

Truth Talk



How many gods are there? There is only one true God who alone deserves worship

Week 8: October 27, 2019

Bible Story Point: God provided in miraculous ways.

Key Passage: I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. (Isaiah 42:8)

Sunday Night: (Preschool & Children)

Elijah and the Widow; 1 Kings 17

After King Solomon died, the tribes of Israel split into two kingdoms—the Northern Kingdom of Israel and the Southern Kingdom of Judah. Jeroboam was the king of Israel, and Solomon's son Rehoboam was the king of Judah. These two kingdoms were frequently at war with each other, and they rotated through mostly evil kings for decades. Ahab was the king of Israel when the prophet Elijah came to him.

The name Elijah means “My God is Yahweh.” We don't know anything about Elijah's background or family, but God chose Elijah (and later the prophet Elisha) to warn the Israelites of their future destruction. For years, God sent prophets to warn His people about the consequences their sin would bring. He wanted them to turn back to Him, but they would not.

Three significant events occur in 1 Kings 17. First, Elijah announced a drought in the land of Israel. Evil King Ahab and his wife Jezebel encouraged Baal worship, so the drought was punishment for Israel's idolatry—according to the law of God. (Deut. 11:16-17) God provided for Elijah during the drought.

Second, Elijah visited a widow. God promised that the widow would provide for him. Lack of rain caused a famine in the land. God provided food for the widow and her son. Elijah stayed with the widow for two years.

Third, Elijah raised the widow's son from the dead. Elijah asked God to bring the boy back to life, and God did. The woman believed that Elijah was a man of God and that his words from God were true.

Help your kids connect this story to Jesus. **God miraculously provided through Elijah to give food to the widow and life to the widow's son. Many years later, God miraculously provided through His own Son, Jesus. Jesus is greater than Elijah. In Jesus, God provides salvation and life to everyone who trusts in Him.**

- Who is Elijah? He is a prophet from God to lead the people from the idol Baal.
- What does God tell Elijah? Go and hide, God is going to cause a drought.
- What feeds Elijah? Ravens
- Who did Elijah visit when the brook dried up? A widow and her son
- What did she feed Elijah? Bread
- What miracle did Elijah perform? Brought the widow's son back to life
- How can you show God he is important to you? By spending quality time with Him
- What are some idols you need to put away to grow in your relationship with God? Mine is watch less TV. (An idol is anything that takes the place of your relationship from God)

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Practice: Say (Memorize) Key passage

This is a great time to think about meeting the needs of others. Talk about all the people in the world who don't have enough food. You can help provide food for hungry. Call a local food pantry and ask what kind of food they need. Take your children to the grocery store to buy some food for the needy. Take the food you purchased to the food pantry. Remember, God provided a way for us to have salvation through His Son, Jesus.

Pray:

Thank God for providing for your needs. Ask God to help your family see needs in your community. Seek the miracles of God in your everyday life.

Tuesday:

All Star Verse: Matthew 4:10 (had the wrong scripture last week) Oops!!!

Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan!" for it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve" (Matthew 4:10) \$\$\$ (We do NOT meet this Wednesday)

Who is worthy of our worship?

The 1st of the 10 Commandments, tells us to worship God only. We have many things in our life that pull us away from God. Remember, God wants you to desire a close relationship with Him. Think of ways you can put away your stuff to spend time with God.

Keep memorizing scripture. God's Word has power!!!

Saturday Night: (Preschool & Children)

Take a few minutes to debrief Sunday and Tuesday. Elijah and the widow

Preview for Sunday:

Elisha at Mount Carmel

- Where did Elijah meet King Ahab? Mount Carmel
- Who did King Ahab worship? And idol named Baal.
- What was happening on the mountain? Elijah was challenging Ahab to prove his god (Baal) could provide fire.
- What did King Ahab's prophets do? Danced and cried out to Baal!
- Did Baal answer? No
- Elijah prayed to God and did God answer? How? Yes, God burned up the Bull, wood, stones and water for the offering.

Key Passage / Sunday Morning Scripture:

Key Passage for weeks of October 27, November 3, 10, 17

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