

Bible Stories for Young Children

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DANIEL'S FRIENDS IN THE BURNING FURNACE

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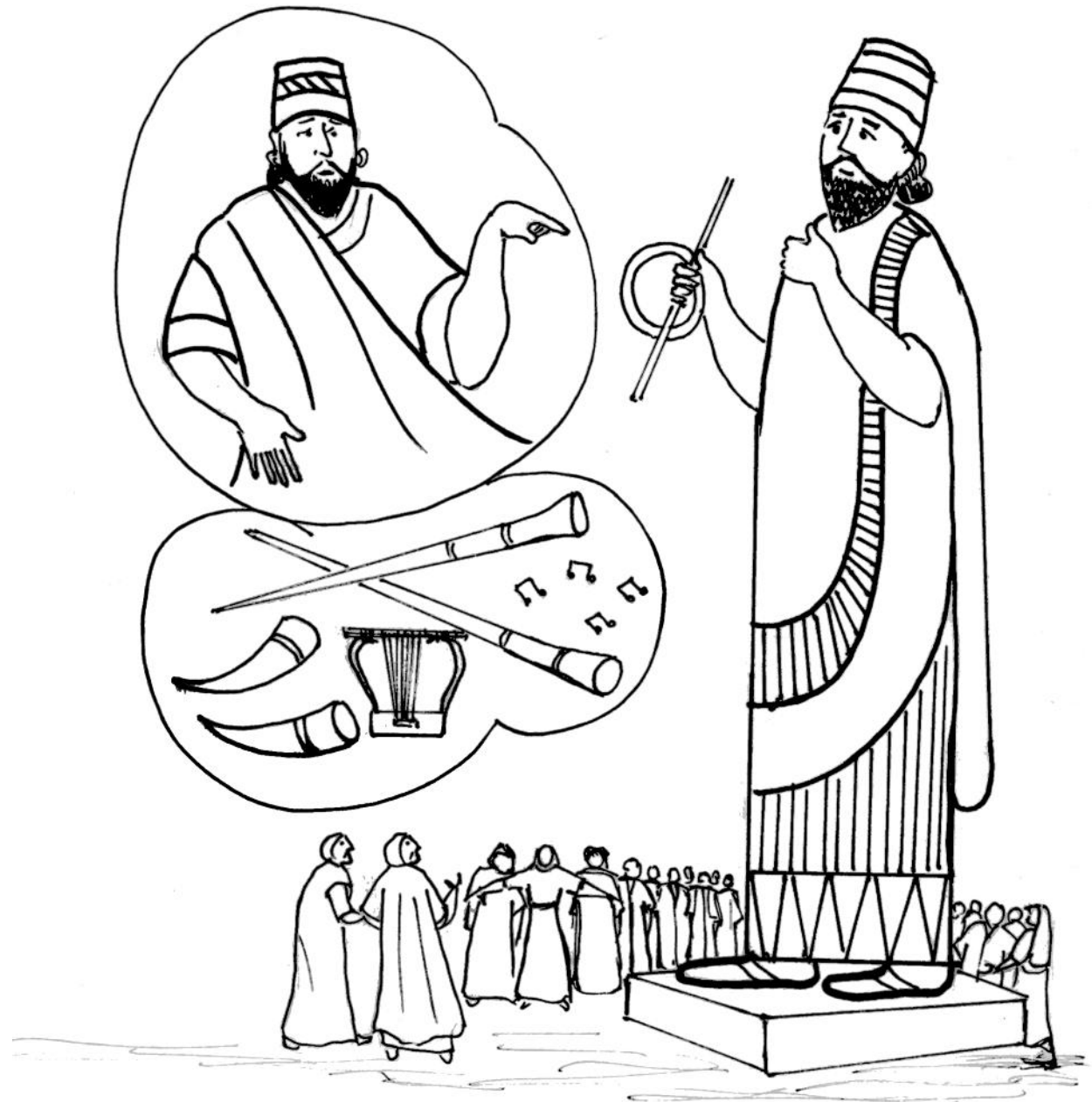
