

LESSON OVERVIEW

Big Idea: Our God is the only real God in the whole universe.

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

Memory Verse: ...the Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of all the earth. **Isaiah 40:28**

Overview: Elijah was a brave and faithful guy. He was a prophet of God in charge of bringing the Israelites (God's people) back to God. The people had forgotten all about what God had done for them and were living like people who didn't know God at all. They were even worshiping other fake "gods" that people had made up. God wanted to get their attention to remind them that He is the only true God, the Creator of all things. So Elijah put on a contest. He challenged the people to a duel, their god against Elijah's God. The contest would show who the real God was. The people prayed to their gods and Elijah prayed to God. Only Elijah's God showed up, proving that He is the real God. The Israelites realized that they had been worshiping the wrong things and turned back to Him.

CLASSROOM AGENDA

- 5 min **PLAY:** Begin working on Activity Page #1.
- 5 min **WARM UP:** What is your favorite sport or outdoor activity? Are you good at it? Do you ever practice to get better at it?
- 5 min **PREVIEW:** Draw the bubbles on a whiteboard and fill in the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question. (If applicable, have kids fill in their bubbles on the Kids Activity Page.)
- 20 min **LARGE GROUP:** Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to small group to finish this guide.
- 5 min **RECAP:** Read the Lesson Overview from the Teacher's Guide and then answer the KEY QUESTION.
- 5 min **EXPLORE:** Read [1 Kings 18:37-39](#). What did God do to prove that he was the only real God? What would you have done if you were there that day?
- 10 min **PLAY:** Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.
- 5 min **CLOSE:**
 - Share:** "My favorite part of today was _____."
 - Share prayer requests and pray as a class.

TEACHER TIPS

Allow each child to share. Be prepared with your own story to help get the conversation started.

Answer: Worship is all about giving God the respect and adoration He deserves. To keep it simple for the kids, explain that there are two great ways to "worship" God:

1. Singing. Help the kids connect the idea of worship to singing songs about how great God is - which is what we do every week in Kids Church.
2. Obeying. Worship isn't just about how we sing. It's also about how we live. For kids, the simplest way for them to understand this is with the word "obedience". When kids obey God, they are showing with their actions that they love God.

Bonus Questions:

K-st: What is your favorite worship song we sing in Kids Church? What are some ways we can obey God?

2nd-5th: Do you think worship is just for God or does it benefit us as well? How? Why does the way we live matter to God?

The answer is obvious in the story, but let the kids say it out loud. Remind them that the false gods didn't do anything, even though 450 prophets prayed and prayed to them. (That's because false gods aren't gods at all. It's like praying to a piece of wood or a toy!)

Many kids will share that they would have cheered with the people because of what God did. That's a lot like what we do when we worship God with singing.

Option #1**Light the Fire Tic Tac Toe**

Teams race to beat the other team(s) in getting 3 across. Tape a tic tac toe on the floor using masking tape or write on the whiteboard. Divide the class into two teams. The teacher will ask a question, the first team to ring in gets to answer. If correct, the team gets to place their marker on the board. Teams go back and forth until someone gets 3 across and wins the board.

Questions:

1. The name of the Bible hero from today's story (Elijah)
2. Was he a prophet or a judge? (prophet)
3. What was the name of the people to whom Elijah was a prophet? (Israelites)
4. What's the Big Idea today? (Our God is the only real God in the whole universe)
5. What's the Key Question today? (How can we worship the one true God)
6. On what mountain did Elijah hold the contest? (Mt. Carmel)
7. What did Elijah challenge the little gods to do? (light a fire)
8. Who won the contest? (God)
9. From what book in the Bible is our memory verse? (Isaiah)
10. Is the story of Elijah from the Old or New testament? (Old)

Supplies needed

- ringers
- white board
- dry erase markers (2 colors)

Bonus Activity:

Play the **Telephone game**. (Have kids sit in a circle and whisper the word in one kid's ear. Then that kid tells their neighbor and so on).

