



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
Prophets & Promises Part 2: Elijah - Malachi
Unit 7, Lesson 32

Elijah on Mount Carmel

Lesson Aim: To acknowledge God as the one true God.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is the most powerful thing you have ever seen?

GAME: Sticks, Stones, and Water

THE WORSHIP THE GOD OF POWER

Read Worship Scripture: 1 John 5:20.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform The Love Sub script or read storybook.

THE WORD GOD ANSWERS ELIJAH WITH FIRE

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus will return to judge the world and take believers up to heaven.

Today, we will look 3,000 years ago to learn about Elijah. Point to Elijah (Circa 870-845 B.C.). **Elijah was the only prophet of God left in Israel during the reign of the evil King Ahab because Ahab's wife Jezebel had the prophets killed. King Ahab led many Israelites to worship false gods named Baal and Asherah.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: 1 Kings 18:21, 24-32, 36-39. Find and Highlight Key Verses First: 1 Kings 18:37-39. Pray.

Elijah told King Ahab to gather all the people, the 450 prophets of Baal, and the 400 prophets of Asherah on Mount Carmel. Let's read 1 Kings 18:21 and hear Elijah's question for the people. Read.

Elijah challenged the prophets to build an altar to their gods. Elijah would do the same. Read 1 Kings 18:24-32. **Elijah had the people fill four large jars with water and pour them over the altar three times. Listen to what happened.** Read 1 Kings 18:36-39.

THE WAY KNOWING THE ONE TRUE GOD

What happened when the prophets asked Baal to light their altar with fire? (Nothing.) **What did Elijah have the people do to make his altar impossible to light with fire?** (Poured four large jars of water on it three times.) **Why?** (So people would know the real God is even more powerful than fire or water.) **What did the people do when God set fire to the altar and burned up the water?** (They fell down and cried, "The

Lord—He is God! The Lord—He is God!") **Imagine Elijah saying these words to you: "If the Lord is God, follow Him." How might remembering this story help you or others follow the one true God?**

God shows Himself to us in many ways: through the Bible, His Holy Spirit, and the people who share the stories of what He has done. How has God shown Himself to you?

Just as in Bible times, today many people follow more than one god. Some believe in God yet also put their hope in things such as lucky charms or their own plans to be popular, rich, or powerful. Even good things like goals for success can become so important to us that we believe they will give us what we need. What are some things you or your friends might put hope in besides God?

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Elijah saw the Israelites were tempted to believe in the gods or religions of the people around them. Today, some of those who follow Jesus are tempted to believe in other religions or put their hope in something besides God. Have you ever wanted to talk with others about their different faith but weren't sure how to? Let's see what Peter said. Reveal 1 Peter 3:15. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

In our hearts, we are to set apart Jesus as Lord. How does Peter say believers are to answer everyone who asks us about our faith? (With gentleness and respect.) **Just as in Bible times, today, there are many faiths and religions. What might be some of the reasons people follow other religions?** (Family reasons, cultural traditions, pressure or encouragement from others, wanting acceptance in a culture.) **How can you faithfully follow Jesus as the one true God and yet be respectful to the people God has created who do not follow Him?**

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Photo of Mount Carmel
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #32
- OFFERING OF ART: God sending fire from heaven to burn the altar
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Stack-A-Snack

GAME: One God, One Flame

CRAFT: True God, True Forgiveness

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Picture God's Power, Unscramble the Verse

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW