

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

BIG IDEA: God's people do the right thing.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Daniel 3
Exodus 20:1-6
Deuteronomy 6:4,5
Deuteronomy 7:9
Acts 20:24
Hebrews 11:32-24
Psalm 84
Revelation 1:12-18
Isaiah 43:1-3

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What is the challenge that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego face? What are their options?

What do you think it felt like to remain standing when everyone else was kneeling with head to the ground?

What did the astrologers hope to gain by calling attention to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?

Why did King Nebuchadnezzar give them a second chance?

Why do Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego defy the king? What gives them the courage to defy the king? How does King Nebuchadnezzar respond to their defiance?

What is the reward for those who obey the king and carry out his commands?

What is the reward for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Thank God for His mighty power to save.
Ask God for boldness to stand up for Him.
Ask God to be with you in your trial/s.
Express your trust in what God will choose to do.

FAMILY RESOURCE

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READ EXODUS 20:4

What is God's command?

As you play with playdough, talk about how "real" the things are that you make.

READ DANIEL 3:1-7

What was King Nebuchadnezzar's command?
Play musical chairs.

READ DANIEL 3:8-12

Draw a picture of something you've seen others do that you don't do. Explain why.

READ DANIEL 3:13-18

How much did Daniel's friends trust God?
Tell what happened the last time someone told you to do something "or else!"

READ DANIEL 3:19-30

What happened because Daniel's friends obeyed God?
Act out the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

