. I would rather go to the pool, but I already promised my neighbor I would help.

What should I do? Should I help my neighbor like I said I would or go to the pool instead? (*Allow for responses.*) I know God wants me to do what's right. I told my friend that I would help her, and that's what I should do. Maybe I can go to the pool another day.

Thanks for your help! Sometimes it is hard to know the right thing to do. Today's Bible story is about three men who had to make a hard choice. Listen to what happened.

(*Open the Bible to Daniel 3.*)

King Nebuchadnezzar (*neh-byoo-kuhd-NEHZ-er*) did not love God. He built a tall golden statue and made a new rule: "When you hear horns and drums and every kind of music, fall down and worship the statue. Any person who does not obey the new rule will be thrown in a fire!"

Shadrach (*SHAY-drak*), Meshach (*MEE-shak*), and Abednego (*uh-BEHD-nee-go*) knew that people should only worship God. They did not obey the king's new rule.

Some of the king's helpers told the king that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego did not worship the golden statue. King Nebuchadnezzar was very angry and had the men brought to him. "Is it true that you do not worship the statue?" he asked. "If you do not obey my rule, you will be thrown into a fire!"

The men answered the king and said, "We worship God. He can rescue us from the fire. But, even if He does not rescue us, we will not worship the golden statue."

King Nebuchadnezzar was furious! He told his workers to make the fire even hotter! He ordered soldiers to tie up the men and throw them into the fire. The king watched to see what would happen.

(*Read Daniel 3:24.*)

**Then King Nebuchadnezzar jumped up in alarm. He said to his advisers, "Didn't we throw three men, bound, into the fire?"**

**"Yes, of course, Your Majesty," they replied to the king.**

The king shouted, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire. They aren't hurt or tied up. The fourth man looks like an angel."

(*Read Daniel 3:26.*)

**Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and called, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, you servants of the Most High God—come out!" So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out of the fire.**

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were not hurt! Their clothes did not even smell like smoke! God saved them from the fire.

Nebuchadnezzar worshiped God and made a new rule for the people. He said, "If anyone says anything against God, he will be punished. There is no other God like Him."

(*Close Bible.*)

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego obeyed God even when it was hard. The king wanted them to do wrong things, but God helped them do what was right.

(*Show Christ Focus slide.*)

Sometimes it's hard to do the right thing. The wrong things we do are called *sin*. God doesn't want us to disobey Him and sin. He wants us to be like Jesus. Jesus always did what was right.

Let's pray and ask God to help us make right choices. God can help us do what is right.

*God, thank You for helping me do what is right. I want to always obey You by making good choices. Even when it is hard, please help me do the right thing. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.*

## WORSHIP SONG AND OFFERING

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: mics for singers, lights (*optional*)
- ➔ Music: Use a favorite song or download a worship song of your choice.
- ➔ People: Worship Leader and/or Worship Team
- ➔ Props: none

## WORSHIP LEADER

I am so thankful that God helps us. We don't have to be afraid or worried when we have a tough choice to



make. God can help us do what is right. Let's sing a song to Him, thanking Him for all He does for us.

#### *Optional Giving Segment:*

It's time to give an offering. Some of the money people give at church helps people hear that God will help them do what is right. If you would like to give an offering today, ...

*(Give your own directions for how the kids can give their offerings. After collecting the offering, guide kids to stand for the worship song.)*

### **CONNECTION POINT BIBLE VERSE**

- ➡ Estimated time: 5-8 minutes
- ➡ Tech: *Connection Point Bible Verse* and *Bible Verse* slides
- ➡ People: Connection Point leader, all kids
- ➡ Props: none

#### **ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS:**

- *Select your preferred version of the Bible verse.*
- *Say the verse and lead kids to repeat it after you.*
- *Teach preschoolers motions for key words of the Bible verse:*
  - *God/the Lord—point up*
  - *helps/helper—clasp hands together*
  - *I—point to self*
  - *will not—cross arms to make an X*
  - *afraid/fear—hide face behind hands*
- *Say the Bible verse and perform the motions as your time allows.*

#### **BIBLE VERSE (SELECT PREFERRED VERSION):**

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Hebrews 13:6 (*NKJV*)

#### **CONNECTION POINT LEADER**

*(Show Connection Point Bible Verse slide.)*

It's time to say today's Bible verse! Listen as I say the verse, and then we will say it together.

*(Show Bible Verse slide—select preferred version.)*

*(Say the verse. Lead kids to repeat it after you.)*

God will help us do what is right. How do people know the right things to do? *(Allow for responses.)*  
The Bible tells us what is right! The Bible teaches us what God wants us to do.

*(Lead the activity.)*

### **CONNECTION POINT MISSIONS**

- ➡ Estimated time: 5-8 minutes
- ➡ Tech: *Connection Point Missions* slide, “Family Tree” missions video
- ➡ People: Connection Point leader
- ➡ Props: none

#### **CONNECTION POINT LEADER**

*(Show Connection Point Missions slide and play the “Family Tree” missions video immediately following the Connection Point Bible Verse activity.)*

Patrick is a church planter. That means he starts new churches so more people can hear about God and Jesus. What are some things that people can learn about God and Jesus at church? *(Allow for responses.)* Those were great answers! Let's pray for Patrick and the new churches.

*God, thank You that Patrick starts new churches and tells people about You. Thank You for all the wonderful things we can learn about You at church! Please help many people go to the new churches and hear how much You love them. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.*

**REAL LIFE CONNECTIONS**

- ➔ Estimated time: 3-5 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Real Life Connections* and *Life Point* slides
- ➔ People: Bible Story Leader
- ➔ Props: none

**BIBLE STORY LEADER**

*(Show Real Life Connections slide.)*

We've talked a lot today about doing what is right. Listen to the choices that I say. Give me a thumbs up if it is a right choice, and a thumbs down if it is a wrong choice. *(Make the following statements and lead kids to respond.)*

- Do what Mom says to do. *(thumbs up)*
- Use unkind words. *(thumbs down)*
- Be a helper. *(thumbs up)*
- Go to church. *(thumbs up)*

Super job! Let's learn a song about doing what is right. *(Sing the following lyrics to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb.")*

*God helps people do what's right,  
Do what's right,  
Do what's right.*

*God helps people do what's right.  
God helps me obey.*

*(Lead preschoolers to sing the song several times.)*

You did great singing our song. When you have a hard choice to make, remember that God will help! You can sing our song at home to remind you to do what is right.

*(Show Life Point Slide.)*

**God helps people do what is right.** Let's say that together: **"God helps people do what is right."**

I'm so glad we got to worship together today. Remember that God wants you to make good choices, and He will help you do what is right. I'll see you next time.

**Leader note:** *If you plan to utilize the after-session Huddle Up, dismiss kids to their small groups.*