



## Family Devotional: Trusting God When the Culture Rejects Him

**Theme:** Trusting and believing in God when the culture around us rejects Him.

 **Main Scripture:** Daniel 3 (NLT)

**Focus Verse:** *“But even if he doesn’t, we want to make it clear to you... we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up.”*

—Daniel 3:18 (NLT)


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### Read Together:

#### **Daniel 3:1–30 (NLT)**

You don’t have to read the entire chapter in one sitting! Try breaking it into chunks:

- Verses 1–7: The king’s command
- Verses 8–18: The stand Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego take
- Verses 19–30: God’s miraculous rescue

 After reading, ask:

- What stood out to you?
- What do you think it felt like to stand up to the king?
- Why do you think they trusted God even if He didn’t save them?

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### Talk About It:

#### **1. When Culture Pressures You to Bow**

Ask:

- Have you ever felt pressure to go along with something that didn’t feel right?
- What kinds of things does the world try to get us to “bow” to today (popularity, fame, money, trends, etc.)?

#### **2. Standing Up for God**

Ask:

- What does it look like to stand up for God in your school, your job, your friend group, or even online?
- Why is it sometimes scary to do the right thing?



### 3. God is With You in the Fire

Discuss:

- Just like God was in the fire with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, He's with us in hard moments too.
- Share a time when you felt God helped you in a difficult situation.

### 4. Jesus Knows What Rejection Feels Like

Read John 15:18–19 (NLT).

Ask:

- How does it help to know Jesus was rejected, too?
- How can we trust Him when it feels like no one else is?

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### Weekly Challenge:

#### Take a Stand.

Pick one area this week where you're tempted to blend in.

- Maybe it's a conversation at school or work...
  - Maybe it's what you watch, laugh at, or post online...
- Ask God to help you stay true to Him. Write down a truth from Scripture and repeat it when you're tempted to conform.

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### Memory Verse:

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.”  
—Proverbs 3:5 (NLT)

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### Family Prayer:

#### Parent or child can lead.

“Dear God, thank You for being with us even when the world feels hard or confusing. Help us to stand firm in our faith like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Give us courage to obey You and trust You—no matter what others think or say. Thank You that we're never alone because You are always with us. In Jesus' name, Amen.”

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