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**SERMON BOOKLET**





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**What you hold in your hand** is an incredible resource, a tool designed to help us effectively partner with parents and lead children into a growing relationship with God.

**Contained within the pages of this booklet you'll find:**

- a. Important scriptures, such as our memory verse.
- b. Amazing and relevant Bible stories.
- c. Key points that make up the exciting messages planned for this entire series.
- d. A place to stamp for each service attended.

This booklet was created to inform you of exactly what our children's ministry will speak about each service. You'll be able to review with your children the messages covered, and also look ahead as the series unfolds.

**So partner with us** and help your children learn responsibility by bringing this booklet every service. Each time they visit, we will put a stamp in their book to show that they attended, and also filled out each point of that day's lesson in this book.



# LADDER 1:23

What does it take to become a firefighter? It's a tough responsibility, one that men and women prepare extensively for, training long hours with exhausting drills and grueling exercises. Firefighters frequently put their lives on the line, rushing into collapsed or burning buildings to rescue others from hazardous fires.

Why do it? It isn't for the money. And it isn't for the fame either. Firefighters will tell you it is all about helping others and saving lives.

As Christians, we have a similar mission: Our job, according to Jude 1:23, is to "snatch others from the fire and save them." We ourselves are like firefighters, called to duty by Jesus himself with a rescue mission to save others from trouble.

What does it take to be a firefighter? First, it takes sacrifice. This isn't a shoddy operation. Firefighters spend all their lives learning and training so that they can become the best they can be, working together as a team. This takes discipline, hard work and effort. As Christians, our job as well is to pray, study and show ourselves approved – and, to work as a team.

Another quality firefighters understand is honor. As Christians, we too know the importance of the job we hold. We're part of an elite group, a chosen and holy generation. Our every action is watched by someone, and it is our duty to represent well what it is we stand for.

The final quality of a firefighter is commitment. Firefighters dash in to collapsing structures, fully aware that there is danger waiting for them there. But their commitment to saving others is stronger than any uncertainties about the future – and any fears lurking inside.

These are just three of the qualities of a firefighter: sacrifice, honor and commitment. As Christians, we should know these qualities as well, for these are the very things that make us most fit to answer the call, snatch others from the fire, and save them.

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*"Save others by pulling them out of the fire."*

**JUDE 1:23**



# LADDER 1:23

MESSY  
SACRED  
TIME

1. It takes \_\_\_\_\_. It takes hours of training and discipline to make a firefighter. We too must discipline ourselves, reading God's word and spending time in prayer – sacrificing our time to help rescue others.

***"Your bodies are a holy sacrifice that is pleasing to God. When you offer your bodies to God, you are worshiping him." Romans 12:1 NIRV***

A. HOSES                      B. FLAMES                      C. SACRIFICE

2. It takes \_\_\_\_\_. We're an elite squad, a chosen generation, and a team put together by God to snatch people from the fire and save them.

***"But God chose you to be His people. You are royal priests. You are a holy nation. You are a people who belong to God." 1 Peter 2:9 NIRV***

A. HONOR                      B. GLORY                      C. DALMATIANS

3. It takes \_\_\_\_\_. Firefighters dash in, knowing there is danger. But their commitment to saving others is stronger than any uncertainties about the future – and any fears lurking inside.

