



November 30, 2025, Advent I

Daniel: The Fiery Furnace, Daniel 3:1, 8-30

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of deliverance, make us strong in our faith, unafraid to hold fast to your word, inspired to act on behalf of those in need no matter what resistance we might face. Walk with us, protect us, and liberate us to speak your truth in word and deed. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, '...If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up.' (Daniel 3:16-18)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego are thrown into a fiery furnace for declaring their belief in God. And just as God delivers them from the flames, God delivers the person who put them there.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What things in your life or our society cry out for you to worship them? What does that worship look like? Do you find it hard to resist? Or do you try?
- When have you stood your ground even if it might have led to negative consequences for you? What happened?
- For the littles: When is it okay to break a rule?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God deliver you from greed and dissatisfaction with what you have. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Build a bonfire, beach fire, or fire in a fireplace. Write down things in your life that cause you pain and sorrow on strips of paper. Ask God to help you let these things go, and then put them in the fire.



**Go Deeper:** Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Monday: Nebuchadnezzar's Dream Interpreted, Daniel 2:24-49

Tuesday: Belshazzar's Feast, Daniel 5:1-12

Wednesday: The Writing on the Wall, Daniel 5:13-30

Thursday: *The Lions' Pit*, Daniel 6:6-27 Friday: *The Four Beasts*, Daniel 7:1-18

Saturday: The End of Days, Daniel 12:1-3; 5-13