

Elijah on Mount Carmel

Card 9

3 Storytelling

Pass out Card 9. Share the story.

- After David was king, there were many evil kings. One of the worst kings was Ahab. During this time the people of Israel worshipped fake gods and abandoned God's commands and rules. One of the fake gods they worshipped was called Baal. God sent prophets to tell the people that he was the one, true God and to turn back to him.
- To punish the people for all the evil they were doing, God had the prophet Elijah tell King Ahab there would be no rain in the land. There was a terrible famine.
- After a long time, God told Elijah he would send rain.
- But first, Elijah called for the prophets of Baal and all of Israel to meet him on Mount Carmel.
- Elijah said, "If the Lord is God, follow him! But if Baal is God, then follow him!"
- Elijah challenged Baal's prophets to prove whose god was the true God. The god that burned up the sacrifice would be the true God.
- From early morning until the evening, the Prophets of Baal did everything they could to get Baal to answer and burn their sacrifice. But Baal never answered because he was not real.
- Elijah prayed, "O Lord, prove today that you are God in Israel. O Lord, answer me! Answer me so these people will know that you, O Lord, are God and that you have brought them back to yourself."
- Fire from the sky burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil; it also burned away the water in the trench. When the people saw this, they fell down and cried, "The Lord—he is God! Yes, the Lord is God!"
- After the contest, God sent rain as he had promised. God did all this to show his glory. To have glory means to be greater than anyone else.
- Many years after Elijah lived, God sent his perfect Son to live and die to save us. But Jesus came back to life to show God's great glory. Because Jesus saved us, we can have a relationship with God.

2 Read Aloud

1 Kings 18:21-24

1 Review Activity

4 Discussion Questions

1. What happened to Baal's sacrifice? What happened to God's sacrifice? (Baal's sacrifice: nothing; God's sacrifice: fire from the sky burned it)
2. What promise did God keep to Israel? (sent rain)
3. How does God show his power through Jesus? (Jesus came back to life, salvation)

5 Memory Verse

1 Kings 18:39b

The Lord—he is God! Yes, the Lord is God!

6 Activity: Move If

Tell the children to "Move ____ if ____."

Examples: "Move right two hops if you are wearing green," "Move back one step if your birthday is this month." Then when you shout "return!" everyone races back to their original spot. At the end of this game, the children will be standing far from where they started.

Teacher Background

Review Card Set

Scripture: 1 Kings 18

Theme: God's glory

7 Learning Point

Israel kept moving farther from God every time they decided to follow Baal, just like you kept moving farther from your starting point as you followed the directions in the game. But Elijah had faith that God would triumph over the prophets of Baal and that Israel would return to God once they saw God's glory. God answered Elijah's prayers when he showed his great glory by sending fire from heaven. Just like Elijah, you might be alone in following God. But you will triumph over your fears, and God will show his glory through you when you put your faith in him. Having faith in God is putting your confidence in him every day by remembering all the glorious things he has done in the Bible and in your life. When has God done something glorious in your life? Remember this next time you are alone and afraid.

8 Review Card Set