***"Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding." Proverbs 3:5 NIRV***

A. CHARCOAL                      B. COMMITMENT                      C. PRESSURE



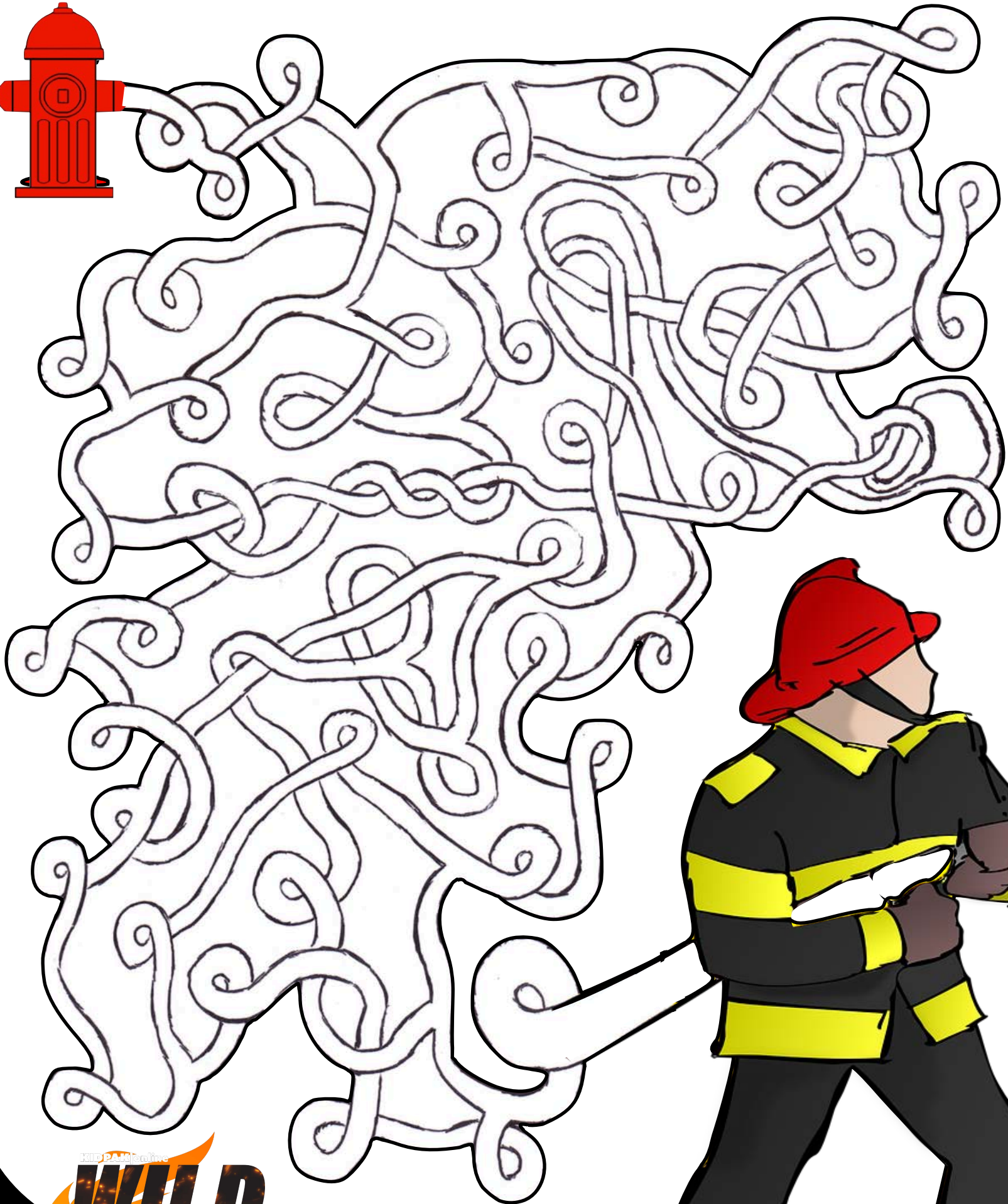
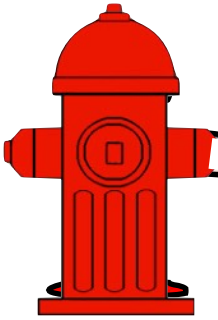


## MEMORY VERSE

***"Save others by pulling them out of the fire."***

***JUDE 1:23***

Oh no! It looks as if the water hose is all tangled up.  
Help the firefighter sort this one out.



**MESSY MESSAGE**





# FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE

As Christians, we've been given the all clear to fight fire with fire. Looking through our Bibles, we can see some heroes who were on fire for God, blazing a trail and able to deliver a fiery sermon wherever necessary. These remarkable men were ready to snatch others from the fire, and looking back at their lives, it's easy to learn a thing or two from their extraordinary experiences.

