

# "SHADRACH, MESHACH & ABEDNEGO"

## CHARACTER PUPPETS – 9 PUPPETS

1. Narrator
2. **King Nebuchadnezzar**
3. **PEOPLES: The Herald, (1 puppet)** Royal Official (1 puppet), and **Mighty Men** (about 2 puppets, **No Speaking Part**) = 4 total
4. Shadrach
5. Meshach
6. Abegnego

## SETTING & PROPS

- Prop – Gold Image of Nebuchadnezzar
- Prop - Fiery Furnace with front door and center cut out (with door) to see inside – draw 4 images in fire
- City of Babylon with Neb's gold image

## BEGIN PUPPET SKIT

**ENTRANCE MUSIC** **Country Cake (Children's Orchestra)**

**OPEN CURTAIN**

**SCENE:** City of Babylon with Neb's gold image

**ENTER NARRATOR:**

Shalom, shalom, shalom!!!! I am going to share a story written in the bible about three very brave and loyal young men!

This is written in the book of Daniel.....**PAUSE.....** Nebuchadnezzar was a powerful king that ruled in ancient Babylon. He made a large image of gold that was 60 cubits high and set it up in a part of Babylon, called Dura.

Then Nebuchadnezzar sent his men to gather all the officials in parts of Babylon and he ordered them to come to the dedication of the image that he set up.

Right now, they are gathered at the dedication ceremony and they are standing before the image.

**EXIT Narrator –**

**ENTER Nebuchadnezzar, The HERALD, Royal Official and Mighty Men – ON THE RIGHT SIDE**

**HERALD:**

**(Enter on Left and Face other puppets)**

**(SHOUT LOUDLY)**

To you it is commanded O peoples, nations, and languages, at the time you hear the sound of the horn, the pipe, cornet, the lyre, harp, bagpipe, and all kinds of music, you will fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up.

Whoever does not fall down and worship will be thrown into the middle of a burning, fiery furnace.

**PLAY MUSIC – NEB MUSIC Monster Factory 15 sec (Children’s Orchestra)**

**PEOPLES BOW fall down and bow to Golden Image**

**EXIT THE HERALD and the Mighty Men**

**ROYAL OFFICIAL:**

**(Turn to King Nebuchadnezzar)**

Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live forever! You, O king, have made a decree that every man who shall hear the sound of the horn, the pipe, cornet, the lyre, harp, and the bagpipe, and all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image. And whoever does not fall down and worship, he should be thrown into the midst of a burning, fiery furnace.

But, there are these men who are Jews that you have set over the business of the province of Babylon. They are called Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men, O king, do not pay attention to you. They do not serve your gods or worship the golden image which you have set up.

**NEBUCHANEZZER:**

What is this I hear!!! Bring them to me immediately!

**ROYAL OFFICIAL EXIT then re-enter with the three:**

**ENTER Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego**

**NEBUCHADEZZER:**

**(FACE Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and point to image)**

Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that you are not serving my gods, nor worshiping the golden image I have set up?

When you hear the sound of the horn, the pipe, cornet, the lyre, harp, and bagpipe, and all kinds of music, you will fall down and worship the image I have made. **PLAY NEB MUSIC for a moment**

If you do not worship, in that moment you shall be thrown into the middle of a burning, fiery furnace. Who is your Eloah who will deliver you out of my hand?

**SHADRACH:**

I am Shadrach, O Nebuchadnezzar, we have nothing to say to you on this matter.

**MESHACH:**

I am Meshcach and I say, If our Elohim whom we serve, is able to deliver us from the burning, fiery furnace, then He will deliver us out of your hand, O king.

**ABEDNEGO:**

I am Abednego. And if our Elohim does not deliver us, let it be known to you, O king, that we will **NOT** serve your gods or worship the golden image you have set up.

**NEBUCHADEZZER:**

**(GROWL and SHOW FIERCE ANGER)**

**MEN!!** Heat up the furnace 7 times hotter than usual and tie up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and throw them into the burning, fiery furnace!

**SOUND EFFECT** - Men shouting

**SCENE:** Bring up the Furnace Prop

**ENTER MIGHTY MEN**

**MIGHTY MEN (2 Puppets):**

**(Go to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and throw them in Furnace)**

**SOUND EFFECT** – Loud booms

**(Yell and fall down dead after throwing them in furnace)**

**EXIT MIGHTY MEN**

**EXIT Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego**

**CLOSE CURTAIN \*\*\*\*\*GET READY FOR NEXT SCENE**

**ENTER Narrator**

**NARRATOR:**

**OH NO!** Could this be the end of the three young men, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego? The furnace is so hot that the king's mighty men died just throwing them in the furnace!!!! Should we take a look to see what happens next? Hold on my friends.....

**EXIT Narrator**

**SCENE:** Open door in furnace to show image of 4 in flames

**OPEN CURTAIN**

**ENTER NEB and HERALD**

**NEBUCHADNEZZER:**

**(Rise up quickly and speak to Royal Officials)**

**WHAT is THIS?** Didn't we throw three men bound into the midst of the fire?

**THE HERALD:**

**(Turn to Nebuchadnezzar)**

Yes it is True, O king.

**NEBUCHADNEZZER:**

**(Go to door of furnace)**

Behold! I see **four** men loose, walking in the middle of the fire, and there is no harm among them. And the form of the fourth is like a son of Elohim.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High Eloha, **Come out and come here!**

**ENTER SHADRACH, MESCHACH AND ABEDNEGO – FROM THE FURNACE DOOR**

**Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego:**

**(walk toward Neb and stand before him)**

**ENTER NARRATOR**

**NARRATOR:**

**(Stay to Far Left)**

So, All the king's royal officials gathered together. They saw the fire had no power over the bodies of these men, and the hair of their head was not scorched, and their coats were not changed, and they didn't even smell like fire. **WOW, what a miracle!!!!**

**MUSIC:** SINCERITY **No Turning Back (Hopes & Dreams)**

**NEBUCHADNEZZER:**

**(ARMS UP and OUT)**

Blessed be the Eloha of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent His Messenger and has delivered His servants who trusted in Him, and have changed the king's words, and have given their bodies that they might not serve nor worship any Elohim except their own Elohim.

**SCENE:** REMOVE gold image prop

An order is set out by me, that every people, nation, and language who speak anything against the Elohim of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, will be made small and his house shall be made an outhouse.

There is no other Elohim who is able to deliver like this.

**EXIT ALL PUPPETS EXCEPT NARRATOR**

**EXIT MUSIC:** SOFTLY **Safety in Numbers (Hopes & Dreams)**

**NARRATOR:**

**(TURN TO AUDIENCE)**

Oh my, these young men were very courageous and they were faithful to Yahweh their Elohim. Even on the point of death they would not bow to any other Elohim! Because of their great faith, the Great and Almighty Yahweh protected them in the fiery furnace. Not one hair on their head was touched!!

Remember, we must always love and obey Yahweh first! He is the only Elohim we serve and with Yahweh...**PAUSE**... nothing is impossible!!

I hope you enjoyed this wonderful bible story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. Shalom!

**EXIT MUSIC** a little louder

**\*\*\* CLOSE CURTAIN \*\*\***