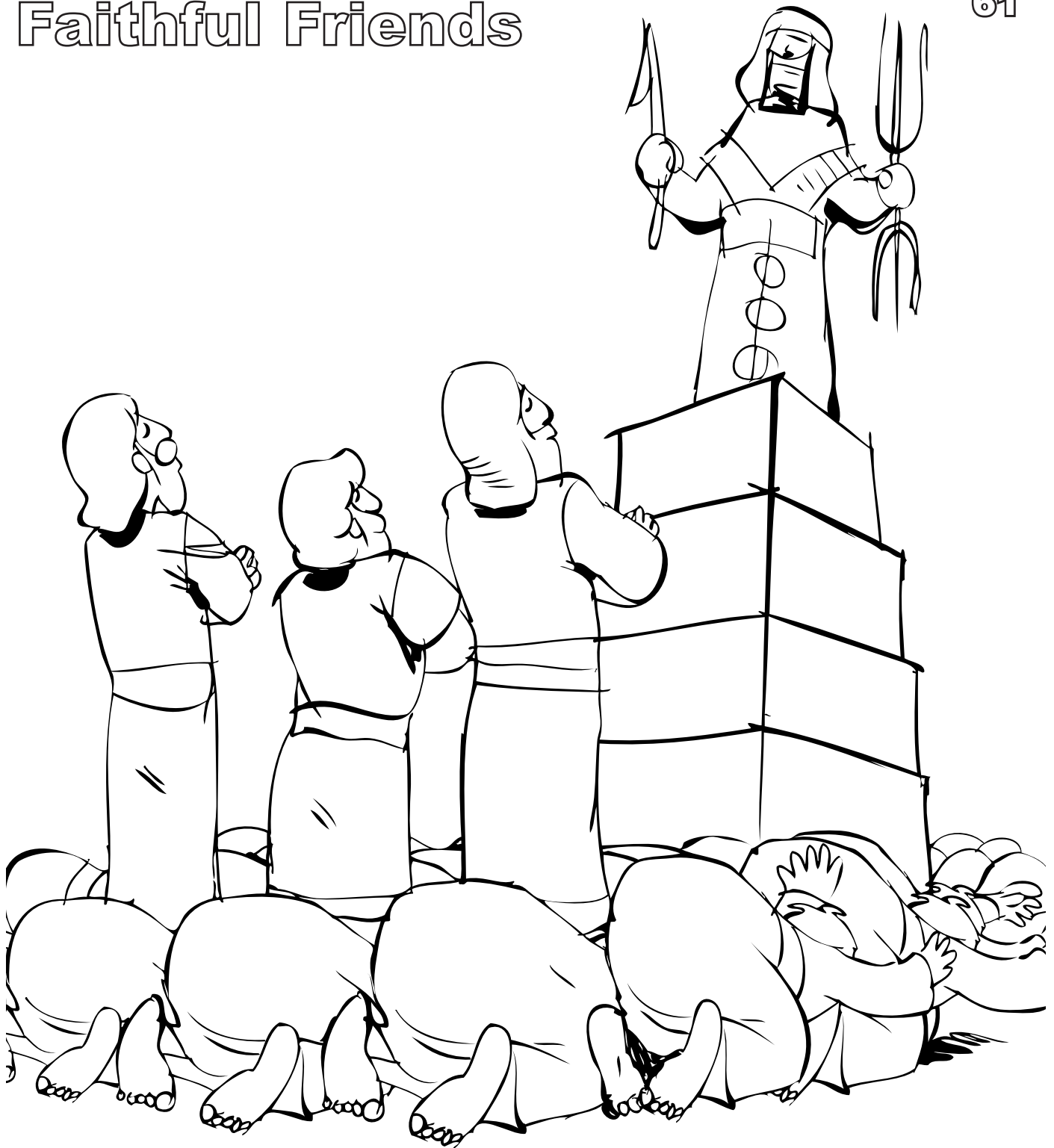


Three Faithful Friends

Name: _____

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...choose for yourselves this day
whom you will serve...

Joshua 24:15 (NIV)

The Fiery Furnace

Daniel 3

"I'm going to make a great new idol," thought the king of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar.

He made a gold statue that was about 90 feet tall. It must have been impressive.

When the statue was ready, he called his leaders together and said, "When the music plays, bow down and worship the statue. If you don't I'll throw you in a burning furnace!"

The king was serious, so when the instruments played all the leaders bowed down and worshipped the statue. . . except three of them. They kept standing and didn't worship the statue!

What?! Maybe they didn't hear the music. No. They knew what would happen, but they were Israelites--God's chosen people. They would only worship the true God, not some statue.

The king was mad at them and had them all tied up. Then he made the fire seven times hotter and had strong soldiers throw those three men into the fire.

The king smiled as they fell into the fire, but then he was surprised. He knew they only threw three men in there, but he could see four men! They were walking around in the fire like nothing was wrong. God was protecting them! The king called them out of the fire. All three were fine and their clothes didn't even smell like smoke!

Nebuchadnezzar announced to everyone, "No other God can save like that!"

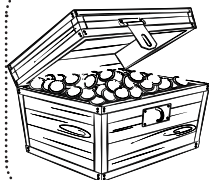


What did we discover?

- 1) Nebuchadnezzar was from the city of _____
NINEVEH JERUSALEM BABYLON
- 2) The king said everyone had to worship the _____
STATUE QUEEN MUSIC
- 3) The three friends would not _____ the statue.
LOOK AT WORSHIP MAKE
- 4) In the fire, the three men _____ because God protected them.
BURNED UP WALKED AROUND SANG



**How would I respond if I was threatened
like these three friends?**



**I only worship
the true God.**

I worship the true God
no matter what others say.



**Father God,
Help me be faithful
even when nobody
else follows You.**