The first place to look for fire in the Bible may be Mt. Carmel, where huge flames fell down from the sky to consume the prophet Elijah's offering. Elijah was a man of extreme faith, trusting God for a miracle that day. Here was a guy, facing off against overwhelming numbers. But as we read in our Bibles, God had him covered and blasted the top of that mountain, putting the heat on the prophets of Baal. God loves extreme faith – it's the kind that gets Him moving and ready to heat up everyone else around you.

Another person to look at in our Bibles would be Jeremiah. He had fire – shut up in his bones! Jeremiah had such a fiery passion for God that even if he tried to keep God's word inside, he couldn't do it. Talk about extreme passion! That's what we need in our lives too – an extreme desire to get hot for God.

Finally, the one we can learn the most from is Jesus. He told us to keep our lamps burning in all seasons. That means to be ready at all times, always on fire for God. A person who runs hot and cold is far from ready – that's why we have to turn up the temperature and keep the fire burning.

Trust God, have a strong desire to light the world – and work to keep your fire burning. These hot tips are easy to understand and easier to follow, but only if you're ready to learn to fight fire with fire!

MESSAGE TWO



# FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE

Now summon the people from all over Israel to meet me on Mount Carmel. And bring the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table."

So Ahab sent word throughout all Israel and assembled the prophets on Mount Carmel. Elijah went before the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him." But the people said nothing.

Then Elijah said to them, "I am the only one of the LORD's prophets left, but Baal has four hundred and fifty prophets. Get two bulls for us. Let them choose one for themselves, and let them cut it into pieces and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD. The god who answers by fire—he is God." Then all the people said, "What you say is good."

Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one of the bulls and prepare it first, since there are so many of you. Call on the name of your god, but do not light the fire." So they took the bull given them and prepared it. Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. "O Baal, answer us!" they shouted. But there was no response; no one answered. And they danced around the altar they had made.

At noon Elijah began to taunt them. "Shout louder!" he said. "Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened."

At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: "O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. Answer me, O LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again."

Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench.

When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, "The LORD -he is God! The LORD -he is God!"

*Taken from 1 Kings, Chapter 18*

MESSAGE TWO





# FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE

1. Some like it \_\_\_\_\_. Elijah had extreme faith, trusting God as fire consumed his offering. We too need that extreme faith, trusting God in all things.

*“Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench.”*

*1 Kings 18:38 NIV*

A. OLD      B. HOT      C. COLD

2. There’s a \_\_\_\_\_ shut up in your bones. We need to have the same kind of fiery passion Jeremiah had. Even if he tried to keep God’s word inside, he couldn’t do it!

*“But if I say, ‘I will not mention him or speak any more in his name,’ his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot.”* Jeremiah 20:9 NIV

