Elijah on Mount Carmel

1 Kings 18:16-39

Running time: Approximately 6 minutes

Setting: Scripts 32-34 use a simple laboratory setting to introduce The Love Sub series (Lessons 32-52). There is a table or counter with a microscope or chemistry flasks and a computer. A toolbox contains the Bible. You may use a large dry erase board or blackboard as the background. The setting for the remainder of The Love Sub scripts (Lessons 35-52) will be set onboard a kaleidoscopic submarine in the late 1960's. The set is designed to look like the interior of an old submarine that also serves as a time travel device. There is a sliding board (the Time Tube) used for the entrance of visitors from the past and a ramp (or steps) to invite children up to participate in object lessons. There are two working portholes; one squirts water and the other contains the Bible. Everything is painted in vibrant colors and has 1960's decor. For extra fun, build windows where the characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

Characters: Professor von Himmel is a wise but scatterbrained scientist who loves God. He has a German accent. Dr. Helga Sominex is a quirky scientist who has a tendency to fall asleep mid-sentence. She has a German accent.

Plot: Professor von Himmel and Dr. Sominex are reunited to work on a top secret project involving time travel and Bible times prophets. In their research, they act out the story of Elijah with the prophets of Baal. We learn our God is the one true God.

Costumes: Professor von Himmel wears a lab coat, shorts, patterned shirt, slippers, white wig, and glasses. Dr. Sominex wears a lab coat, skirt, blouse, pigtails, and glasses.

Props: Clipboards, Bible, toolbox, buckets full of blue crepe paper, toy bull, megaphones, fake stones

Sound effects (SFX):
1. Intro/outro music suggestion: "Dexter's Laboratory Theme"
2. Snoring
3. Toolbox music suggestion: Song clip about power.
4. Cricket sounds
5. Flame sounds

Visual effects (VFX):
1. Toolbox holds the Bible. When it opens a light shines out and music plays.
2. Scripture Slide: ***How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him. 1 Kings 21b***
3. Fire lights: Lights that flicker to represent fire.

Adaptations:
1. Sound Effects: instead of using recorded effects, have children make the sounds
2. Voiceovers: may be spoken off stage
3. This illustration is also available in storybook form located at ResourceWell.org

(<u>SFX</u>: Intro music)

von Himmel (enters)
Hello, hello, hello kiddies. It is I, Professor von Himmel!

Sominex (enters)
And me too, Dr. Sominex!

von Himmel
How was your time at Camp Venture?

Sominex
Camp was wonderful. I caught up on my sleep.

von Himmel
I was asking the kids.

Sominex
Oh, I thought you wanted to— (<u>SFX</u>: snoring)

von Himmel
Dr. Sominex? DOCTOR SOMINEX!!

Sominex
E equals MC squared!

von Himmel
Dr. Sominex, our camping vacation is over. Do you know what that means?

Sominex
No more afternoon naps?

von Himmel
Yes! No! I mean yes, but no. It means we have to get to work on an important fall project!

Sominex
I don't need a project to fall. I just lose my balance and down I go! Wah! (falls)

von Himmel
Dr. Sominex, when I say fall, I mean autumn not falling down— (Dr. Sominex snores, <u>SFX</u>: snoring) **Dr. Sominex? Dr. Sominex!!**

Sominex (jumps up)
Wahhh! Gravity causes objects with mass to attract one another.

von Himmel
Dr. Sominex, we have to get to work on our top secret project!

Sominex
What is this top secret project?

von Himmel
It's top secret! I can't just blurt it out.

Sominex
Then, whisper it in my ear. (von Himmel whispers in Sominex's ear) **Time travel?!**

von Himmel
I told you it was a secret!

Sominex
But, how are we supposed to make things travel through time?

von Himmel
Not things … people. Prophets to be exact!

Sominex
Prophets? Why prophets?

von Himmel
In the Bible, prophets pointed people to God. Some of them even spoke God's words about the future. We want to learn from them, so we shall try to bring them to our time!

Sominex
Holy flux capacitor! Is that even possible?

von Himmel
We're going to find out!

