**Note to leaders: Use the tweets, status updates, and emails included in this document to keep parents informed of the Bible learning that their children are experiencing in the Gospel Project for Kids. Choose a method that works best for your church.**

Unit 13, Session 1: Elijah and the Widow

**TWEETS**
God miraculously provided through Elijah to give food to the widow and life to her son. 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. #thegospelprojectkids

(Christ Connection - 273 Characters)

God miraculously provided through Elijah to give food to the widow and life to the widow’s son. #thegospelprojectkids

(Content - 118 Characters)

**STATUS UPDATE**
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.

**E-MAIL**
Unit 13, Session 1: Elijah and the Widow

Dear Parents,

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.

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FAMILY STARTING POINTS

- **Babies and Toddlers**
  - Elijah said that no rain would fall in Israel.
  - God kept the widow’s flour and oil from running out.
  - Elijah’s miracles showed that God is powerful.
  - There is one God.

- **Preschool**
  - How many gods are there? There is one true God.
  - God took care of the widow and her son.

- **Kids**
  - How many gods are there? There is one true God who alone deserves worship.
  - God provided in miraculous ways.

UNIT KEY PASSAGE

- **Isaiah 42:8**

NEXT WEEK

- “Elijah at Mount Carmel” (1 Kings 18–19)

Unit 13, Session 2: Elijah at Mount Carmel

TWEETS

God is not like the false gods. We do not have to work hard to show God we love
Him. Instead, He showed His love for us by sending His Son, Jesus. Jesus died to rescue us from sin, and He hears us when we cry out to Him.

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(Christ Connection - 242 Characters)

The people who worshiped the false god Baal danced and cried out for hours to show that they loved Baal. But the one true God is not like the false gods.

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(Content - 175 Characters)

STATUS UPDATE

The people who worshiped the false god Baal danced and cried out for hours to show that they loved Baal. But the one true God is not like the false gods. We do not have to work hard to show God we love Him. Instead, He showed His love for us by sending His Son, Jesus. Jesus died to rescue us from sin, and He hears us when we cry out to Him.

E-MAIL

Unit 13, Session 2: Elijah at Mount Carmel

Dear Parents,

King Ahab was an evil king. In fact, “Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel than all the kings of Israel who were before him” (1 Kings 16:33). God wanted His people to be faithful to Him, but King Ahab led them away from God.

God chose Elijah to get Ahab’s attention. In 1 Kings 17, Elijah told Ahab that a drought was coming. God prevented rain in the land for three years. For Ahab, a man who worshiped Baal—the false Canaanite god of rain and fertility—the drought sent a strong message about the one true God.

When God was ready to send rain on the earth, Elijah appeared to Ahab and instructed him to gather the Israelites and the prophets of Baal at Mount Carmel. Elijah challenged the people to choose: Follow God or follow Baal. They couldn’t do both.

Elijah set up a challenge to prove who is the one true God. He faced off against the prophets of Baal. They prepared a bull on an altar and called on their deity to send fire from heaven. The prophets of Baal called and cried and cut themselves, but Baal did not answer.

Elijah poured water on and around his altar. He called to God, and God sent fire from heaven. Everything was burned up! The Israelites could not deny that the God of Elijah is the one true God. Finally, God sent a great rain to end the drought.
Elijah fled from the wrath of Ahab’s wife, Jezebel. He met with God on a mountain, and God revealed Himself to Elijah in a soft whisper. God gave Elijah a friend and successor in Elisha and assured him of 7,000 people in Israel who had not turned to Baal.

The false god Baal had no power. The people who worshiped the false god Baal danced and cried out for hours to show that they loved Baal. But the one true God is not like the false gods. We do not have to work hard to show God we love Him. Instead, He showed His love for us by sending His Son, Jesus. Jesus died to rescue us from sin, and He hears us when we cry out to Him. As you talk with your kids about the Bible story this week, emphasize that only God—the one true God—has power to help His people and to save them. And He saves them through His Son, Jesus.

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**FAMILY STARTING POINTS**

- **Babies and Toddlers**
  - Elijah prayed for God to send fire.
  - God hears us when we pray to Him.
  - God showed that He is the one true God.
  - There is one God.

- **Preschool**
  - How many gods are there? There is one true God.
  - God showed that He is the one true God.

- **Kids**
  - How many gods are there? There is one true God who alone deserves worship.
  - God showed that He is the one true God.

**UNIT KEY PASSAGE**

- Isaiah 42:8

**NEXT WEEK**

- “Elijah and Elisha” (2 Kings 2)

**Unit 13, Session 3: Elijah and Elisha**

**TWEETS**

God gave Elisha the same spirit that was in Elijah so Elisha could carry out his mission as a prophet. Years later, Jesus told His followers to wait for the Holy Spirit. God gives believers the Holy Spirit so they can share the gospel with the world. #thegospelprojectkids

*Christ Connection* - 272 Characters
God gave Elisha the same spirit that was in Elijah so Elisha could carry out his mission as a prophet. 

(Content - 124 Characters)

STATUS UPDATE
God gave Elisha the same spirit that was in Elijah so Elisha could carry out his mission as a prophet. Years later, Jesus told His followers to wait for the Holy Spirit. God gives believers the Holy Spirit so they can share the gospel with the world.