A. FIRE      B. HYDRANT      C. COOLANT

3. Keep it \_\_\_\_\_. Get hot – but stay on fire for God, ready at all times.

*“Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning.”*

*Luke 12:35 NIRV*

A. UNDER      B. CLOSE      C. BURNING

MESSAGE TWO





## MEMORY VERSE

*"Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning."*

**Luke 12:35 NIRV**

## THE BIBLE FIRE SQUAD

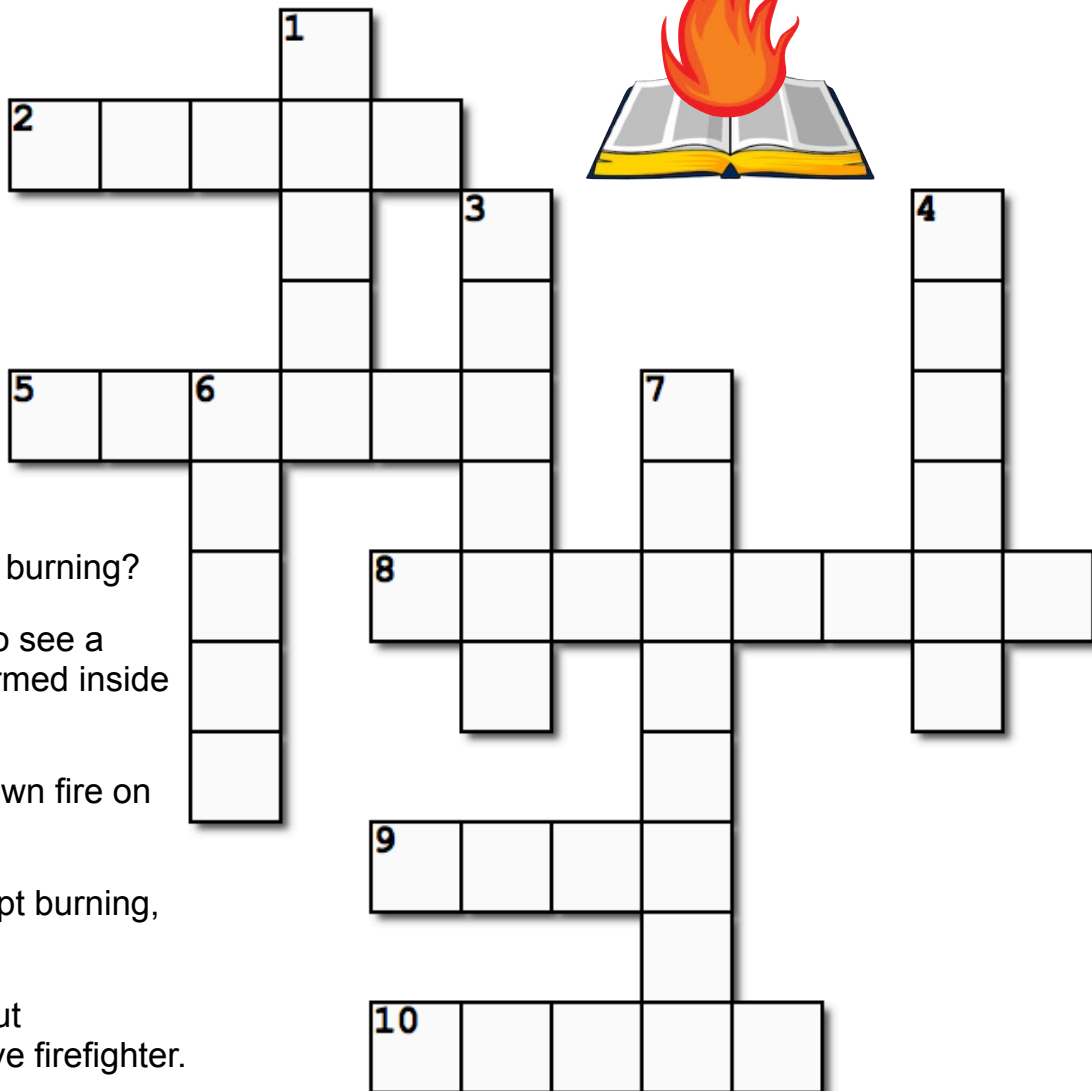
Figure out the famous  
people from the Bible  
from the clues.

### DOWN

1. Who told us to keep our lamps burning?
3. Look in this book of the Bible to see a story of three Hebrew boys, unharmed inside a fiery furnace.
4. This prophet saw God bring down fire on top of Mt. Carmel.
6. He saw a burning bush that kept burning, and did not burn up.
7. Page 15 of this book talks about Shadrach, Meshach, and this brave firefighter.

### ACROSS

2. Who spoke to the crowd in Acts, chapter 2, right after the apostles saw the Holy Spirit come down like a fire?
5. This strong man ignored the warnings, and got burned.
8. God's Word was like a fire inside him, shut up in his bones.
9. This book of the Bible has the verse, "Save others by pulling them out of the fire."
10. Firefighters have a pretty bit one on a truck, but this person from the Bible saw a ladder going all the way up to heaven!



MESSAGE TWO





# DON'T GET BURNED

Smoke detectors save lives – thousands of them each year. Firefighters recommend them in every home, at least one per floor. These simple devices detect smoke – and where there's smoke, there's fire.

