



Elijah

BIBLE PASSAGE

1 Kings 18

CHRIST FOCUS

God is the only true God.

LIFE VERSE

O come, let us worship
and bow down: let us
kneel before the LORD our
maker.

Psalms 95:6 (KJV)

Come, let us worship and
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Psalms 95:6 (HCSB)

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING (GOD)

God is real, the only true
God.

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

For over three years, there had been no rain in the land. God was about to change that.

As the scene opens, Obadiah, a man torn between his great fear of the Lord and his service to King Ahab, had been sent to find green grass for Ahab to feed his cattle.

Obadiah suddenly met Elijah, who asked Obadiah to deliver a message to Ahab.

Elijah confronted King Ahab. Ahab, influenced by his wife, Jezebel, had set up altars to Baal and Asherah (uh SHEE ruh).

Baal was believed to be the god of rain and harvests. Asherah was a fertility goddess. The drought had been a clear message to Ahab that Baal was not powerful.

Elijah challenged 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of Asherah to prove the deity of their gods.

Do you find it interesting that later only the prophets to Baal are identified as being involved in this battle? What do you think happened to the 400 prophets of Asherah when this test began?

Ahab, eager to discredit Elijah, called the nation together on Mount Carmel. The stage had been set for this

showdown.

In verse 21, Elijah chastised the nation that had swayed back and forth between two gods. Now confronted with their sin, the people did not respond. Why do you think they wavered? Was it due to peer pressure, enjoyment of sin, or doubt?

The challenge was simple: sacrifice a bull, place it on the altar, and then call on your god/God to send down fire to consume the offering. Elijah even offered the prophets the bull of their choice.

Even though the prophets of Baal spent all day calling out to him, he never answered with fire. Elijah took a moment to repair the altar of God and began to prepare his sacrifice.

Elijah's actions at this point may seem a little silly to us, but he wanted there to be no doubt after this that there was only one true God. Many people during this period of history believed that multiple gods existed. However, Elijah knew that there was truly only one God.

The day was an overwhelming demonstration of the power of God. Elijah announced the end of the drought and then outran Ahab's chariot back to Jezreel (vv. 45-46).

Are you set on worshiping the one true God in this world of acceptance and "everyone is right"? Know the one true God, and worship only Him.

ELIJAH



Elijah, the prophet, challenged the king, “You have disobeyed God. You have worshiped false gods. Now gather all the people of Israel, the 450 prophets of Baal, and the other 400 false prophets.”

They all met at Mount Carmel. Elijah asked the people, “How long before you choose? If God is God, follow Him. If Baal is god, follow him.”

Elijah explained, “We each will prepare a bull and put it on the wood but will not

light the fire. The prophets of Baal can call on their god, and I will call on the Lord. The God who answers with fire is God.”

The prophets of Baal did just as Elijah said. From morning until noon, they cried out to Baal. No one answered, and no one sent fire.

Elijah said, “Maybe your god has wandered off or is asleep.” The false prophets continued until evening, but still there was no answer.

Then Elijah repaired God’s altar. He dug a big ditch around the altar. He put wood and the sacrifice on the altar.

“Fill four water pots. Pour them on the offering and on the wood,” Elijah commanded. “Do it again,” he said, “and again!” The water ran over the altar and filled the ditch.

Elijah prayed, “God, let it be known that You are God and that I am Your servant.” God’s fire fell from the sky. It burned the offering. It burned the wood. It burned the stones. It burned the dust. It even burned the water!

The people fell down in worship. “The Lord is God! He is God!” they cried.

— BASED ON 1 KINGS 18

Review Questions

1. Whom does Psalm 95:6 tell you to worship? (*The Lord our Maker, Psalm 95:6.*)
2. Why did Elijah talk to Obadiah? (*Elijah wanted to see King Ahab; 1 Kings 18:1,7-8.*)
3. What did God ask Elijah to do before God sent rain? (*Present himself to King Ahab, 1 Kings 18:1-2.*)
4. With whom did Elijah meet on the mountain? (*The false prophets and people of Israel, 1 Kings 18:19-20.*)
5. What did the people say after the wood and water were burned? (*The LORD, he is the God, 1 Kings 18:39.*)
6. How can you worship the one true God?



