

ELIJAH CONFRONTED AHAB

Bible Reference: 1 Kings 18-19

Date: 9/14/25

Grade: PreK /Kindergarten

1st Service

Memory Verse:

“...so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God and that there is no other.” 1 Kings 8:60

Big Picture Question:

**How many gods are there?
There is one true God.**

Christ Connection

- The fire came down to show the people of Israel that the Lord is God. When Jesus came to earth, the Holy Spirit came down like a dove to show that Jesus is God's Son

Schedule

- Welcome/ Intro Activity.....5 minutes
 - Kindergarten in Large Group Lesson @ 9:20.....15-20 minutes
- Circle Time and Bible Story.....10 minutes
- Movement Activity.....10 minutes
- Craft.....5-7 minutes
- Music.....5 minutes
- Friends From Afar.....5-7 minutes
- Prayer and Bible Verse.....10 minutes
- Snack/ Discussion Time.....5-7 minutes
- Group Game.....10 minutes
- Additional Activities.....As Needed

Notes and Reminders

Happy First 2nd Sunday of the new Shepherding Year! As we establish the routines of this new year and the children adjust to their new class, both at church and school, would you pray that the people they meet and the places they go this year would help them to know God better? We are so thankful for your willingness to serve these children!

SHEPHERD BIBLE STUDY

What is the boldest request you've ever made to the Lord? Have you ever experienced God answer your prayers in a uniquely powerful way? In this week's Bible story, we see how God answered Elijah's prayers.

King Ahab led the people to worship Baal. The prophet Elijah condemned Ahab for leading the people astray and instructed him to gather all the people and prophets of Baal for an epic showdown. The test was simple: both Elijah and the prophets of Baal would offer sacrifices to see if Baal would respond or if God would respond.

The prophets of Baal cried out, danced, and prayed all day with no response or hint of fire on their altar. When Elijah's turn came, he prepared the bull on the altar but took his trust in the Lord a step further by asking for water to be poured on top, saturating it completely. Elijah prayed, "LORD, let it be known that you are God in Israel, and I am your servant. Answer so that this people will know that you, the LORD, are God."

Immediately, fire fell from heaven and completely consumed the offering along with the wood, the stones, and even the water! After the showdown at the altar, Jezebel sought to kill Elijah, and Elijah fled. This time, Elijah's prayer was one of weariness and desperation. Again, God proved faithful to Elijah and answered his prayer. The Lord spoke to Elijah in a whisper and encouraged him, reminding him that the Lord would save those who remained faithful to Him.

The people of Israel knew that the Lord is the one true God when He answered Elijah's prayer and sent fire down from heaven. In the same way, people would know that Jesus is God's Son when the Holy Spirit came down like a dove when Jesus was baptized. Jesus is the Son of God and gave His life up for us.

Remember that God hears and answers the prayers of those who belong to Him. Thank the Lord for His faithfulness to listen and respond to our prayers. Remind boys and girls that through Jesus, we can boldly take our requests to God!

JUNIOR SHEPHERD HIGHLIGHT

King Ahab turned the people away from God and led them to worship a fake god named Baal. But God sent the prophet Elijah to stop this. Elijah told Ahab to gather all the people and the prophets of Baal for a big challenge to show who the real God was.

The challenge was simple: both Elijah and the prophets of Baal would offer a sacrifice and ask their god to send fire from heaven. Whoever's god answered with fire was the true God.

The prophets of Baal prayed all day, danced, and shouted, but nothing happened—no fire came. Then it was Elijah's turn. He prepared his sacrifice and even poured water all over it to make it really hard to burn. Then he prayed to God and asked Him to show that He is the one true God.

Right away, fire came down from heaven and burned up everything—even the water! This showed everyone that God is real and powerful.

But after this amazing event, Queen Jezebel wanted to kill Elijah. Elijah was scared and tired, so he ran away and prayed to God again—this time for help and comfort. God didn't answer with fire, but with a quiet whisper. He reminded Elijah that He was still with him and that many people were still faithful to God.

The people saw that the Lord is the one true God because He answered Elijah's prayer with fire. Later in the Bible, when Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit came down like a dove to show that Jesus is God's Son. Jesus came to save us by giving His life for us.

Welcome to the start of a new school year and Shepherding year! As you help the children in your room get used to their new setting, focus on getting to know who they are. Be intentional about remembering their names.

Sometimes it can be helpful to learn something about them and pair that with their name to remember them better. (For Example: "Today I met Suzie whose favorite movie is *Moana*"). Then, the next time you see the child, you will have a better chance of remembering their name, and it will give you something to talk about ("Hi Suzie! I know last time I saw you, you told me your favorite movie is *Moana*! Which song from *Moana* is your favorite?")