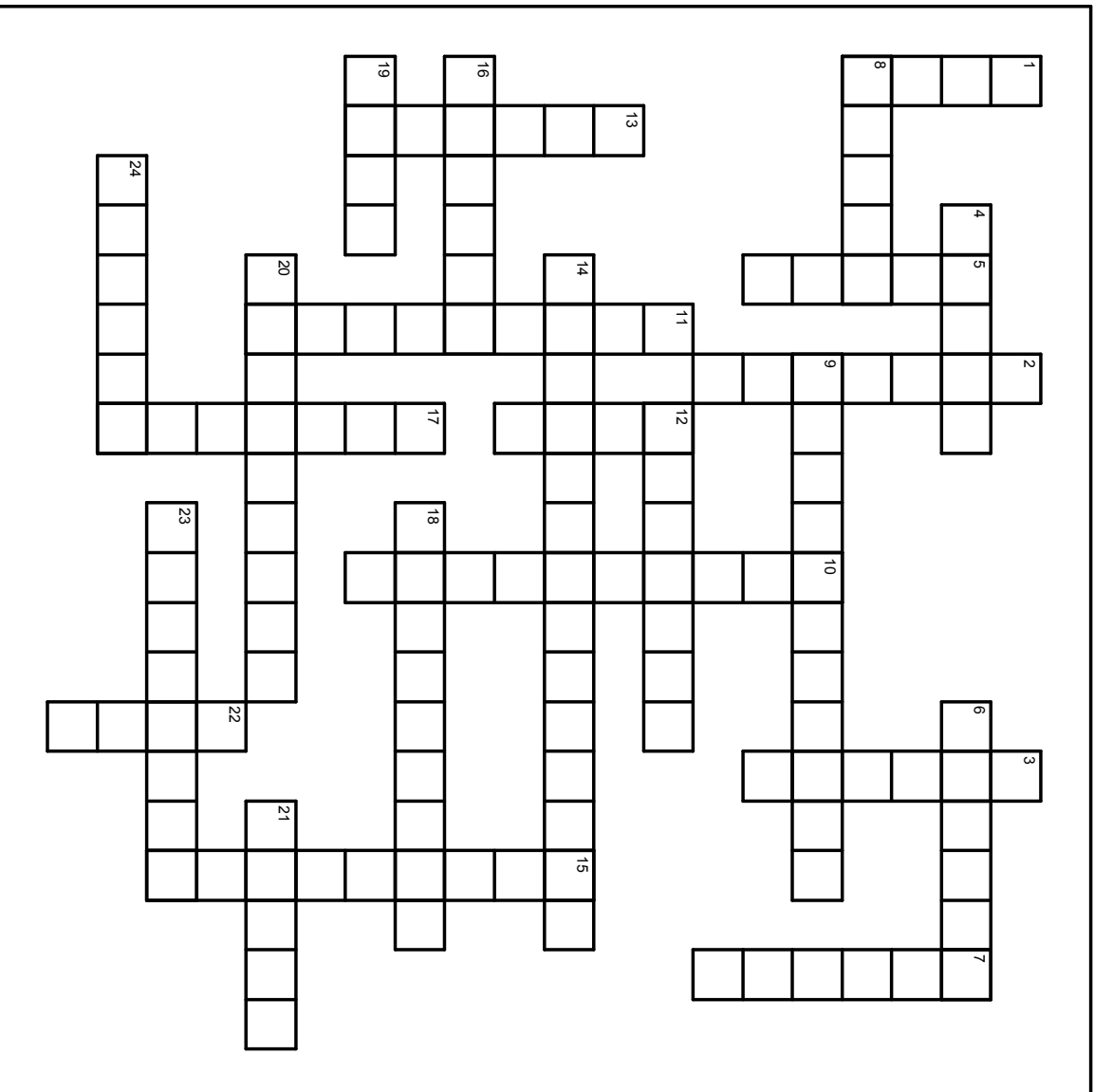
READ 1 PETER 2:13-14

Did Daniel's friends do the right thing?
Make a list of your community's laws that you should obey.

MEMORY VERSE:

Live such good _____ among the _____ that,
though they accuse you of doing _____,
they may see your good deeds
and glorify _____ on the day He visits us.
1 Peter 2:12

