

to his own country. Here, in Babylon, he kept the king in prison till he died, and made the people work as slaves. God let the people be taken in this way from their own land because they had sinned against Him by breaking His laws and hurting His prophets.

Some of the people who were taken to Babylon loved God and would not worship idols as King Nebuchadnezzar wanted. Our topic to-day is about three young men who were true to their God. (The leader should tell the story which is found in the passage indicated).

This story will, no doubt, appeal particularly to the boys. The leader should not miss the chance of impressing on the minds of the juniors the importance of being firm and whole-hearted in their stand for Christ and the right. These three young men were not even afraid of the fiery furnace made seven times hotter than usual. So strong was their faith in God that they fully trusted Him to deliver them from the fire and save them from the king. Boys and girls often think they are on Christ's side until some hard test comes, and then they are not strong enough to stand it. They

do not remember that God will always help them if they do right.

Because these three men stood firm for God, they won Nebuchadnezzar for Him. When the king saw that they were not burned he said, "There is no other God that can deliver after this sort." Very often people miss the chance to win someone for Christ because they do not show Him in their lives as these men did.

If boys and girls want to succeed in life they must have Christ with them, for it is always those who love Him who have the greatest success and happiness in the world. When King Nebuchadnezzar saw what kind of men Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were, he promoted them in Babylon. Be faithful and true to God, do right always, and promotion will come. God's approval is always more to be desired and sought after than any earthly favor.

APRIL 11.—DANIEL IN BABYLON.
Daniel 6: 1-23.

Daniel was one of the men whom Nebuchadnezzar had brought from Je-

rusalem to Babylon. When he first came to Babylon he was quite young, but now he was old; he was very wise and loved God very much.

(Tell briefly the story of the handwriting on the wall at Belshazzar's feast and Daniel's interpretation of it.) Because Daniel was able to tell the king the meaning of the writing he was clothed in scarlet and made one of the rulers in the country. He was set over other judges and lords and all the people had to obey him.

Daniel's interpretation of the writing came true, and very soon a king from another country, with a great many soldiers, came into Babylon. They killed the King of Babylon, took his throne and his crown and all he had. This new king was called Darius. He was a proud man and worshipped idols, yet he loved Daniel very much because he was so good and wise.

There were some people who did not like Daniel. These were rich men who were jealous of Daniel being made judge above them. They were very envious of him for they wanted people to obey them instead of Daniel. These wicked men

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