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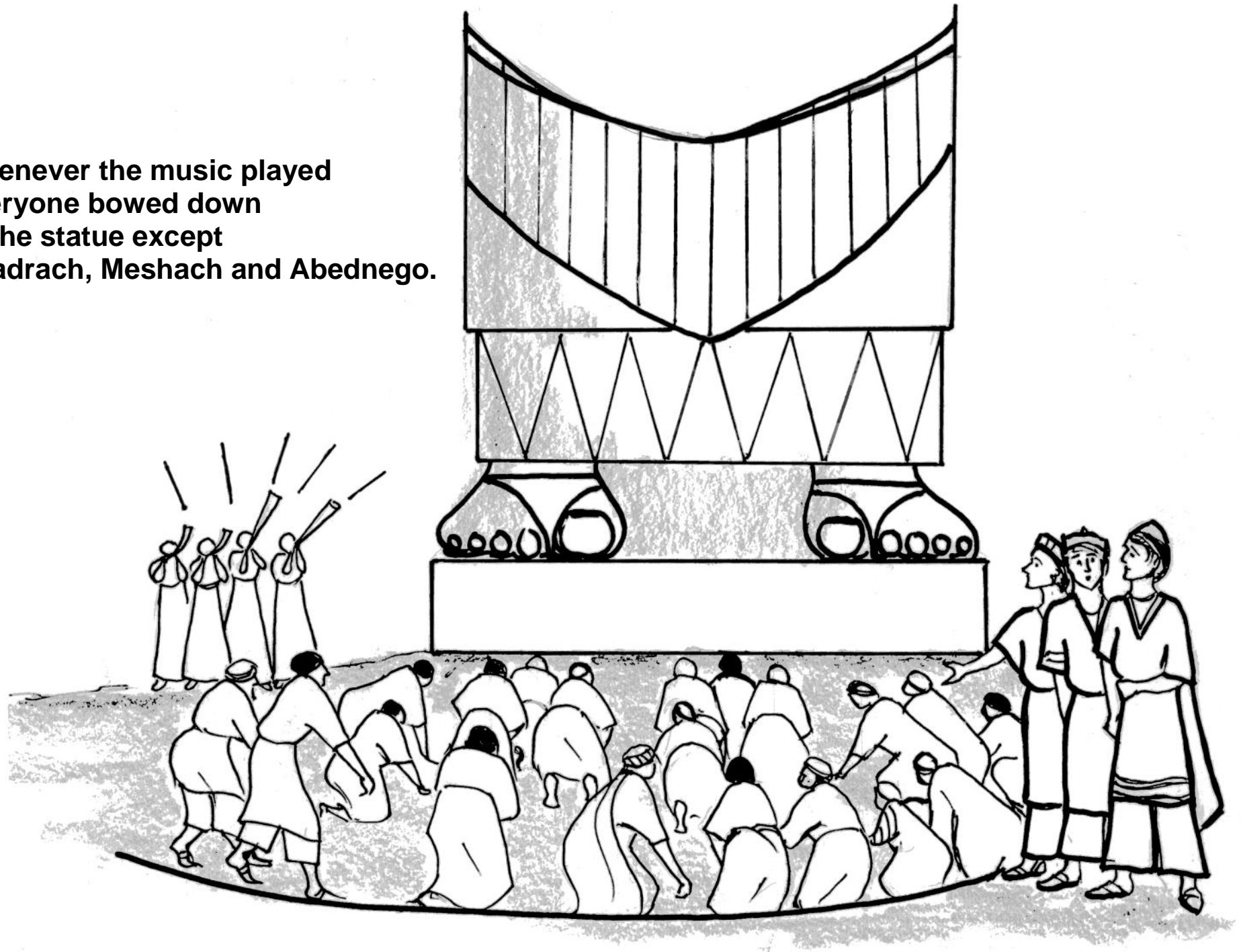
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A huge gold statue was built for King Nebuchadnezzar.