Notes

- ▶ Bibles
- ▶ a hole punch
- ▶ index cards
- ▶ book rings (or lengths of yarn)
- ▶ markers
- ▶ stickers (optional)

Option:

Use *Books of the Bible Floor Puzzle* (001276456).

- ▶ index cards
- ▶ marker
- ▶ cd of your choice
- ▶ cd player
- ▶ On each index card, write one of the following words: *Elijah; prophet; Baal; false; true; fire; altar; Mount Carmel; water; sky*. Make 2 sets of cards.

- Give each child six index cards, and lead him to do the following:
 - ~ On a cover card print *Major Prophets*.
 - ~ On each index card print the name of a Major Prophet book.
 - ~ On both top corners of each index card punch a hole.
 - ~ Put the cards together in order with two book rings (or lengths of yarn) to make a flip book.
- Ask the child to read the name of each Major Prophet book. If time allows, he may use markers and stickers to decorate his Major Prophet cards.
- (Option: After they complete their sets of cards, the boys and girls may put together the *Books of the Bible Floor Puzzle*.)

Talking Point

- * The Old Testament has five divisions: Law, History, Poetry, Major Prophets, and Minor Prophets.

POWER UP



- Explain that you have scattered around the room words from today's Bible story.
- When the music starts (choose any track on the CD), the children will find the word cards and bring them to you.
- When the children find all the words, mix them and place them facedown on the floor.
- The children will take turns choosing two cards and trying to make matches. If the cards match, you will remove them from the game. If the cards do not match, the child will turn them facedown again.
- Play until children make all the matches.

Talking Points

- * Each of the words on the cards will be heard as the boys and girls listen to today's Bible story.
- * Today's story is about an Old Testament prophet who taught that God is the only one true God.
- * We can worship the one true God.

PREVIEW

Grades 4-6

- The children will take turns choosing a craft stick, reading aloud the name of the Bible book, and rolling the numbered cube."
- Once a child rolls the numbered cube, he will follow the corresponding numbered instructions. A child may use the list of Bible books in the front of the Bible if necessary.
- Review the fact that the Bible is divided into different sections to make it easier for people to study.

Talking Point

- * The Old Testament has five divisions: Law, History, Poetry, Major Prophets, and Minor Prophets.
- Place the craft sticks in the cup.
- Point to the division name labels on the bowls.
- Each child will take a turn reaching inside the cup and removing five craft sticks. Then he will read the Bible book name on each stick and toss it into the correct bowl.
- Continue until every child has a turn or until time is up.

POWER UP

- Form two teams, standing in straight lines behind the start line.
- Give the first player in each line a balloon (or small ball). The player will place the balloon between his knees and hop to the teacher.
- The one who reaches the teacher first will answer a question about worship. For example, "Where can you worship God?" Ask a series of who, what, why, and where questions that focus on worship.
- Each correct answer earns five points for the player's team.
- Each player returns to his line and gives the balloon to the next player in line.
- Continue until each child has a turn.

Talking Points

- * *Worship* is expressing reverence and respect toward the one true God.
- * Worship involves focusing attention on God and showing Him honor, praise, and love.
- * People can worship God alone or with a group.
- * Today the boys and girls will learn that they can worship the one true God.

Notes

▶ Bibles

▶ numbered cube and Corresponding Numbers:

- 1 - Say it.
- 2 - Find it.
- 3 - Say book before.
- 4 - Say book after.
- 5 - Say book before or after.
- 6 - You choose.

▶ large craft sticks, markers, 5 small bowls, tape, cup

▶ On a large craft stick print each name of the Old Testament books.

▶ Label each small bowl with an Old Testament division name: *Law, History, Poetry, Major Prophets, Minor Prophets.*

▶ masking tape

▶ 4 or more balloons (or small balls)

▶ Tape a start line on the floor.

