

# ΟΙ ΤΡΕΙΣ ΠΑΙΔΕΣ THE THREE YOUTHS

The idol-worshipping king of Babylon, king Nebuchadnezzar, built a huge golden statue of himself. He ordered that when the trumpets sounded, all the people and nations under his rule would bow down and worship the golden statue.

Those who did not obey would be thrown into a furnace. All obeyed his orders except for three, young, modest Jews - Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. These three, when they were brought before the king, said with courage that they would only worship the one True God. The king became very angry and ordered for the three to be thrown into the furnace. However, God sent an Angel who cooled the three youths and no harm came to them.

When Nebuchadnezzar saw the miracle, he ordered the three men to be freed and publicly accepted that their God was the True God. The three youths became his best friends and he gave them great positions in his kingdom.

**Activity:** Read the passage above and finish the statements:

The king of Babylon was called \_\_\_\_\_.

The three youths that were arrested were called \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

They were arrested for not worshipping the golden idol, a crime which was punished by \_\_\_\_\_.

God, however, saved the three youth by \_\_\_\_\_.

And when Nebuchadnezzar witnessed the miracle, he \_\_\_\_\_.

**Δίδαγμα:** Με την πίστη μας στον αληθινό Θεό, ξεπερνούμε κάθε δυσκολία μας.

With our Faith in the True God, we can overcome every difficulty.

**Ρητό :** «Μεγάλα τα της πίστεως κατορθώματα» (Από την Υμνολογία μας).

"Great indeed are the achievements of our faith" (Hymn)