**The king said,
'People of all nations,
music will play; horns, flutes,
zithers, harps, and pipes.
When you hear it
you must bow down
and worship the gold statue.
If you do not bow down,
you will be thrown
into a fiery furnace.'**



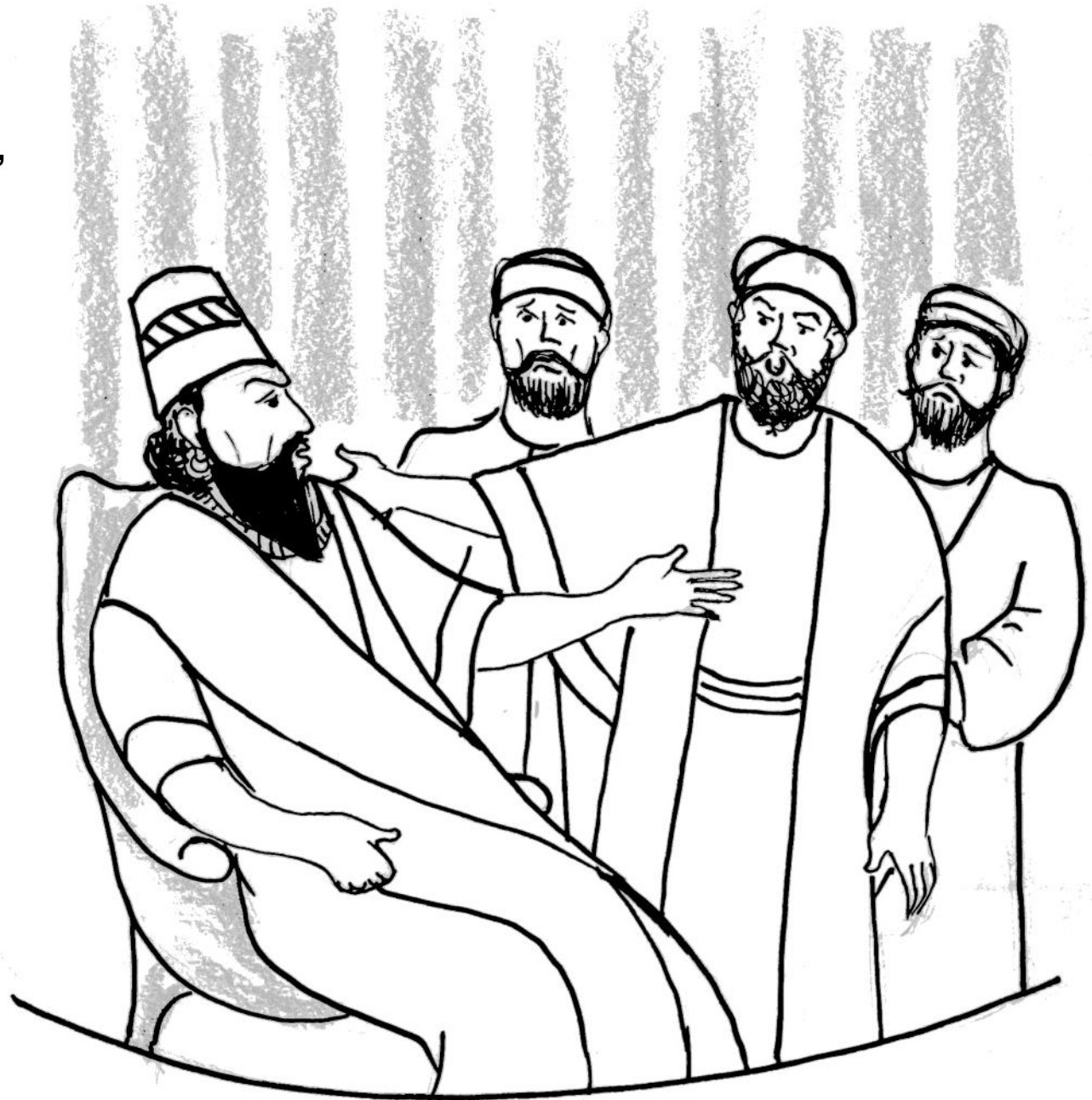
**Whenever the music played
everyone bowed down
to the statue except
Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.**



**There were some of the
Babylonians
who did not like God's people.
They went to the king and said,
'O king, live forever.
You told us to bow down
to your statue.**

**'Shadrach, Meshach and
Abednego,
the ones you made governors,
do not worship your gods
or bow down to your statue.'**

**Nebuchadnezzar was angry
and said,
'Bring these men to me.'**



**The king asked
Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego,
'Is it true that you
do not worship my gods
or my gold statue?'**