Option:

Small safety cones or yarn may be substituted for the masking tape line.

► Bibles

► Picture: Elijah

► Memory Verses, printed on colorful paper

Extra Review Questions

- Whom does Psalm 95:6 tell you to worship? (*The LORD our Maker*, Psalm 95:6.)
- Why did Elijah talk to Obadiah? (*Elijah wanted to see King Ahab*, 1 Kings 18:1,7-8.)
- What did God ask Elijah to do before God sent rain? (*Present himself to King Ahab*, 1 Kings 18:1-2.)
- With whom did Elijah meet on the mountain? (*The false prophets and people of Israel*, 1 Kings 18:19-20.)
- What did the people say after the wood and water were burned? (*The LORD/ Yahweh is God*, 1 Kings 18:39.)
- How can you worship the one true God?

► sheets of brown construction paper

► a gallon-size pitcher or empty milk container

► tape, scissors, beanbag

► index card with places to Worship printed on them.:

- Church
- Soccer field
- Playground
- School
- Home
- School Bus

► INTRODUCTION

Talking Points

- * A *prophet* is “someone who speaks for God.”
- * The children will learn about several Old Testament prophets this month. They will begin with the prophet named Elijah.

► MEMORY VERSE

- Guide children to find the Book of Psalms by opening their Bibles to the middle. Help the children find chapter 95 and verse 6.
- Display today’s memory verse, Psalm 95:6.
- Together read aloud the verse.
- Form two groups.
- Group 1 will bow and say the first part of the verse, marked by a colon (or semicolon). Group 2 will bow and say the second part. Both groups will then kneel and say: “Psalm 95:6.”

► BIBLE STORY

- Instruct children to sit in a circle.
- Give a sheet of brown paper to each child. He will tear the paper into several long strips.
- Point to the teaching picture.
- Invite the children to describe what they see in it.
- Open your Bible to 1 Kings 18.
- Tell the Bible story in your own words.

- As you tell about the wood used for the altar, the children will place their paper strips in a pile in the center of the circle.
- As you tell about the water being poured on Elijah’s altar, place the pitcher near the “altar.”
- Help the children understand that only the one true God could do what He did.

► APPLICATION

- Invite children to stand in a circle.
- Give a child the beanbag.
- Gently toss the beanbag until you say Worship!
- Hold up one index card with a place printed on it.
- The child with the beanbag must say how he could worship God at that place.
- Continue until everyone participates.

► REVIEW

- Ask a Review Question.
- Children who know the answer will pop up. Choose a child to respond.
- If that child does not give the correct answer, another child may answer.

► PERSONALIZE

- Describe the Personalize choices.
- Encourage each child to choose an activity that will help him worship the one true God.

► INTRODUCTION

Talking Points

- A *prophet* is “someone who speaks for God.”
- In the Bible the prophets spoke for God. Because of some of their messages, prophets were not always popular.
- The children will study several Old Testament prophets throughout this unit. They will begin with the prophet named Elijah.

► BIBLE STORY

- Encourage the children to find 1 Kings 18 in their Bibles.
- Place the stick inside the bowl. Then place the bowl on the table on top of the towels.
- Invite the children to carefully pour three cups of water over the stick.
- To help the boys and girls visualize the wet wood in the story, they will feel how wet the stick became.
- Open your Bible, and tell the Bible story in your own words.

► MEMORY VERSE

- Direct attention to today’s memory verse, Psalm 95:6.
- Encourage the boys and girls to begin saying the verse as they move to another area of the room and then to bow and kneel as they complete the verse.

► APPLICATION

- Give each child a learner guide page and a cotton ball.
- Each child will play “Four Square” with a partner, following the directions on the learner guide page.
- Help the children understand that they can worship the one true God.
- Lead the children to pray sentence praises.
- Conclude with your own praise to the one true God.

