



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
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 nearly 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.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: 1 Kings 18:24, 26-27, 31-32, 36-39. Pray.

King Ahab led many Israelites to worship false gods named Baal and Asherah. Elijah wanted the people to turn their hearts back to the one true God, so he challenged King Ahab to gather all the people, the 450 prophets of Baal, and the 400 prophets of Asherah on Mount Carmel. Point to Mount Carmel. **Elijah challenged the prophets to build an altar to their gods but not to light the fire at the altar. Elijah would do the same.** Read 1 Kings 18:24, 26-27, 31-32.

Elijah had the people fill four large jars with water and pour them over the altar three times so the altar would be soaked and the trench around it filled with water. 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.) **How long did they keep calling to Baal.** (All day.) **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 do you think Elijah made his altar fireproof?** (So people would know the

real God is even more powerful than fire or water.) **What happened when Elijah called upon God to send fire from heaven?** (God sent fire from heaven.) **What did this prove?** (God is the one true God.) **Why did Elijah want the people to know which god was the one true God?** (So they would turn their hearts back to the one true God and follow only Him.)

How many times did Elijah ask the one true God to light the wet altar with fire? (Once.) **What did the people do when they saw Elijah's God set fire to the altar and the water in the trench?** (They fell down and cried, "The Lord—He is God! The Lord—He is God!")

How does this story help you know the one true God hears and answers prayer? (He heard and answered Elijah's prayer.) **When has God answered one of your prayers?**

The people were depending on other things, like false gods, to give them what they needed. Sometimes, we forget to go to the one true God for our needs. Instead, we depend on our own hard work, money, plans, or good luck. Only God can answer our prayers and give us what we truly need. What is your favorite part of this story?

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Knowing the one true God is the best thing that can happen to someone, whether he or she lived during Elijah's time, during the time when Jesus lived on earth, or today. He is the one who gives us eternal life—life forever with Him. Let's see what Jesus says about this in His prayer to God the Father. Reveal John 17:3. Read.

Jesus says eternal life is knowing the only true God and being close with Him forever. Let's pray that everyone comes to know the one true God. Lead a brief prayer for everyone to know the one true God.

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Photo of Mount Carmel
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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