OUTLINE



Welcome and Intro Activity

5 minutes

Welcome the children and mark them as present on the attendance sheet on the clipboard by the door.

- Invite children to participate in several contests by leading boys and girls to see who can stand on one foot the longest. Suggest other contests such as hopping, singing a note, balancing, or building a tower. Celebrate children's efforts as they participate. (Adjust the contests based upon the abilities of the children in your class.)
- SAY A contest is like a game where all the players try to do something the fastest, the longest, or the best. We had some pretend contests just for fun. In today's Bible story, God's prophet Elijah challenged King Ahab to a contest to see who the real God is. Who do you think will win?

Circle Time and Bible Story

10 minutes


Thinking Activity

- Welcome boys and girls to the group time area. Show the picture of the firetruck. Talk about how firefighters use water to put out fires.
- SAY In a campfire, if the wood is dry, it will burn well. When the wood is wet, it does not burn. That is why firefighters spray water on fires —to put them out. Fire and water do not mix very well. In today's Bible story, we will hear about a time when fire and water did work well together. Listen closely to this exciting Bible story.

Bible Story

- Ahab, the king of Israel, was mean. King Ahab and many of the Israelites prayed to a fake god named Baal. But there was a prophet in Israel named Elijah who loved God. Elijah went to King Ahab and said, "Get all the people together and the prophets who pray to Baal. Let's have a contest to see who the real God is." When everyone came together, Elijah said, "Today, you have to choose: If the Lord is God, follow Him. But if Baal is, follow him. Let's each take a bull and put it on an altar. You call on your god, and I will call on the Lord. The God who sends fire to the altar is the real God." The prophets of Baal went first. They shouted and danced all day, asking their god to send fire, but nothing happened. Elijah teased them, saying, "Maybe your god is sleeping!" But still, no fire came. Then it was Elijah's turn. He put his bull on the altar and even told people to pour lots of water over it. Elijah prayed to God, "Lord, show everyone that you are the real God." And guess what?



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- God sent fire from the sky! It burned up the bull, the wood, the stones, and even the water! The people were amazed and said, “The Lord is God!” King Ahab was very mad that Elijah’s God won. Elijah ran away to be safe. God told Elijah to go to a mountain. There was a big wind, then an earthquake, and then fire, but God wasn’t in those things. Then Elijah heard a quiet whisper, and in that whisper, God said, “Elijah, you still have work to do. Some people still love me. Go and help them.” So Elijah did what God told him.

Christ Connection

- The fire came down to show the people of Israel that the Lord is God. When Jesus came to earth, the Holy Spirit came down like a dove to show that Jesus is God’s Son

Review Activity


- Utilize the Bible Story Picture Poster and ask a child to tell something that happened at the beginning of the Bible story. Invite another child to tell what happened next. Continue working through the story, clarifying children’s recollection as they answer.
- SAY Ahab was a mean king who worshiped a god that was not real. Elijah and Ahab had a contest to see who worshiped the one true God, and God won! God sent fire down from heaven, and God showed He is the one true God. When Jesus came to earth, God sent the Holy Spirit down like a dove. This showed everyone that Jesus is God’s Son.

Movement Activity

10 minutes

Tear a small piece from each of the four colored pieces of paper before taping the paper to the four corners of the room. Tell children that when you give the signal, they should choose a color and go stand in that color’s corner. Once children have made a choice, shake the colored scraps in your hands, choose one, and identify the color. The children at the chosen color should say, “There is one true God.” Tell children to pick a different color and repeat the game.

SAY How did you choose which corner to move to? [Allow responses.] In today’s Bible story, Elijah wanted King Ahab and the people to make a choice to follow the one true God. Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal to a contest. God showed He is the one true God by sending fire from the sky to burn up the altar and prove to the people of Israel that the Lord is God. Later when Jesus came to earth, the Holy Spirit came down onto Jesus like a dove to show everyone that Jesus is God’s Son.

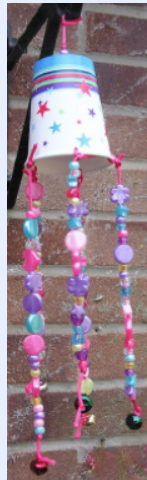




Craft

5-7 minutes

Distribute a prepared wind chime to each child. Use a hole puncher to make four holes around the mouth of each cup. Encourage children to decorate their cups with stickers. Lead children to string beads and bells on the string, tying each off with double knots. Turn the cup upside down and use a loop of string and a large bead to secure a hanger. **SAY** These chimes will sound lovely whenever the wind softly blows through them. Whenever you hear it, you can think about the way God spoke to Elijah. God did not speak to Elijah in the fire or in the earthquake. God spoke to Elijah in a quiet whisper. We can listen and remember that God showed He is the one true God who sent His Son, Jesus, to die on a cross and come back to life so we can be forgiven of our sin.



