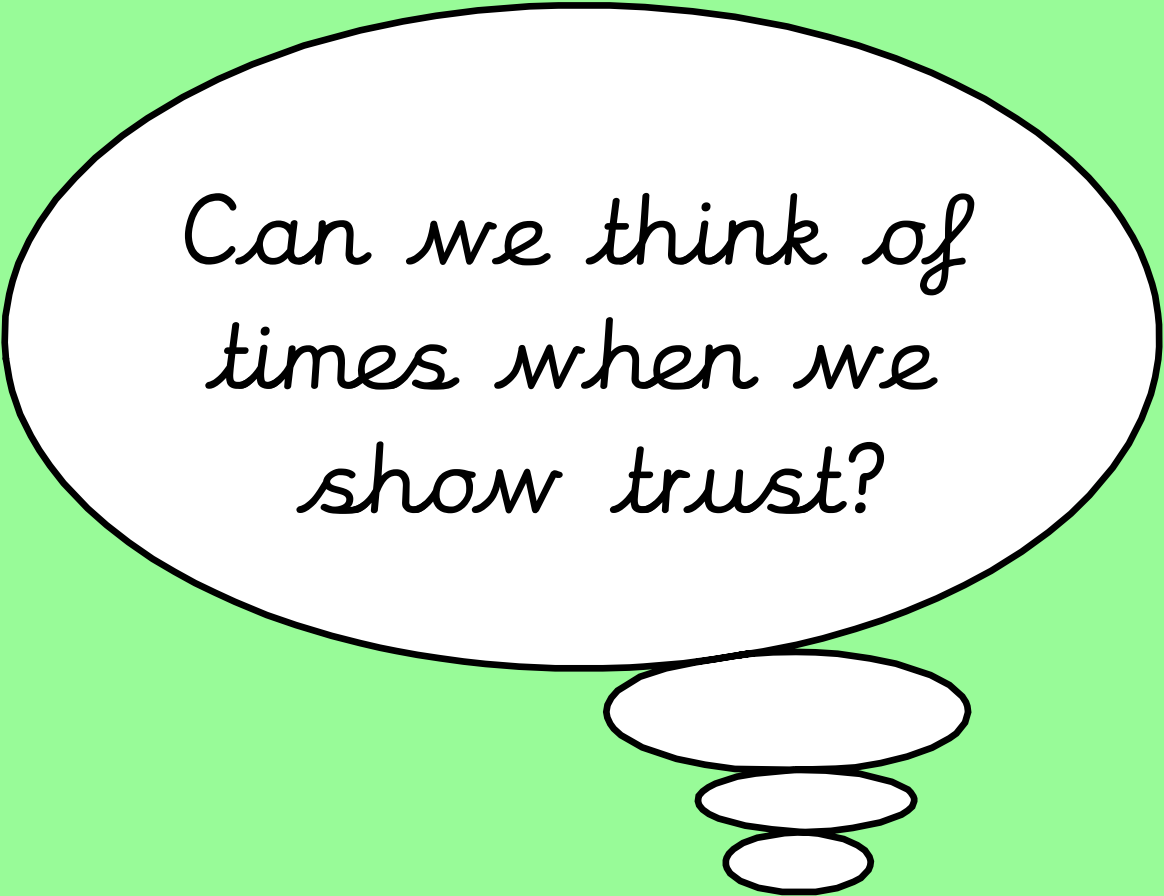


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*What is trust?*



*Can we think of  
times when we  
show trust?*

Read the story on the following slides  
and think about how it might show  
trust.

There were once three friends with very unusual names: Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. They lived far away from their real home. They lived in the land of Babylon long before Jesus was born. And the king of Babylon was called Nebuchadnezzar. Now Nebuchadnezzar ordered a huge golden statue to be built and set up where everyone could see it. He ordered that every time the musicians played, everyone in Babylon had to fall down and worship the statue. If they didn't they would be thrown into a fiery furnace.

So every time the instruments played, everyone fell down and worshipped the golden statue. Everyone that is, except the three friends, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. They stayed standing up, even when everyone around them was flat on the ground, because they worshipped God.

Well, the astrologers came to the king and told him that the three friends weren't obeying him. And the king was furious! He sent for the three friends. He shouted at them. 'You've got one last chance! Fall down and worship my statue or you will be thrown into the fiery furnace! Then what god will rescue you?'

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied calmly, 'O Nebuchadnezzar, we trust God. If you throw us into the fiery furnace, we trust he can rescue us from it and from you. But even if he doesn't, we want you to know that we will not serve your gods or worship your statue.'

Then Nebuchadnezzar went purple with rage. He ordered the furnace to be heated seven times hotter than usual, then he ordered the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up the three friends and throw them into the furnace, fully clothed. The furnace was so hot that the soldiers were killed by the flames. And the three friends fell into the furnace.

BUT then the king leapt to his feet in amazement. He asked his astrologers, 'Didn't we throw three men into the furnace? Look! I can see four men walking around in the fire! They're not tied up and they're not hurt and the fourth one looks like a son of the gods!' He called the three friends out of the furnace, and they weren't even singed. They didn't even smell of smoke.

And Nebuchadnezzar was so flabbergasted that he shouted, 'Praise to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who sent his angel to rescue his servants. They trusted in him and refused to obey me and were ready to give up their lives rather than worship any other god. So now I decree that everyone should worship this God!' And he gave Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego special jobs to do ruling the country.



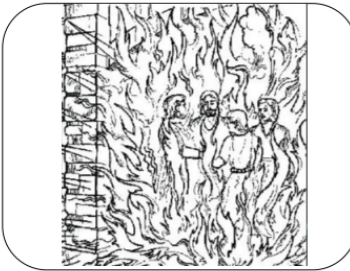
Now you have read the story, click  
the link below to watch it!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RCXcHRIQWpQ>



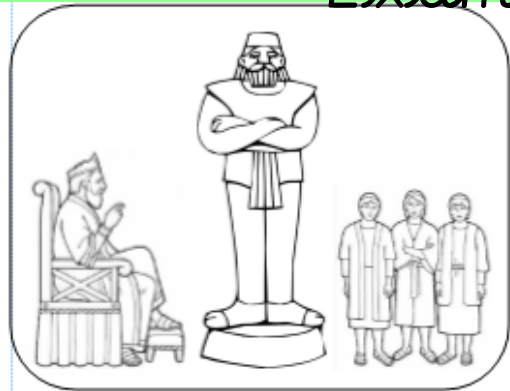
Your task is to re-tell the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, thinking about how they put their trust in God. Remember to include lots of detail in your writing. You can use the template below or use paper to write on and create your own illustrations to go with it.

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## Example of work to help:



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**Next step:** What might Christians learn from the story of Nebuchadnezzar? \_\_\_\_\_