If only Samson had owned one, that thing would have been going off left and right. Unfortunately, as we read in our Bibles, he got burned. If Samson were around today, he would probably tell us a few things – and a few ways not to get burned!

First of all, check your alarm. Each time Delilah came around, alarm warnings had to be going off left and right inside his head. We can all recognize temptation, and we have the Holy Spirit that warns us of trouble, just like a smoke detector calling out and telling us to escape.

Do you have an escape plan? Firefighters recommend them – and that's why schools have fire drills every so often. Do you know your escape plan when those alarms start going off? Do you know what you're supposed to do when temptation starts heating up?

Don't wait until it is too late. Samson played with matches, and got burned. Flee from temptation like it was a burning building, but don't be too prideful to think you can handle everything. Samson thought the same thing – after all, he handled everything the Philistines threw at him. Until Delilah came around, that is. By that point, you could say smoke was in his eyes. He was blinded, and the real source of his strength – his reliance on God – had left him. That's why he spent the rest of his life going in circles.

Temptation comes to all of us, and the keys to not getting burned are simple: check your alarm, follow your escape plan and don't let smoke get in your eyes. Follow these simple steps and you won't get burned!

MESSAGE TREE





# DON'T GET BURNED

Some time later, he fell in love with a woman in the Valley of Sorek whose name was Delilah. The rulers of the Philistines went to her and said, "See if you can lure him into showing you the secret of his great strength and how we can overpower him so we may tie him up and subdue him. Each one of us will give you eleven hundred shekels of silver."

So Delilah said to Samson, "Tell me the secret of your great strength and how you can be tied up and subdued."

Samson answered her, "If anyone ties me with seven fresh thongs that have not been dried, I'll become as weak as any other man."

Then the rulers of the Philistines brought her seven fresh thongs that had not been dried, and she tied him with them. With men hidden in the room, she called to him, "Samson, the Philistines are upon you!"

But he snapped the thongs as easily as a piece of string snaps when it comes close to a flame. So the secret of his strength was not discovered. Then Delilah said to Samson, "You have made a fool of me; you lied to me. Come now, tell me how you can be tied."

With such nagging she prodded him day after day until he was tired to death. So he told her everything. "No razor has ever been used on my head," he said, "because I have been a Nazirite set apart to God since birth. If my head were shaved, my strength would leave me, and I would become as weak as any other man."

When Delilah saw that he had told her everything, she sent word to the rulers of the Philistines, "Come back once more; he has told me everything." So the rulers of the Philistines returned with the silver in their hands. Having put him to sleep on her lap, she called a man to shave off the seven braids of his hair, and so began to subdue him.

And his strength left him. Then she called, "Samson, the Philistines are upon you!" He awoke from his sleep and thought, "I'll go out as before and shake myself free." But he did not know that the LORD had left him.

*Taken from Judges 16*





# DON'T GET BURNED

1. Check your \_\_\_\_\_. Sirens must have been going off in Samson's head left and right, but he didn't hear them. Or maybe he ignored them.

*"So Delilah said to Samson, 'Tell me the secret of your great strength and how you can be tied up and subdued.'" Judges 16:6 NIV*

A. ALARM      B. GEAR      C. AXE

2. Know your \_\_\_\_\_ plan. These are posted on the walls of every public building in case of fire. What is your plan when temptation comes?

*"But when you are tempted, God will give you a way out so that you can stand up under it." 1 Corinthians 13:10 NIRV*

A. ALARM      B. ESCAPE      C. BURNING

3. \_\_\_\_\_ gets in your eyes. Don't mess with temptation. It can blind you and leave you going in the wrong direction – or in circles like Samson.

*"But he did not know that the LORD had left him." Judges 16:20 NIV*

A. LIGHT      B. DARKNESS      C. SMOKE

MESSAGE THREE





## MEMORY VERSE

**"But when you are tempted, God will give you a way out so that you can stand up under it."**

**1 Corinthians 13:10 NIRV**

## FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Fire safety should be very important to everyone. Here are a few simple tips that you can follow in your home to be sure that you are completely ready!