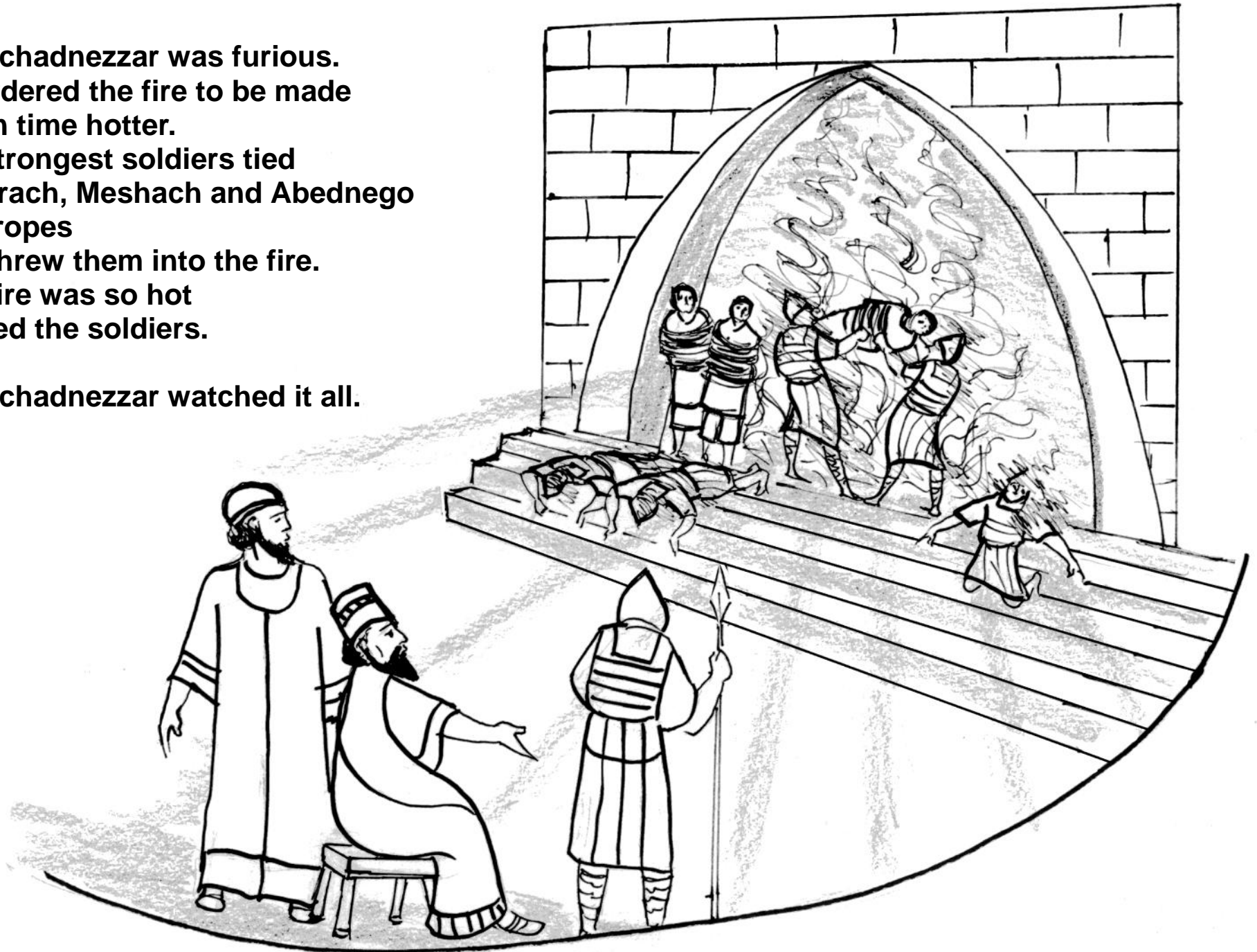
**'If you do not worship it
you will be thrown into the
fiery furnace.
No god can save you
from my power.'**

**Shadrach, Meshach
and Abednego answered,
'O king, you can throw us into
the fiery furnace.
The God we serve
is able to save us.
But if he does not save us
we want you to know
that we will not worship
your golden statue.'**



