

# SPECIAL PEOPLE OF THE BIBLE (OT)

# **LESSON 4: GOD SPEAKS TO ELIJAH ☆**

Lessons in this series: 1 2 3 4 5 6 Overview

In this lesson, children learn how God provides for them in miraculous ways when they are obedient to His Word.

#### TOPICS

Elijah, Obedience, Provision

#### **AS KIDS ARRIVE (10 MINUTES)**

As the children arrive, have a white poster board and old magazine on the table. Have the kids look through the magazines to find pictures of food and things to eat. They are to work as a team to make a complete meal, meat, vegetables, dessert, drink, etc. Have a teacher's helper paste appropriate pictures onto the poster board to make a meal collage.

Elijah (Optional Coloring page) Click here

#### **WORSHIP TIME (5 MINUTES)**

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#### **BIBLE VERSE (5 MINUTES)**

#### "He provides food for those who fear him" Psalm 111:5 NIV

Explain to the children that fearing God is not being afraid, like being afraid of the dark, but it means to follow God's Word (Psalm 111:10). This may also be a good time to share with the children how many people around the world are following God's Will to help others who are in need.

#### **BIBLE STORY (15 MINUTES)**

After the introduction, read the story right from the Bible. If possble, use a Children's Bible so it will be easier for the kids to understand.

#### Introduction:

Our story today is about a prophet named Elijah. Prophets were very important. The people were able to hear the Word of God and feel His love though a prophet. Elijah lived during a time when there were kings ruling over Israel. But the king at this time, named Ahab, was a really bad king. He did more evil than any of the kings before him. He even worshiped an idol. Ahab believed his idol could produce rain. God was very, very angry. So to show Ahab how wrong he was, God decided to stop the rain and dry up the land until He said it could rain again. He also sent Elijah away, so the people wouldn't even have their beloved prophet. They would be cut off from God. Our story begins with Elijah telling the wicked king what was going to happen.

## Read 1 Kings 17:1-6 (Elijah and the Ravens)

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. Did God stop the rain because Ahab was good or evil? (Evil.)
- 2. Did God send Elijah away? (Yes.)
- 3. How did Elijah find food to eat? (God sent ravens with bread and meat.)
- 4. What did Elijah drink with his bread and meat? (Water from a brook.)
- 5. Who did Elijah obey? (God.)
- 6. Who else should obey God? (Ahab, you, me, everyone should.)

#### **FUN TIME (10 MINUTES)**

Miracle Food Drop (Game) Click here

#### **ALTERNATE FUN TIME (5 MINUTES)**

#### Elijah Picture Story (Activity) [PDF] Click here

Children circle pictures representing things mentioned in the Bible story, and draw an X over the items not mentioned.

#### PRAYER/SNACK (10 MINUTES)

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Start by praying to God and thanking Him for how He provides wonderful things in miraculous ways that we can eat and enjoy. For today's snack provide raisins, or anything natural such as apples or grapes. Have a discussion about how it is even a miracle that plants and trees can grow food, how they are fed by the rain that falls from the sky, and how the sun ripens fruit so it is sweet and juicy. All miracles.

#### **CLOSING ACTIVITY (5-10 MINUTES)**

Ten Ravens (Song) Click here

### **NEXT WEEK**

Come back next week to learn about more special people in the Bible.

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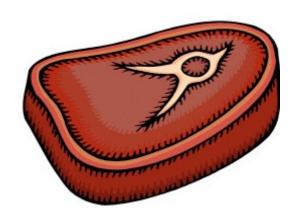
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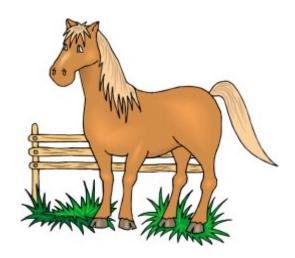
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# Circle the pictures that were mentioned in our story today. Draw an "X" over the others.

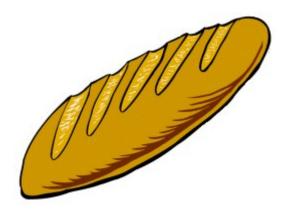












# **TEN RAVENS** ☆

Kids count up to ten while remembering how God provided for the prophet Elijah. Sung to the tune of "The Ants Go Marching."

#### **TOPICS**

Animals, Elijah, Provision

### **MATERIALS:**

Song sheet [PDF] Click here

#### **DURATION:**

Approximately 5 minutes

#### LYRICS

Elijah was fed by "one" raven, Halle - lujah!

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"One" raven gave him meat and bread, It happened just like God had said.

So Elijah stayed alive, Cause he ate, Tasty meat, And fresh bread,

Every day and night!

(Repeat substituting "one" raven with "two" ravens, "three" ravens, "four" ravens, etc. to "ten")

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