Say "NO" to Idols



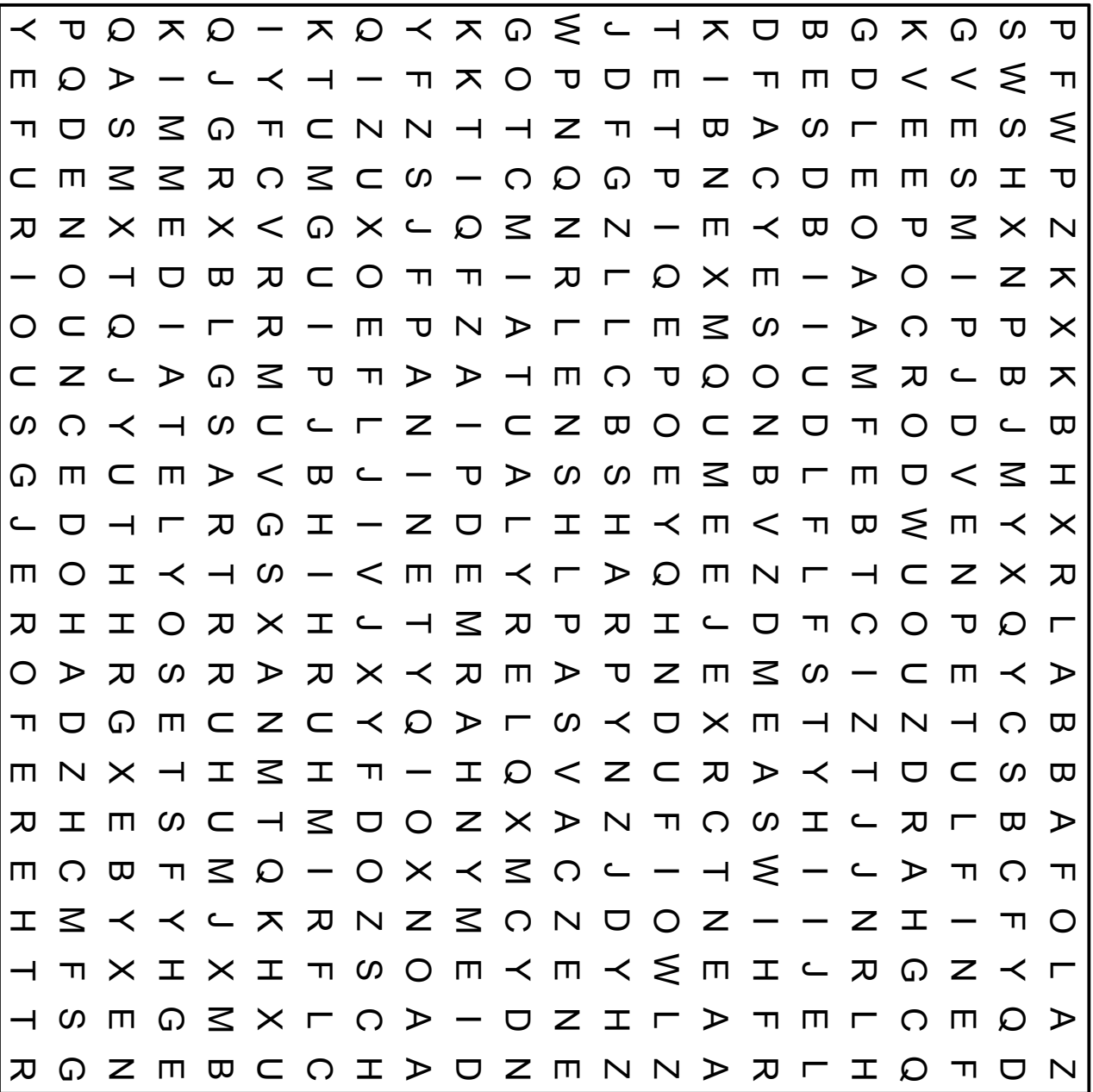
Across

4. odor (Daniel 3:27)
6. burnt at the edges (Daniel 3:27)
8. a musical instrument (Daniel 3:5)
9. right now (Daniel 3:15)
12. very mad (Daniel 3:13)
14. he made the golden image (Daniel 3:1)
16. save (Daniel 3:17)
18. ordered (Daniel 3:4)
19. a musical instrument (Daniel 3:5)
20. spoke against (Daniel 3:8)
21. a musical instrument (Daniel 3:5)
23. called (Daniel 3:2)
24. hurt (Daniel 3:27)

Down

1. a musical instrument (Daniel 3:5)
2. fiery hot (Daniel 3:6)
3. a musical instrument (Daniel 3:5)
5. you were supposed to bow down when you heard this (Daniel 3:10)
7. didn't obey (Daniel 3:28)
10. opening ceremonies (Daniel 3:2)
11. because of this (Daniel 3:7)
12. the number of men that the King saw in the furnace (Daniel 3:25)
13. the statue was _____ feet tall (Daniel 3:1)
15. came together (Daniel 3:3)
17. not tied up (Daniel 3:25)
22. a musical instrument (Daniel 3:5)

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Nebuchadnezzar ninety summoned dedication

assembled commanded blazing therefore

denounced music furious immediately

rescue four unbound harmed

singed smell defied horn

flute zither lyre harp

pipes

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1. RAHP -----
2. FUSIROU -----
3. TLUEF -----
4. NDEIGS -----
5. CSMUI -----
6. ERRHOFEET -----
7. BNIAZLG -----
8. DEMOUNMS -----
9. RYLE -----
10. IEZRHT -----
11. SEUCRE -----
12. NEINYT -----
13. ONNUBDU -----
14. ZHNAZRADUBEENC -----
15. IDFEED -----
16. ODAICTINDE -----
17. RUOF -----
18. DCEOUDNNE -----
19. RHON -----
20. MHARED -----
21. IETMYELDMAI -----
22. SLEEM -----
23. PIEESP -----
24. OMADENMNDG -----
25. AESSDMLEB -----