

ELIJAH AND MT. CARMEL

BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 Kings 18:16–45
FOCUS VERSES: 1 Corinthians 8:6, Jeremiah 10:10a, Psalm 18:6, Jeremiah 29:12

Summary: Elijah told King Ahab to send the prophets of Baal to Mt. Carmel. Elijah asked the prophets to call on their god to send fire to burn up a sacrifice. They cried and prayed and danced, but nothing happened. Elijah prepared his altar and even drenched it with water. He prayed to God, and the Lord sent down fire, burning up the sacrifice and everything around it. God showed all of the people that He was the one true God.

MONTHLY Memory Verse

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

(PSALM 145:3)

BRITE Idea

The Lord is the one true God.

We will go deeper in God's truth by answering these questions:

HE

IS GOD REAL?
The God of the Bible is the one true God. He is real and He is holy.

WE

DOES GOD HEAR US?
God is real, so we can trust He hears us when we call to Him anytime, anywhere.

ME

HOW IS GOD INVITING ME TO RESPOND?
Kids will reflect and respond to the truth they learned about God.

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Leader TRAINING

LEADER TRAINING TOPIC: PRAYER - BEING STILL

Today's kids are often overscheduled and constantly on the go. It is hard for them to grasp the discipline of being still and quiet. How are they ever to learn how to settle themselves and pray if they can't even be still?

- **Practice Still.** At the beginning of class or as a transition activity before the lesson, invite kids to find their own space in the room. Turn on some worship music and challenge kids to be still and quiet for one minute. As kids learn about stillness, you can extend this time to allow them to practice it further.
- **Return to Still.** After the lesson, take a moment to help kids return to a state of stillness and quietness as they reflect on what they learned. Invite kids to talk silently to God about things they understood, things they didn't understand and what they learned about Him.
- **Still Song:** Play a worship song and invite kids to sit still and listen for all the things they learn about God during the song.

NAVIGATING A BROKEN WORLD: PLURALISM

In a survey by Barna, 50 percent of adults indicated that they believe Muslims and Christians worship the same God.* Pluralism accepts that all religious beliefs can be true and coexist. Pluralism says that you can believe what you believe, and I can believe what I believe, and we can both be right. Kids in your group have likely been exposed to this messaging through social media, YouTube or the shows or movies they watch. Our world says there are many gods. Today's story can help kids understand that in a world that says any god is good enough, the Lord is the one true God. Be sensitive to kids who come from other backgrounds or who might have relatives who are of another religion. It is important that kids don't feel that you are being condescending or judgmental towards other faiths. Speak truth in love.

*For more resources on this topic, check out: britecurriculum.com/resources

ELEMENTARY GLOSSARY

Holy: set apart; perfect

Omnipotent: having unlimited power; stronger than anything

Pray: to talk to God anytime, anywhere about anything

Trust: confidence someone or something is reliable and will do what is expected

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Bible TEACHING

ELIJAH AND MT. CARMEL
1 KINGS 18:16–45

PRAY: God, You are the one true God! You proved it to Elijah, and You prove it to us too. Help us learn from this story and trust You more. Amen.

SUPPLIES:
Bible, teaching slides, printable pages

PREP:
Print the printable pages double-sided (1 per kid).

LEADER TIP:
Allow kids to keep the printable page for the review game.

Pass out one printable page to each kid.

Say: Today we will hear an awesome story about how God proved He is real! We will also hear about a fake god named Baal and some of his followers. Every time you hear something in the story that proves our God is real, hold up the word "REAL." Every time the false god Baal is shown to be fake, hold up "FAKE." Let's get started.

Say: The nation of Israel was in bad shape. The people continued rebelling against God and eventually, the kingdom split into a northern kingdom and a southern kingdom. An evil king named Ahab reigned over Israel. He married Jezebel, who worshiped Baal, a false god. Jezebel ordered soldiers to kill many of the prophets of the Lord. She was trying to wipe out all worship of the one true God.

Say: God raised up a prophet named Elijah. God worked miracles through Elijah. Do you think this proves our God is real?

Lead kids to hold up the word "REAL."

Say: God sent Elijah to confront King Ahab. Elijah told Ahab to send all the prophets of the false gods to Mount Carmel and to gather the Israelites around to watch.

Show teaching illustration: It's Time to Choose!

Say: When the people had gathered, Elijah said to them, "How long will you go back and forth between two opinions? If the Lord is God, serve Him. If Baal is god, follow him." But the people didn't respond.

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Bible TEACHING CONTINUED

Say: Elijah told them to bring two bulls, one for him and one for the prophets of Baal. They would each put their bull on the altar and then ask Baal to send down fire. The people would know which god was real when they saw which one answered.

Say: The prophets of Baal put their bull on the altar. They cried out to Baal for hours, saying, "Oh Baal, answer us!" But nothing happened. Do you think this proves Baal is fake?

Lead kids to hold up the word "FAKE."

Say: They danced around the altar, crying louder. Elijah mocked them. He said, "Maybe you need to be louder. Maybe Baal is busy or in the bathroom or asleep." The prophets cried even louder, but no one answered. Do you think this proves Baal is fake?

Lead kids to hold up the word "FAKE."

Say: It was Elijah's turn. He used twelve stones to build an altar, symbolizing the twelve tribes of Israel. He dug a trench around the altar and laid the wood and bull on it. Then he told them to pour four jugs of water on the altar and the wood. Then he asked for it again. And again! The water soaked the altar and filled the trench.

Read 1 Kings 18:36–37 directly from the Bible: *And at the time of the offering of the oblation, Elijah the prophet came near and said, "O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel, and that I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word. Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that You, O LORD, are God, and that You have turned their hearts back."*

Show teaching illustration: Fire Falls on the Mountain.

Say: Immediately, God sent fire down from heaven. It burned up the bull, the wood, the stones and even the dust. Do you think this proves our God is real?

Lead kids to hold up the word "REAL."

Say: When the Israelites saw this, they fell on their faces and said, "The Lord, He is God! The Lord, He is God!"

Show teaching slide: Point to Jesus.

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Bible TEACHING CONTINUED

POINT TO JESUS

Say: God showed that He is the one true God. When Elijah called out to Him, God answered in power. God is real and He loves us so much that He provided one way for our sins to be forgiven. He sent His Son, Jesus, to die for us. When we pray to Jesus and ask Him to forgive us, He answers us powerfully. He forgives our sins and makes our relationship right with the one true God.

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Review

BIBLE REVIEW VIDEO

Play Bible Review Video. Play the game below using teaching slides: Review Game

SUPPLIES:
Video player, Bible Review Video, teaching slides, printable pages

PREP:
Use the REAL/FAKE pages from Bible Teaching.

INSTRUCTIONS: *Instruct kids to indicate that the following sentences are real (true) or fake by holding up the "REAL" or "FAKE" sign.*

1. **When His people were in trouble, God sent Elijah to confront evil King Ahab. (REAL)**

2. **Elijah wanted to prove God is real, but he didn't want anyone to see it happen. (FAKE)**
Elijah wanted King Ahab to gather all the people to watch.

3. **It took the prophets of Baal hours before finally getting an answer from their god. (FAKE)**
They cried out to their fake god for hours but nothing happened.

4. **God immediately answered with fire when Elijah prayed. (REAL)**

5. **God is 100% real. (REAL)**
The God of the Bible is the one true God. He is real and He is holy.

6. **God hears us only when we close our eyes to pray. (FAKE)**
God is real, so we can trust He hears us when we call to Him anytime, anywhere.

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