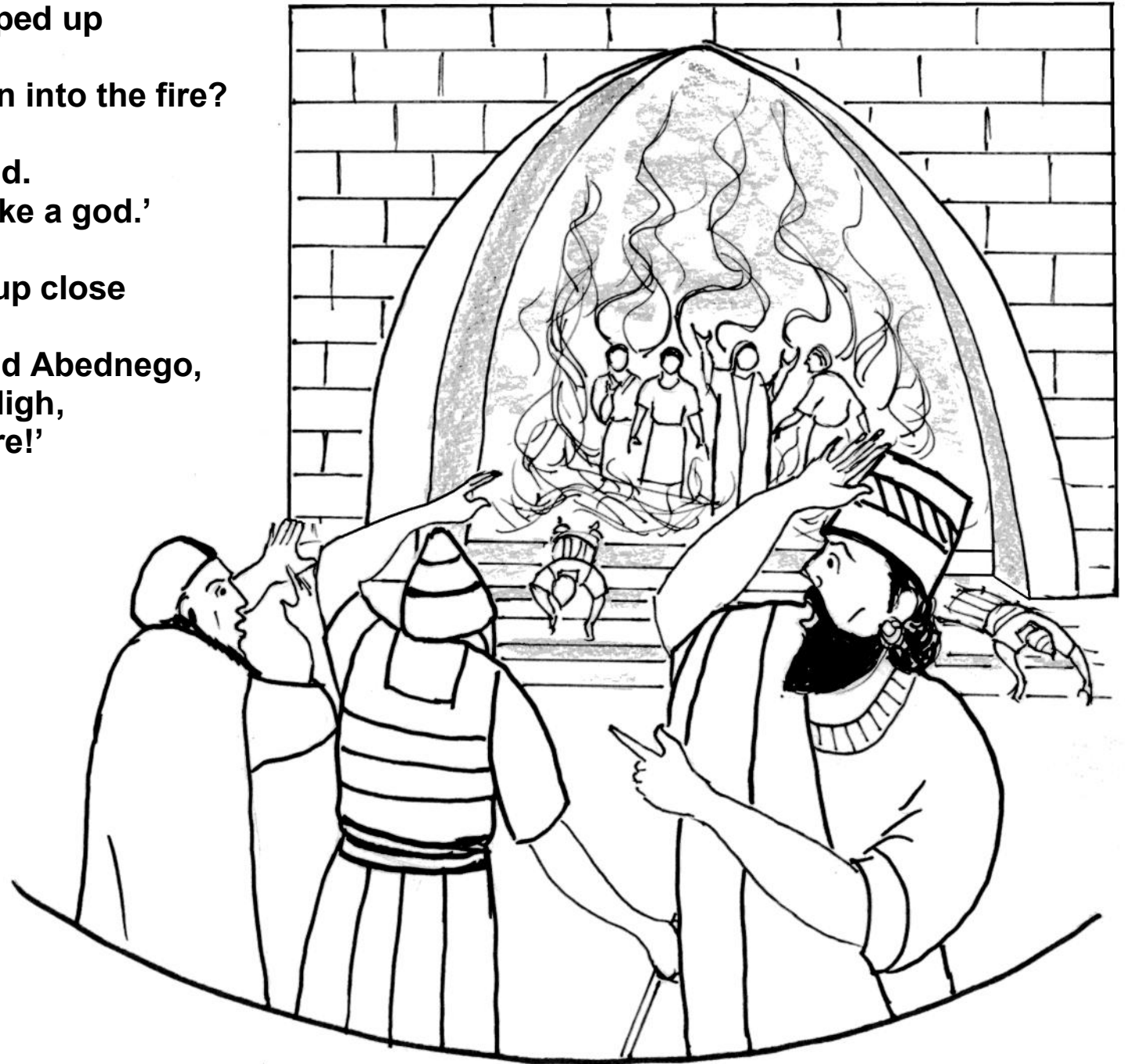
**Nebuchadnezzar was furious.
He ordered the fire to be made
seven time hotter.
His strongest soldiers tied
Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego
with ropes
and threw them into the fire.
The fire was so hot
it killed the soldiers.**

Nebuchadnezzar watched it all.



