



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5
Prophets & Promises Part 2: Elijah - Malachi
Unit 7, Lesson 34

God Sends Fire to Elijah

Lesson Aim: To know God is the one true God.

THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "The Lord is the true God."

THE WORSHIP THE GOD OF POWER

Sing Bible Memory Verse and other related songs.

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to the God of Power. God is so powerful that He made heaven and earth and everything in it. He made water and fire, too. He is the only one powerful enough to do those things. The Lord is the true God. That is our Whisper Verse today. Let's try it together. Review the Whisper Verse together: "The Lord is the true God." Include sign language.

In today's story, Elijah made an altar. In Bible times, an altar was a special platform used to give offerings to God. At Praise Time, we give our offerings to God by putting them in special baskets. Let's sing about our great God as we give our offering to Him. Sing: "How Great Is Our God" or "He Is Mighty to Save" while collecting the offering.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

Elijah knew the Lord was the true God and he wanted others to know it, too. So, Elijah built an altar to give God an offering. He prayed and asked Him to send fire from heaven to light the altar. Elijah only needed to be still and know that His God was the true God, then everyone would see how powerful and mighty the true God is. Sing: "Be Still and Know."

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

When Elijah asked God to send fire from heaven, God did it. All the people who saw this miracle believed the Lord was the true God. There is nothing our God cannot do! Let's sing together about our mighty God. Sing: "My God Is So Big" or "With God All Things Are Possible."

THE WORD GOD ANSWERS ELIJAH WITH FIRE FROM HEAVEN CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we learned God sent Elijah to tell the woman and her son that God would give them food. It was a miracle the flour and oil never ran out. In today's story, we will hear of another miracle; God sends fire from heaven to show He is the one true God. Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to 1 Kings 18:38.

WATCH THE WORD: 1 KINGS 18:30-39

Read poem. Display visual.

- **Elijah built an altar,**
- **With 12 stones that he found.**
- **He added wood and dug a ditch,**
- **That went all the way around.**
- **Four jugs of water were poured on top,**
- **That happened three times that day.**
- **When the altar was too wet to burn,**
- **Elijah began to pray.**
- **He prayed for fire from heaven,**
- **And God sent the fire right down.**
- **The people cried, "He is the true God."**
- **And they fell down on the ground.**

Who is the true God? (The Lord.) Our Whisper Verse tells us the answer. Let's say it together: "The Lord is the true God." Include the sign language or hand motions.

What did God send to show He is the one true God? (Fire from heaven.) Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read 1 Kings 18:38.

THE WAY WE KNOW GOD IS THE ONE TRUE GOD

CRAFT: Altar of God's Fire

GAMES: Elijah's Altar, Fire from Heaven

SNACK: Build a Snack Altar

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: 1 Kings 18:30-39

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Stop and Be Still!, Whispered Words
STORY TIME