

ELIJAH AND THE REAL GOD

Large Group Script

-SLIDE- Welcome

Start kids countdown once all classes are present

-SLIDE- Series Intro (2-5 min)

Hey kids! Welcome to kids church. I'm so glad you could be here today. We're gonna have fun, right? Let's get started.

Today we're continuing our series on Bible heros. Who did we learn about last week? **(allow a few kids to answer)**. Good, we learned about Samson. What was Samson known for? **(allow a few kids to answer)**. Right, long hair and big muscles. **(flex your muscles and flip your hair back)** What did we learn was the real point of the story of Samson?**(allow a few kids to answer)**. Good job. Samson taught us the importance of self control. Does anyone remember what self control is?**(allow a few kids to answer)** Good, its the ability to make good choices when you're tempted not to. Samson had to learn self control, right? He had to learn that his big muscles weren't where his strength came from. Who gave him the strength? **(allow a few kids to answer)** Right! God did. Just like Samson, we have to learn how to train ourselves to want to go God's way by using self control to make the right choices. God will help us to do that, but we have to be committed to training and practice- we learned that we have to train ourselves in godliness.

Today, we're going to talk about a Bible hero named Elijah. Say that name with me, **(have kids repeat)**. Elijah was a prophet of God. Does anyone know what a prophet was in the Bible? **(allow a few kids to answer)**. A prophet was a special messenger for God. They didn't have the Bible back then to guide them, so prophets had to speak God's truth. Now, do you think being a prophet was an easy or hard job? **(allow a few kids to answer)**. Right, it was hard. It wasn't fun to have to tell people what they were doing wrong. Prophets often had to warn the people that if they didn't obey, God would punish them. So, Elijah wasn't well liked by a lot of people. But, Elijah had to be faithful to his job anyways.

We'll learn more about Elijah and his story in a minute. But first we're going to sing our first worship song called, No one Greater. We're singing this for the whole series

because it helps us to remember that there is no one greater than our God and He helps us accomplish great things. Let's stand and sing together!

-SONG- No one Greater (3 min)

That was great! Good job. I think God loves to hear all your voices praising Him. Now, let's sit down and be quiet so we can hear about our Big idea and Key Question for the day.

-SLIDE- Big Idea: Our God is the only real God in the whole universe.(repeat with kids)

-SLIDE- Key Question: How can we worship the one true God?

This is a really important question. When we say worship, we mean how do we tell God how great He is. Let's listen to the video to get the answer.

-VIDEO- Elijah and the Real God (4 min)

-SLIDE- Recap (3 min)

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- What's the name of the Bible hero we are learning about today? (Elijah)
- What were the people doing that made God mad? (worshiping fake gods)
- What was Elijah's message to the people? (there is only one God)
- What did Elijah do to prove the real God? (held a contest-God vs. others)

What an amazing story! Elijah was brave to put on that contest, right? Do you think he was scared that God wouldn't show up? (**allow a few kids to answer**). I don't think so. He knew how strong and mighty God was. No fake little god could ever stand up to the real God! What happened once the people saw who the real God was? (**allow a few kids to answer**). That's right, they worshiped God.

Elijah was a Bible hero for bravely reminding the people that there is only one God. The people had forgotten that and were just going their own way, doing whatever they wanted. Elijah had to get their attention. He wanted to get them to focus on the real God who loved them, cared and provided for them through all the generations.

So, what can we learn from this amazing story? **(allow a few kids to answer)** We need to remember the message of Elijah- there is only one God in the universe and we should worship Him. Who knows what it means to worship?**(allow a few kids to answer)**. Worship is all about telling God how much we respect and love Him for all He has done for us. How can we worship the true God? Its pretty simple. There are two great ways: singing songs to Him and obeying. God is the only God in the whole universe and we should tell Him with our words how much we love Him and we should show Him with our actions that we are committed to following His way.

Stand up and let's say our memory verse for this week.

-SLIDE- Memory Verse:"...the Lord **(both hands point toward sky)** is the everlasting God, the creator of all **(bring hands out in front of you and open up wide)**the earth." Isaiah 40:28 (NLT) **(Repeat)**

Great job! I hope you practice that at home this week. I challenge all of you to memorize this verse. It's nice and short. Now let's sing again.

-SONG-Another Day (3 min)

Okay, we're ready to answer the...

-SLIDE- Key question: How can we worship the one true God? (allow a few kids to answer).

-SLIDE- The answer: Singing and obeying.

As we get ready to go to small groups, remember the Big Idea. Let's say it one more time...

-SLIDE- Big Idea: Our God is the only real God in the whole universe. (Have kids repeat)

-SLIDE- Let's Pray

-SLIDE- Let's go to small groups