Music

5 minutes

You will find music and other video resources on the USB which is already plugged into the TV. Feel free to play the videos in any order you like! You may distribute the Activity Page for the children to complete at this time, if they would prefer to sit and listen to the music.

Friends From Afar

5-7 minutes

You will find today's activity for Friends from Afar in the Binder on the counter. The information for this month's Global Partner family and an activity to learn about where they are serving are included. Necessary supplies are located in your bin.





Prayer and Bible Verse

10 minutes

Prayer (Use these words, or your own, to pray about today's Bible lesson. Take time to listen to prayer requests from the children and pray for them as well!)

- God, we praise You for being the one true God. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life, die on a cross, and come back to life. We pray for people who do not worship You. Please help them trust in Jesus to forgive their sin and worship You, the one true God. Amen

Bible Verse

- Guide children to repeat the key passage after you, phrase by phrase. Invite children to repeat the phrases at different volume levels, from loud, to an inside voice, and then to a whisper.
- **SAY** Many people throughout the earth do not know the one true God. They might worship other false gods, like the people in today's story did, or they may worship no god at all. We can pray for these people and tell others about God so everyone may know that Jesus is God and there is no other.

Snack and Discussion Time

5-7 minutes

Have children sanitize their hands before passing out snacks and cups of water. During this time, you can connect with children and discuss questions regarding the lesson.

1. What did you like about the Bible story? (Answers will vary.)
2. What were some things in the Bible story that made you happy or sad? (Answers will vary.)
3. What was the contest Elijah set up to show that the Lord is the true God? (The god who made his altar catch fire would be the one true God.)
4. Why was Elijah's God able to light the altar on fire, but Baal was not? (God is alive and is all-powerful. He can do anything and everything. Baal isn't real and has no power.)
5. Whom should we worship as the one true God? (The Lord is God, and we should worship only Him.)
6. How many gods are there? There is one true God.

SAY The people of Israel were confused. They had been told that Baal was a real god, which was not true! Elijah set up a contest. He and the prophets of Baal both set up altars and asked their god to set the altar on fire. But only the Lord, the God of Elijah, had the power to send fire from heaven. God showed He is the one true God.





Group Game

10 minutes

- Have the children stand in a circle with their eyes closed. Tape the small Bible story pictures to the backs of several children. When ready, lead children to open their eyes and move around the room searching for all the “Elijahs” by looking at each other’s back. Once they’ve all been found, hide again and repeat play.
- SAY God showed that He is the one true God. Everyone saw God send fire from heaven to consume the sacrifice on the altar. King Ahab was angry. This made Elijah afraid, so he ran but couldn’t hide from God. When Jesus came, the Holy Spirit came like a dove to show that Jesus is God’s Son.

Additional Activities

As Needed

Draw with Fire Colors

- Give children the “God Showed He is the One True God” paper and crayons or markers that are yellow, orange, and red. Suggest boys and girls draw pictures or trace the letters using the fire colors. Talk about the colors that are seen in a fire.
- SAY Have you ever sat around a campfire? What colors did you see in the flames as the fire burned? [Allow responses.] Red, orange, and yellow are the colors that are usually seen in a flame. In today’s exciting Bible story, God sent fire down from the sky to show that He is the one true God.

Control the Volume

- Prepare several different stations for children to enjoy in small groups, such as a coloring center, a kitchen center, a block center, a reading center, or a puzzle center. Invite preschoolers to choose a station and play with friends. Occasionally, invite children to play loudly. A few minutes later, ask children to play very quietly, only whispering to each other. Invite children to rotate and continue guiding their volume as time allows.
- SAY Which station was your favorite? Did you enjoy playing while talking loudly, or playing while whispering? [Allow responses.] There were a lot of exciting things that happened in today’s story. But perhaps the most exciting part was when God spoke to Elijah through a whisper. God showed He is the one true God, and our one true God wants to speak to us and have a relationship with us through Jesus. That is amazing!