► REVIEW

- Form two teams.
- Each team will stand in a straight line behind the start line.
- Place two large sheets of paper and markers five feet from each team.
- Ask a review question.
- The first player from each team will race to the paper and write the answer.
- The first player to print the correct answer earns 100 points for his team.

► PERSONALIZE

- Briefly describe the Personalize choices.
- Encourage each child to choose an activity that will help him worship the one true God.

Notes

- Bibles
- Picture: Elijah
- Memory Verses, printed on colorful paper
- learner guide pages
- 3 cups of water
- a small stick
- a large bowl
- cotton balls
- 2 large sheets of paper
- 2 or 3 towels
- markers
- scissors
- masking tape
- Display Psalm 95:6 from the Memory Verses
- Tape a start line on the floor at one end of the room.

Teaching Tip:

If needed, ask additional application questions, such as Where can you worship? Why should you worship God? What can you use to help you worship God?

Notes

Choice 1

- ▶ Bibles
- ▶ learner guide pages
- ▶ pencils
- ▶ marker board
- ▶ erasable marker
- ▶ On a marker board (or a large sheet of paper) print *Worship the Lord for He is good*.

Choice 2

- ▶ Bibles
- ▶ learner guide pages
- ▶ colored envelopes
- ▶ pencils
- ▶ colored pencils
- ▶ decorative-edge scissors
- ▶ stickers, sequins, craft glue, and other decorating items
- ▶ concordances

At Home:

Encourage the children to actively participate in the worship service he attends.

▶ CHOICE 1: WORSHIP GOD

- Invite two children at a time to step forward.
- Each will print on the marker board one way to worship God. (*praying, singing, reading the Bible, tithing, and so forth*)
- Guide the children to find Psalm 150.
- Explain that you will read aloud the verses one at a time. They will say, "Praise the Lord for He is good" after you read each verse.
- Distribute the learner guide pages and pencils.
- Direct attention to "Mind Your Manners."
- Explain that the children can worship God by minding their manners and taking part in the worship service.
- Guide the children to use the word box to fill in the blanks.
- Challenge the children to apply what they learned by worshiping the one true God through their behavior in the worship service.

▶ CHOICE 2: WORSHIP BOOKMARKS

- Give each child an envelope, a pencil, and a learner guide page.
- Direct attention to "Corner Bookmarks."
- Guide the boys and girls to follow the directions to make their own corner bookmarks.
- Invite the children to find Psalm 95:6 in their Bibles.
- They may put one of their bookmarks on the corner of that page to help them know where to find the verse.
- Guide the children to use concordances to find other verses that tell about worship.
- Encourage the boys and girls to apply what they learned by finding other verses in their Bibles that tell about worshiping the one and only God.
- The children may use their other bookmarks to hold the places of the other verses.
- Explain that by using the bookmarks, it will be easy to go back to a verse and read about worshiping the one and only God.

► CHOICE 1: WAYS TO WORSHIP

- Invite the children to identify ways they can worship God.
- Write these ideas on a marker board (or large sheet of paper).

Talking Point

- * Singing, giving, praying, and reading God's Word are different ways you can worship God.
- Lead children in singing the song of your choice.
- Encourage the children to create respectful motions to accompany the song.
- Guide the girls and boys to worship God through song and motion.
- Explain that prayer can be silent or aloud.
- Distribute the learner pages and pencils.
- The children will complete "Mind Your Manners" to learn ways to be respectful and worshipful to God.
- Invite the children to apply what they learned by playing "Four Square" with a partner.

► CHOICE 2: FOUR SQUARE

- Give each child a numbered square and a pen or marker.
- Tell the children to go to the corresponding numbers of the four-square grid.
- The children will write or draw a place or way they can worship.
- After two minutes, the children will move clockwise to the next corner and repeat the activity.
- Prompt them to think of different places to worship, church, parks, mission trips, foreign countries, and satellite campuses.

Talking Points

- The grid shows different ways to worship God.
- Ask which items the children find interesting.
- Discuss ways of worship that are similar to the children's worship practices.
- Review "Mind Your Manners" on the learner guide page.
- Encourage the children to share additional ways they can worship God.
- Invite the boys and girls to apply what they learned by playing "Four Square" with a partner.