**Suddenly, the king jumped up
and asked,
'Did we throw three men into the fire?
Look! I see four men.
They are walking around.
The fourth man looks like a god.'**

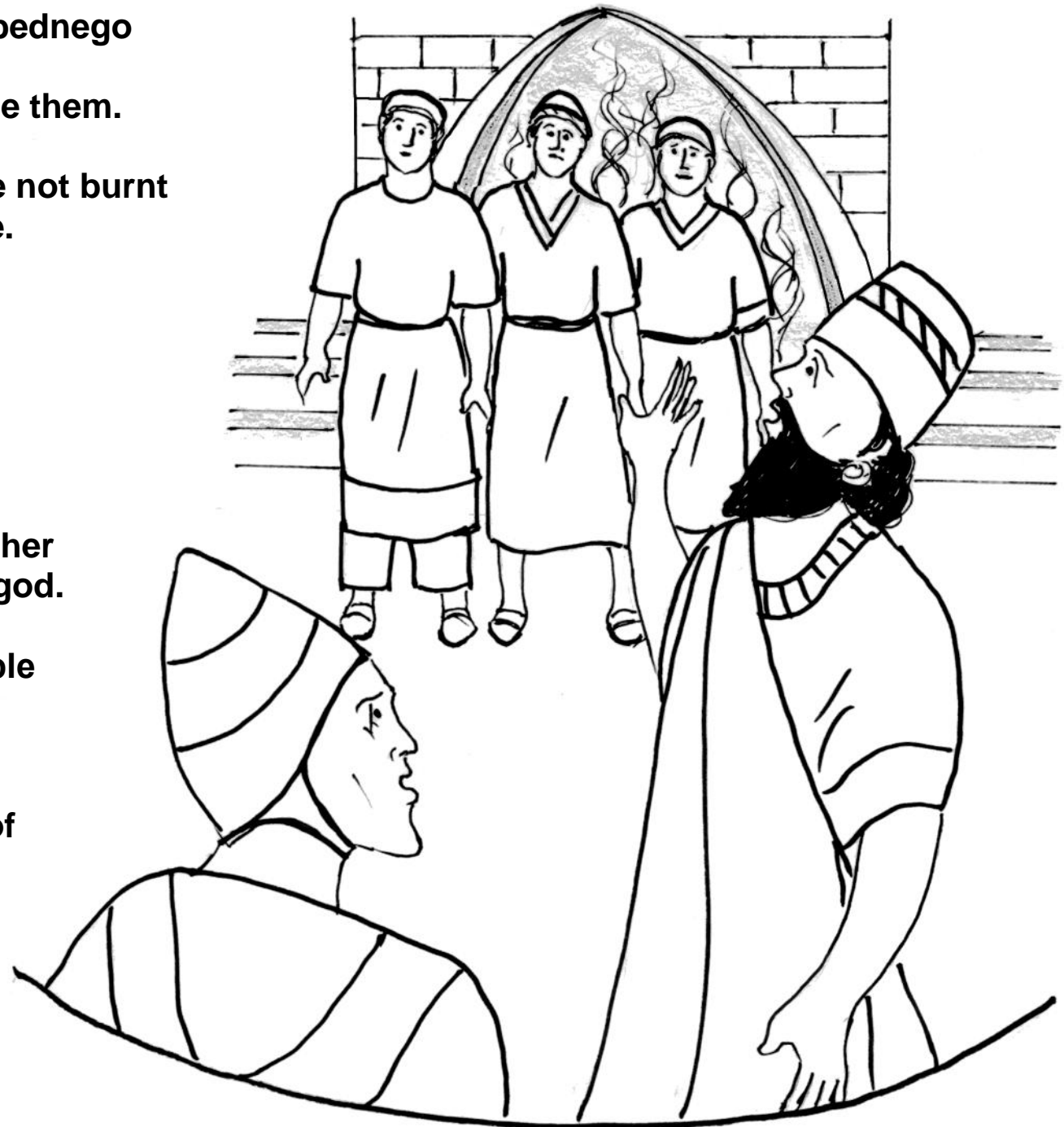
**Nebuchadnezzar went up close
and shouted,
'Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego,
servants of God Most High,
come out and come here!'**



**Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego
walked out of the fire.
Everyone came close to see them.
The fire had not hurt them.
Their hair and clothes were not burnt
and did not smell of smoke.**

**Nebuchadnezzar said,
'Praise the God of
Shadrach, Meshach and
Abednego.
Their God sent an angel
to save them.
They were willing to die rather
than to worship any other god.**

**'Only God can rescue people
from trouble.
So, from now on,
no one is allowed to say
anything against the God of
Shadrach, Meshach
and Abednego.'**



**The king gave
Shadrach, Meshach
and Abednego
important jobs in his kingdom.**

**All this time
God was showing everyone
who was in charge of the
whole earth.**