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STORY POINT:

God showed He is the one true God.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

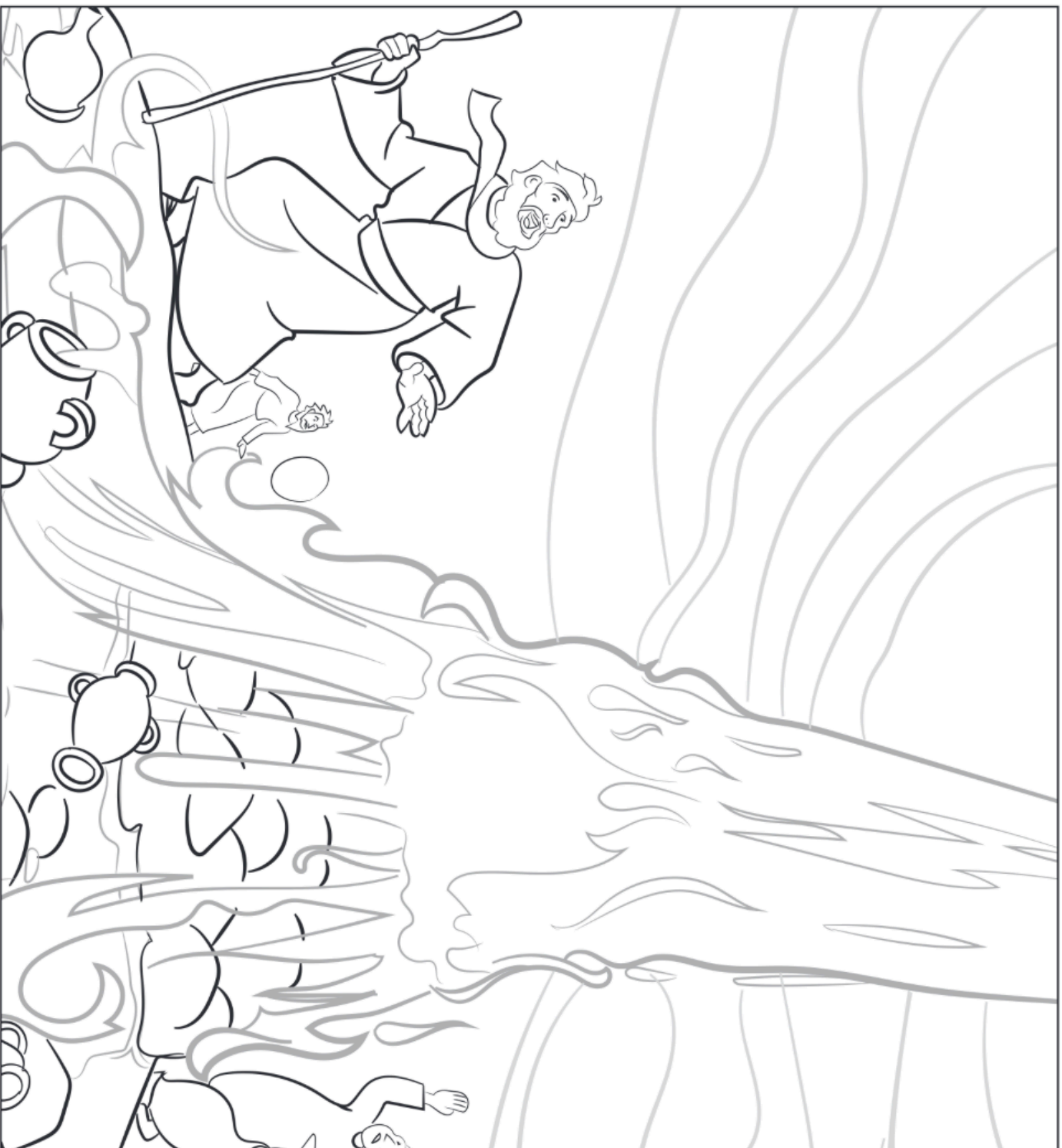
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KEY PASSAGE:

1 Kings 8:60

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

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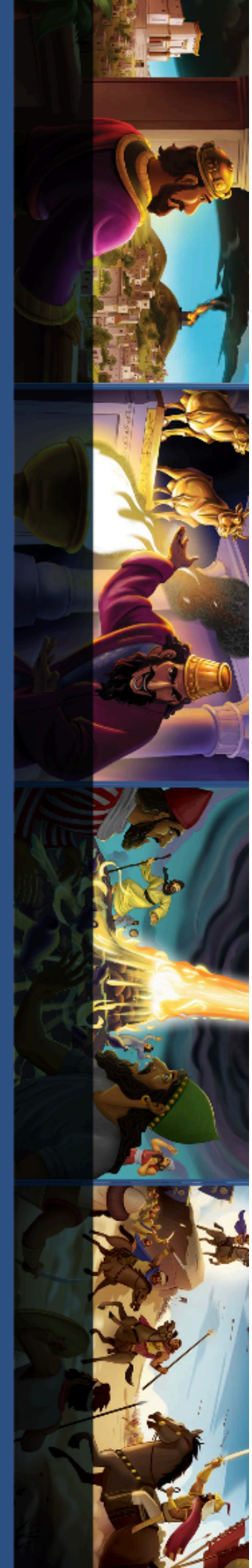
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Trace the Dotted Lines

INSTRUCTIONS: Trace the dotted lines to draw the fire that God sent from the sky.