Words:

Mt Carmel, Israelites

Option #2**Power of Prayer Pictionary**

Similar to charades but kids draw a picture instead of acting it out. Divide the class into teams (2 teams if 10 or less, 3 teams up to 15 and 4 teams if 20 or more). Provide each team with paper and pencil or whiteboard space and a marker. Each person will have a chance to pick a word from the bucket to draw. If the team guesses right in 60 sec or less, they get a point. The team who ends up with the most points wins.

Words:

fire
Mt Carmel
water jugs
Elijah
wood
lightening

Supplies needed

- paper
- bucket
- whiteboard
- dry erase markers
- timer

Bonus Activity:

Play Bible Hangman.

Words:

obedience
prophet

1 Discover Truth

Watch this week's lesson video as a family (see link above) and fill in the blanks.

1. Elijah was a _____ which is another word for _____.
2. God has existed _____.
3. God is the _____ God.
4. We worship the One True God by _____ and by _____.

2 Talk about it

Answer these questions together as a family.

1. Have you ever been in a contest or competition? What was it like? How did you do?
2. Do you ever sing or pray to your favorite toy or video game? Why or why not?
3. Read [1 Kings 18:37-39](#). What did God do to prove that He was the only real God? What would you have done if you were there that day?

3 Live it out

Memorize this week's Bible verse:

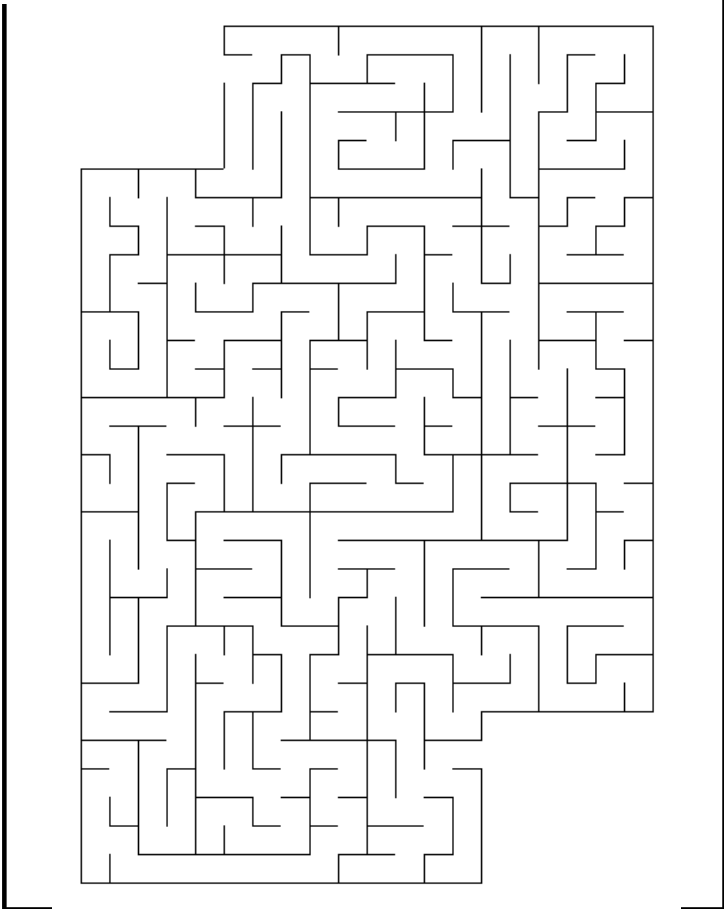
...the Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of all the earth.

Isaiah 40:28



NAME: _____

PUZZLE #1



BIG IDEA:

MEMORY VERSE:

KEY QUESTION:

PUZZLE #2

W R R E I D T F P L W J A L I
R O C L V I Q Q G R F R A F M
Y N O I L E M R A C O A U K J
V O R J W Q H M A B B P Q T X
L H Q A M I N I S T E R H U K
R E V H S M W K T T L D P E K
V F I R E L N J S K U A J N T
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J E B T E F E K E R Z A M H N
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Words

- Elijah
- Israel
- Carmel
- Baal
- altar
- prophet
- fire
- honor
- minister