### Install and Maintain Smoke Detectors

Smoke detectors warn you of fire in time to let you escape. Put them on each level of your home. Test these regularly, replacing batteries twice a year, or when the detector chirps to signal that the battery is dead.

### Plan and Practice Your Escape

If fire breaks out in your home, you must get out fast. With your family, plan two ways out of every room. Test windows and doors—do they open easy enough? Are they wide enough? Or tall enough? Practice alerting other members. It is a good idea to keep a bell and flashlight in each bedroom. Choose a meeting place outside where everyone should gather. Once you are out, stay out!

### Fire Drill

Do a fire drill at home – have the whole family practice the escape plan at least twice a year.

### Crawl Low Under Smoke

If you encounter smoke using your primary exit, use your alternate route instead. If you must exit through smoke, clean air will be several inches off the floor. Get down on your hands and knees, and crawl to the nearest safe exit.

And if your clothing catches fire, remember: don't run! Stop, drop, and roll!

MESSAGE THREE





# RING OF FIRE

Three guys from the Bible who knew a lot about fire were Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These Hebrew boys were confronted with the blazing fury of a king, and the very real threat of being burnt to a crisp.

Still, they stood their ground – and to this day their story is told, recorded in the book of Daniel. What made them heroes is the same thing that can make you a hero too.

The first thing they had was courage. They came face to face with a blazing inferno, but didn't back off. Much like the brave firefighters who march in to battle out-of-control blazes, these three didn't know for sure if they'd be walking out of that fire. Yet they bravely went in, and God saw their courage. He sees your courage too, whenever you stand up for what is right – or stand against what you know is wrong.

While in the fire, there was Someone else spotted with them – a fourth person. When the heat is on, it is key to remember you're never alone. God is with you at all times, there to see you not just into the fire – but through the fire as well.

As they emerged from the flames, it was noted that there wasn't even a smell of smoke on them. The king realized his huge mistake and immediately proclaimed that everyone praise God. In a flash, the entire nation began praising God, because of the bravery of these three Hebrew boys. They had rescued everyone.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego are heroes, truly tested in the fire. As you answer the call, you too can be a hero if you go in with courage, remember God is with you, and remember too that your actions could save a whole lot of people. You too will be a hero when you step into the ring of fire.

MESSAGE FOR



# RING OF FIRE

Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king, and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up?”

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”

Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. The king’s command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace.

*Taken from Daniel, Chapter 3*

MESSAGE FOR





# RING OF FIRE

Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?" They replied, "Certainly, O king."

He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods."

Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there

was no smell of fire on them.

Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.

*Taken from Daniel, Chapter 3*

MESSAGE FOR



# RING OF FIRE

1. Go in with \_\_\_\_\_. These three were brave, even when the heat was turned up. You can have that courage too, because you are hero material.

*"We might be thrown into the blazing furnace. But the God we serve is able to bring us out of it alive. He will save us from your powerful hand." Daniel 3:17 NIRV*

A. SMILES

B. COURAGE

C. LADDERS

2. \_\_\_\_\_ will be with you. He was with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the fire – and when they came out, they didn't even smell of smoke.

*"The king said, 'Look! I see four men walking around in the fire. They aren't tied up. And the fire hasn't even harmed them. The fourth man looks like a son of the gods.'" Daniel 3:25 NIRV*

A. CHIEF

B. GOD

C. OXYGEN

3. \_\_\_\_\_ everyone. The whole nation was saved – they now knew who the real God was because of the bravery of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

*"Then Nebuchadnezzar said, 'May the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego be praised!'" Daniel 3:28 NIRV*

A. TRANSPORT

B. RESCUE

C. TICKLE

MESSAGE FOR





## MEMORY VERSE

"Here is what I am commanding you to do. Be strong and brave.  
Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the Lord your God. I will be with  
you everywhere you go"

*Joshua 1:9 NIRV*

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## WORD SEARCH

# MESSAGE FOR

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FIRETRUCK  
HYDRANT

KIDPAK  
RESCUE  
ROLL  
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