Sominex
But, I don't know any prophets! How will I recognize them?

von Himmel
Good question! Sounds like we need to do a little research. I know just where to go! Get the Bible out of the Toolbox. Let's start with the famous prophet Elijah!

Sominex
You've got it, Sir! (opens toolbox and removes Bible, SFX: Toolbox music, VFX: Beam of light shines from toolbox) Wow! That's one powerful Bible! (hands Bible to von Himmel)

von Himmel
We serve a powerful God! This a great story about how the prophet Elijah showed our God was more powerful than Baal!

Sominex
Well, of course God is more powerful than a whale!

von Himmel
Not a whale! Baal! Baal was a false god. Many of God's people had forgotten about the one true God and were following false gods like Baal. (VFX: Scripture slide) So Elijah said to the people, *"How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him."*

Sominex
That's silly! Who would choose to follow some fake god like Baal?

von Himmel
It must have been many people because Baal had over 450 prophets!

Sominex
That's a lot of prophets! How many prophets did our God have?

von Himmel
One.

Sominex
One! Elijah was really outnumbered.

von Himmel
He was, but Elijah had God on his side.

Sominex
So, what happened?

von Himmel
Let's act it out! You go over to that platform and pretend to be Baal's prophets and I'll pretend to be Elijah.

Sominex (crosses to other stage)
Wait a minute! Baal had a bunch of prophets. I'm gonna need some help! Can I get a couple of volunteers? (Choose two volunteers.)

von Himmel
You get all the help you want. I have the one true God on my side! Now, Elijah told the prophets of Baal to place a bull on top of a pile of wood but not to light the wood on fire.

Sominex (places toy bull on pile)
I happen to have a bull! Now what?

von Himmel
You call out to Baal and I will call on the name of the Lord. Whichever god answers by fire, he is the real God!

Sominex
We've got to call on Baal to light this thing on fire? Now, the real God knows we're only pretending today, right?

von Himmel
Of course, this is just play-acting.

Sominex
Okay, we don't want God to be upset with us. Kids, let's start shouting! (pulls out megaphones) Baal! Oh, Baal!

von Himmel
Now, of course we know Baal was never going to answer because there is no other god but the God of the Bible. So, Elijah teased the false prophets. He said, *Shout louder! Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened.*

Sominex
Elijah is teasing us! Let's put on a show to get Baal's attention. Ready? It's Baal Time! (sings) **Where's that Baal? It never fails; it makes me wanna wag my tail! When he comes I wanna wail, Baal! What do you think of that, Baal?** (SFX: Crickets)

von Himmel
This went on from morning until night but there was no answer and no fire.

Sominex
No one can do this! It's impossible!

von Himmel
Nothing is impossible for God! Come over here to God's side and I'll show you the power of the one true God!

Sominex (they cross to other stage)
Sure, come on kids. Let's go join the winning team! (they bring the bull)

von Himmel
Now, the first thing Elijah did was take twelve stones, one to represent each tribe of Israel to repair the altar.

Sominex (grabbing stones)
Ooh, we'll help you!

von Himmel
Then, he dug a trench around the altar and had them fill 4 big jars with water and pour it on the offering and the wood.

Sominex (grabs buckets full of blue paper)
All right, helpers grab a bucket and pour!
(pretend to pour)

von Himmel
Then, he told them to do it again. (pretend to pour) **And, do it a third time!** (pretend to pour)

Sominex
There's no way all that wet wood could catch fire! What did Elijah do next?

von Himmel
He prayed God would answer him so the people would know he was Lord and turn their hearts back to Him.

Sominex
What did the Lord do?

von Himmel
He answered ... just like this. (VFX: Fire lights) **The Bible says,** *Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench.*

Sominex
Wow! The Lord proved He was the one true God! Let's hear it for God! And let's hear it for my helpers! (to children) **Have a seat. Wow, Professor, I never knew the prophets were so exciting!**

von Himmel
They sure are! Let's get to work on our time travel project so we can meet even more prophets from the past.

Sominex
Excellent plan! Speaking of time travel, I see it's time to go. See you next time, kids!

(SFX: Outro music)

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