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KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR

**You're a king who wants to be obeyed.
Worshipped, even. So, you make some choices...**

READ AND THEN DISCUSS THESE PASSAGES ADAPTED
FROM THE BIBLE BOOK OF DANIEL, CHAPTER 3:

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Then a herald shouted out, "People of all races and nations and languages, listen to the king's command! When you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes, and other musical instruments, bow to the ground to worship King Nebuchadnezzar's gold statue. Anyone who refuses to obey will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace."

After you're told about three men not bowing, here's what happened:

Nebuchadnezzar flew into a rage and ordered that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought before him. Nebuchadnezzar said, "Is it true that you refuse to serve my gods or to worship the gold statue I have set up? I will give you one more chance to bow down and worship the statue. But if you refuse, you will be thrown immediately into the blazing furnace."

- What choices did you make, king?
- How were your choices good—or not so good—for you? for everyone else?



- What choices did you astrologers make?
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ASTROLOGERS

You're some of the king's officials, and you've been watching Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. It's time to decide if you're going to go tell the king what they've done.

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But some astrologers went to the king. They said, "Long live the king! You issued a decree requiring all the people to bow down and worship the gold statue. That decree also states that those who refuse to obey must be thrown into a blazing furnace.

"But there are some Jews—Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego—whom you have put in charge of the province of Babylon. They refuse to serve your gods and do not worship the gold statue you have set up."

SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO

As Jews, you three worship God. But your king, who's also your boss, built a statue and now you've got some choices to make.

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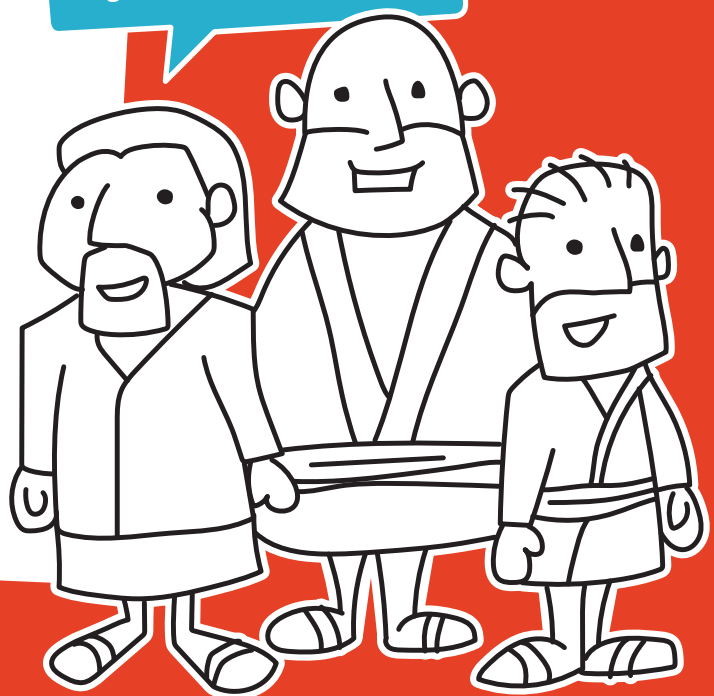
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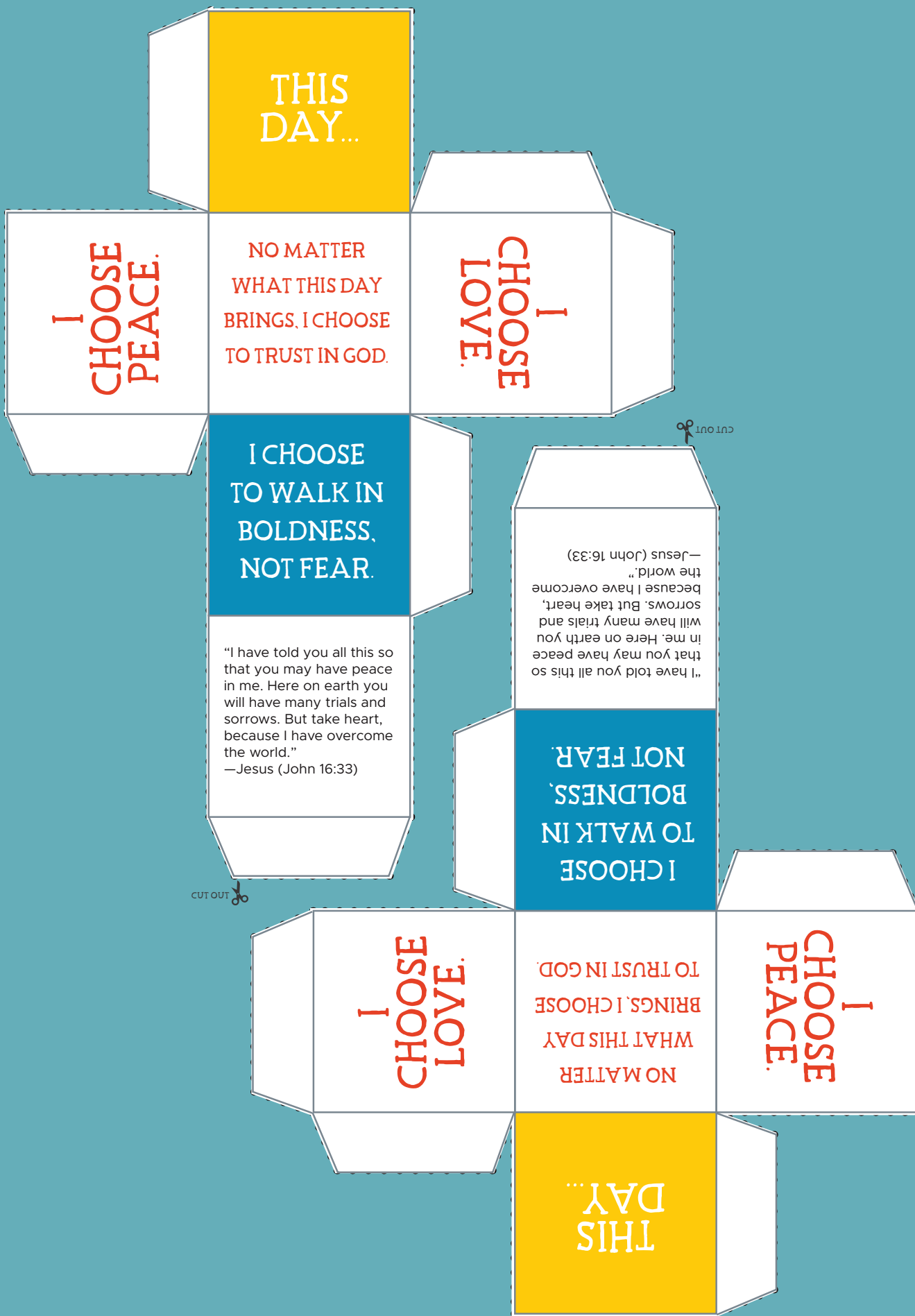
Because you worship God alone, you don't obey the new law...and the king finds out.


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Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, "If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us, Your Majesty. But even if he doesn't, we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up."

- What choices did you three make?
- How were your choices good...or not so good?







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