E-MAIL
Unit 13, Session 3: Elijah and Elisha

Dear Parents,

Following God’s great display of power at Mount Carmel, Elijah fled for his life and traveled to Mount Horeb where he encountered God in a soft whisper. God instructed Elijah to anoint a man named Elisha as his successor. Elijah found Elisha plowing a field. Elijah put his cloak over Elisha to show that Elisha would be a prophet like Elijah. Elisha followed Elijah and served him for many years. In time, King Ahab of Israel appointed his son Ahaziah as king. When Ahaziah died, his brother Joram became king.

Elijah’s ministry came to an end, and God took him to heaven in an unusual way. First, Elijah and Elisha traveled from Gilgal to Bethel to Jericho and then to the Jordan River. Elijah met with other prophets and their families. Despite Elijah’s insistence otherwise, Elisha did not leave Elijah’s side.

A group of prophets watched as Elijah parted the Jordan River by striking the water with his mantle (cloak) so he could cross. In Elijah’s final moments, Elisha requested, “Please, let me inherit two shares of your spirit” (2 Kings 2:9). Elisha wanted power to continue God’s work and confirmation as Israel’s next prophet.

A chariot of fire and horses of fire suddenly appeared and separated the men. Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind, and Elisha cried out after him. When Elijah was out of view, Elisha picked up Elijah’s cloak and struck the water of the Jordan River. The water parted—a sign that Elisha had received power from God. Elisha would continue the work of Elijah as a prophet to Israel.

As you talk with your kids this week, remind them that God gave Elisha the same spirit that was in Elijah so Elisha could carry out his mission as a prophet. Years later, Jesus told His followers to wait for the Holy Spirit. God gives believers the Holy Spirit so they can share the gospel with the world.
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FAMILY STARTING POINTS

- **Babies and Toddlers**
  - Elisha was Elijah’s helper.
  - God took Elijah to heaven in a whirlwind.
  - God gave Elisha the same spirit that was in Elijah.
  - There is one God.

- **Preschool**
  - How many gods are there? There is one true God.
  - God chose Elisha to be His prophet after Elijah.

- **Kids**
  - How many gods are there? There is one true God who alone deserves worship.
  - God chose Elisha to continue Elijah’s work as a prophet.

UNIT KEY PASSAGE

- **Isaiah 42:8**

NEXT WEEK

- **“Elisha and the Army”** (2 Kings 6)

Unit 13, Session 4: Elisha and the Army

TWEETS

God opened the eyes of Elisha’s servant so he could see God’s protection. God is always with us. Jesus came to earth as the visible image of our invisible God. God’s protection from sin and death is given to everyone who trusts in Jesus. #thegospelprojectkids

(Christ Connection - 259 Characters)

God opened the eyes of Elisha’s servant so he could see God’s protection. God is always with us. #thegospelprojectkids

(Content - 118 Characters)

STATUS UPDATE

God opened the eyes of Elisha’s servant so he could see God’s protection. God is always with us. Jesus came to earth as the visible image of our invisible God. God’s protection from sin and death is given to everyone who trusts in Jesus.

E-MAIL

Unit 13, Session 4: Elisha and the Army

Dear Parents,

After Elijah was taken to heaven in a whirlwind, his successor Elisha continued
Elijah’s work as a prophet to Israel. God used him, like Elijah, to perform miracles—multiplying the oil of a poor widow, raising a Shunammite woman’s son from the dead, purifying a poisoned pot of stew, and more.

At this time, Israel was ruled by King Joram. The land of Aram to the northeast (located in present-day Syria) was ruled by King Ben-hadad. In 2 Kings 5, Naaman—the commander of the army for the king of Aram—sought out Elisha for healing of a skin disease. Naaman recognized the one true God (2 Kings 5:15), but Aram was an enemy of Israel and waged war against the people.

Each time the king of Aram made plans to attack Israel, God revealed the plans to Elisha and he alerted Israel’s king so Israel could thwart their enemy’s plans. When Aram’s king discovered Elisha was to blame, he was determined to kill God’s prophet and sent an army to surround the place where Elisha was hiding. Elisha’s servant saw the enemy army and was afraid, but Elisha could see something the servant couldn't see: an army of the Lord outnumbering the Arameans covered the mountain, ready to protect Elisha.

God blinded the enemy army, and Elisha led them to Samaria where the king of Israel could have killed them. Instead, Elisha told the king to feed the men and send them home. Those raiders did not come into Israel's land again.

This story in 2 Kings 6 reveals that the world is not limited to what is seen. As you talk with your kids this week, emphasize that God opened the eyes of Elisha’s servant so he could see God’s protection. God is always with us. Jesus came to earth as the visible image of our invisible God. God’s protection from sin and death is given to everyone who trusts in Jesus.

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FAMILY STARTING POINTS

- **Babies and Toddlers**
  - God told Elisha the king of Aram’s plans.
  - God rescued His prophet from the king of Aram.
  - God sent Jesus to rescue us from sin.
  - There is one God.

- **Preschool**
  - How many gods are there? There is one true God.
  - God protected His people.

- **Kids**
  - How many gods are there? There is one true God who alone deserves worship.
  - God protected Elisha with an invisible army.
UNIT KEY PASSAGE
• Isaiah 42:8

NEXT WEEK
• “Jonah, Prophet to Nineveh” (Jonah)