Notes

Choice 1

- learner guide pages
- pencils, cotton balls, marker board, erasable marker

Option:

Use large sheet of paper, tape, and marker.

Choice 2

- learner guide pages
- cotton balls, scissors, a large sheet of paper, squares of paper, pens or markers
- Create a four-square grid.
- Label each corner from 1 to 4.
- Number squares 1 to 4 (1 per child)

At Home:

Encourage the children to actively participate in the worship service he attends.



Corner Bookmarks

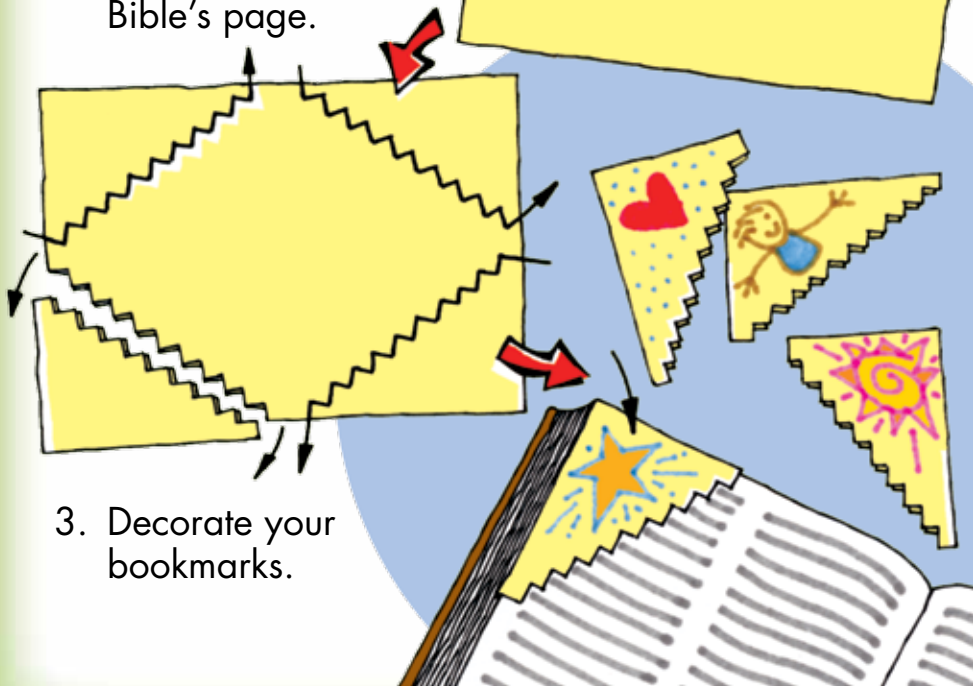
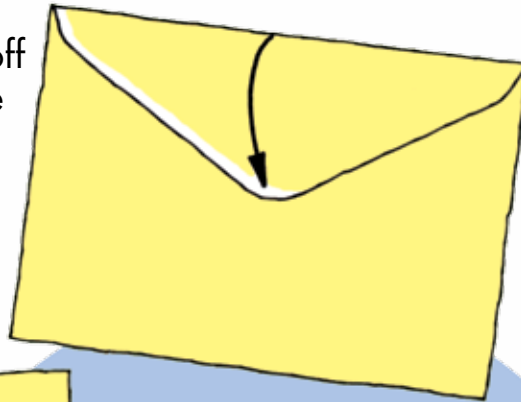
Use the directions below to make four bookmarks. Then find four Bible verses that tell you about worshiping the one true God. Use the bookmarks to mark the pages where you find the verses.

What you need:

- an envelope
- decorative-edge scissors
- markers
- colored pencils
- stickers, sequins and glue, and other items for decorating

What you do:

1. Seal the envelope.
2. Use the decorative-edge scissors to cut off all four corners of the envelope. Be sure to cut a triangle shape large enough to fit the corner edge of a Bible's page.



