

Session 1

Leader Devotional

Welcome to Knights of North Castle VBS! Thank you for giving your time, talents, gifts and energy to provide a solid biblical foundation for faith development of the children and the youth of the church and community.

Repeat the Banner Verse. Think of times you sought the strength of God's power. How did this power bring you comfort and hope?

Now think about the Knights that will be in your care at VBS. How will this verse bring them comfort and hope?

Our first Bible lesson is from the Old Testament. In the book of Daniel, we find three young Jewish men—Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego—who had been taken into the service of King Nebuchadnezzar. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego found favor with King Nebuchadnezzar, but fell out when the king commanded everyone to worship an idol. The three young men said they would only worship God! Because of their decision, the king sentenced them to death and had them put in a fiery furnace. Their faith in God remained strong, however, and God kept them safe. When the king saw that God protected Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace, he made a law that no one would disparage the God of these three young men.

Think of a time you trusted that God would take care of you. How was God true to God's word? Pause to give God praise and thanksgiving for those times of care.

Read and reflect.

“Lead me in your truth—teach it to me—because you are the God who saves me. I put my hope in you all day long.” Psalm 25:5

Name ways this verse can guide you in your daily living.

This Bible lesson teaches us the importance of standing strong and leaning on God's truth. Keep in mind the Bible does not promise we will always be rescued from harm. The Bible reminds us that God will be with us in very situation and stage of our lives. God's strength helps us to speak the truth and stand up for it!

During each session of VBS we discover a part of the Armor of God and a Castle Callout (*key learning for each session*). Our session one armor is the Belt of Truth. The Castle Callout is “Armor Up with Truth!” Our goal is to teach students that we can be strong as we follow God's word and truth. Because God gives us strength, we can stand up for all that is true.

Let's pray.

Gracious and Almighty God, we ask for your guidance as we begin our journey to Knights of North Castle. Guide us as we live out your truth for our lives. We realize the awesome task before us. Help us lead by example, showing our students care and compassion. Thank you for your goodness and grace. Amen.



Bible Story

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego Stand True

Daniel 3

Castle Callout

Armor Up with Truth!

Banner Verse

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Ephesians 6:10 (NRSV)