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earth may know that the LORD is
God and that there is no other.**

1 Kings 8:60





UNIT 13 - A TROUBLED KINGDOM

Unit Description: Solomon's unfaithfulness to God led to a divided and troubled kingdom. Rather than seek the Lord wholeheartedly, the people of Israel and Judah turned to worship worthless idols. Yet, God did not forsake His people. Through the prophet Elijah, God demonstrated His presence, power, and preeminence as the one true God.

Younger Preschool Big Picture Question:

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Older Preschool Big Picture Question:

How many gods are there? There is one true God.

SESSION 1



SESSION 2

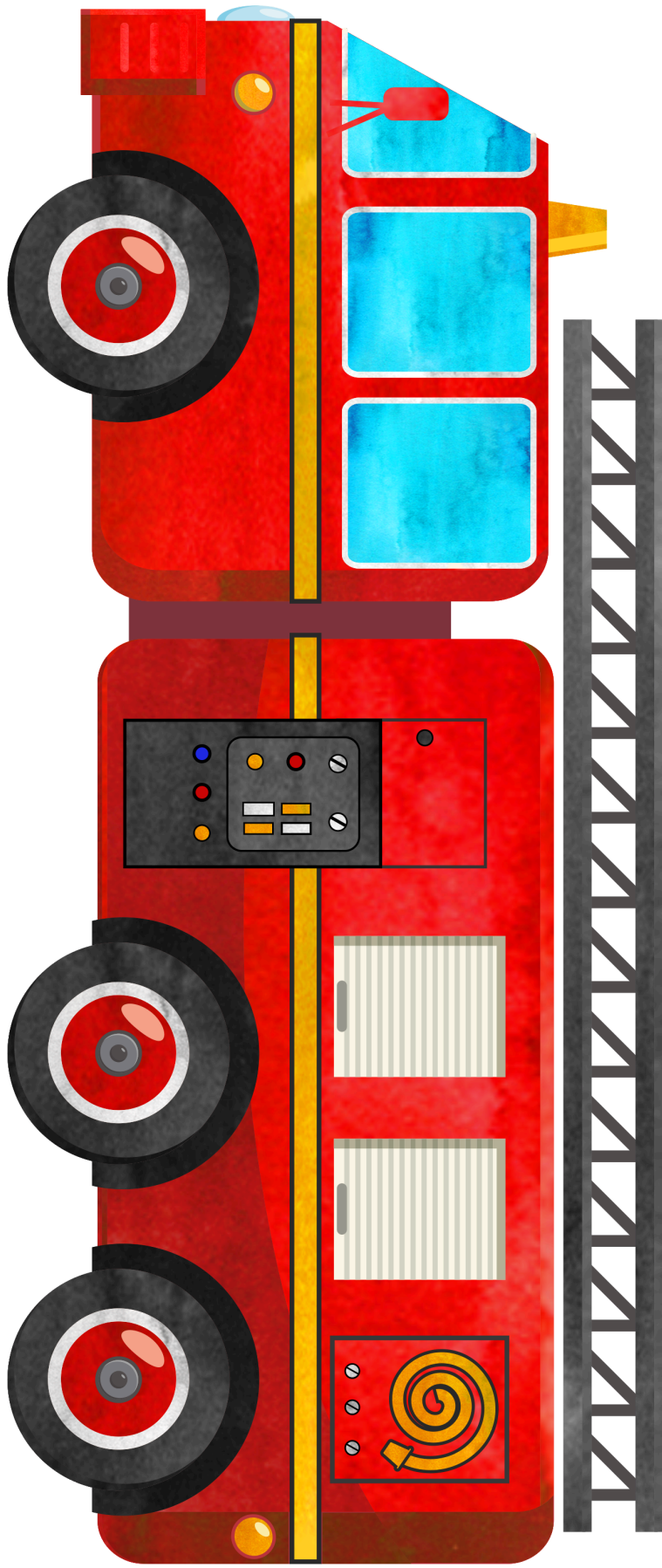


SESSION 3



SESSION 4







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