3. Decorate your bookmarks.

Mind Your Manners

Print in the blank the word that best completes each sentence.

1. Do not _____ during the prayers.
2. Use the restroom _____ the worship service.
3. Do not hand _____ to your friends.
4. _____ when asked to do so.
5. Sleep _____ the night before worship service.



O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker. *Psalm 95:6 (KJV)*

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Psalm 95:6 (HCSB)

Elijah

God told Elijah to visit King Ahab (AY hab). God said that He would send rain to the dry land.

King Ahab sent Obadiah (OH buh DIGH uh) to look for water and grass. While Obadiah was looking for water and grass, he saw Elijah. Elijah asked to meet with the king. At first Obadiah was afraid to go to the king. But Elijah said that it would be all right.

Elijah told King Ahab to take the false prophets and the Israelites to Mount Carmel. When they were on the mountain, Elijah said, "Build an altar with wood, but do not light a fire. Ask your god to send fire." The false prophets did what Elijah said. Their god did not send fire.

Elijah rebuilt the altar of God. Elijah dug a ditch around it. He told the people to pour water over the wood three times until the ditch was full. Then he prayed to the one true God.

God sent fire that burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the rocks of the altar, and the water. The people bowed and said, "The Lord, He is God."

Elijah prayed, and God sent rain to the dry land.



1 Kings 18

Time with God



- ⊙ Who is God? God is the Creator. (Read Genesis 1:1.) God made you.
- ⊙ God is bigger and stronger than anyone or anything you can imagine.
- ⊙ God loves you! (Read John 3:16.)
- ⊙ He is the one true God! Worship Him!

Read Your Bible

Sunday	Psalms 95:6
Monday	1 Kings 18:39
Tuesday	Deuteronomy 12:32
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 6:4
Thursday	Isaiah 40:8
Friday	Jeremiah 10:10
Saturday	Psalms 119:140
Memory Verse	Psalms 126:3

4 to 5

Four Square

ELIJAH

Take turns with a partner. Drop the cotton ball, and answer the question. Be creative. Think of as many different answers as you can.

Where can you worship God?

When can you worship God?

How can you worship God?

Why should you worship God?

**Mind
Your
Manners**

- Do not talk during any prayer time.
- Use the restroom before going into the worship service.
- Stand when the congregation stands.
- Take sermon notes to help you focus and not fidget.
- Enjoy the music. Worship instead of wiggle.
- Do not pass notes with your friends.
- Get a good night's sleep so that you can stay awake.

Write down more manners to mind during the worship service.

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**MEMORY
VERSE**

Elijah

My name is Obadiah (OH buh DIGH uh). Queen Jezebel (JEZ uh bel) tried to destroy all the prophets of God. I hid 100 prophets in caves and took them food and water.

There was a severe famine, and no rain fell in the land. King Ahab (AY hab) sent me in search of green grass. While out searching, I met Elijah.

Elijah said that he wanted to speak with the king. I was afraid of what might happen. But Elijah reassured me, so I brought King Ahab to him.

My name is Elijah. I asked for two bulls. One was given to the prophets of Baal (BAY uhl); the other, to me. The false prophets built an altar with wood and put the bull on top of the wood. I told them not to light the fire but to ask their god to light it. They cried, "Answer us, Baal!" No fire came. They danced around and kept asking Baal to light the fire.

I said, "Shout louder! Maybe he's asleep or too busy." Still, no fire came.

I took 12 stones and repaired the altar of God. I dug a deep trench around it. I put the wood and the bull on the altar. Then I said, "Fill four barrels with water, and pour it onto the wood." This was done three times until the trench was full. I wanted the people to know that there was only one true God. I prayed, and God sent fire! The bull, wood, stones, dust, and water were burned up! The people fell to the ground and said, "The Lord is God."

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Time with God

- 🕒 You can worship God!
- 🕒 Think about and thank God for who He is and for what He has done for you.
- 🕒 Sing praises to Him, or listen to music that praises Him.

