



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
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, 26-27, 31-32, 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, 26-27, 31-32. **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 do you think he did that?** (So people would know God is even more powerful than fire or water.) **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.)

The prophets of Baal put their hope in a false god. Elijah put his hope in the one true God. Before the fire came, Elijah asked the people how long they would believe in more than one god. He said, "If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal is God, follow him."

Many of the people believed in God, but they also put their hope in Baal or Asherah. In the same way, today, many people follow more than one god. They believe in Elijah's God yet they also put their hope in other things, such as lucky charms or their own plans to become 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 the one true God?

Have you ever had an experience or learned of a miracle that showed you God is real? Imagine Elijah saying these words to you: "If the Lord is God, follow Him." How might remembering this story help you or others to follow the one true God?

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Knowing the one true God is the best thing that can happen to someone. He is the one who give 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. Find It First. Highlight. 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