

Age 3 and 4 and Kindergarten Lesson Template

Where	Who and What	What you Need
Classroom	Teacher takes attendance Give students a sticker	Paper on table, check off who is here, put onto the clipboard
	Have a contest: p. 29 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?	Worksheet
Large Group	Large Group Time: Leader is Lorene. She will get you when ready	
Classroom:	DRAW WITH FIRE COLORS Write the story point, God showed He is the one true God, on construction paper, one for each child. Give preschoolers 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.	God answers Elijah's prayers

	Worksheet	
	Summer Scripture Bingo - Hand out to students to bring home for the summer	Bingo Worksheet



WELCOME Preschoolers

Post an Allergy Alert, if needed. Set out supplies to engage preschoolers as they arrive. Play music as you welcome preschoolers. Greet children by name at eye level. Follow your church's security procedures.

1 ACTIVITY PAGE

Lead preschoolers to complete "A Quiet Whisper" on the Activity Page.

SAY 🗨️ Which is quieter, a fish or a mouse? Can you think of anything else that is quiet? [Allow responses.] In today's Bible story, Elijah listened closely to hear the sound of a quiet whisper. Today we will learn who Elijah heard. 🗨️

2 SESSION STARTER

Use one or both of the following options to engage curiosity about today's Bible story.

ENJOY A CONTEST



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3 TRANSITION TO LEARN

Gain preschoolers' attention by showing the countdown video, turning the lights off and on, or clapping a simple rhythm for children to copy. Invite preschoolers to dance as they transition to Learn.

Transition from **WELCOME** to **LEARN**





THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

LIVE for God out of love

- 1 Choose the activities that best fit your group, space, available resources, and time constraints. Set up activities in one of these ways: as a group—all at the same time, in small groups that rotate through each activity, or set up as centers—allowing preschoolers to browse and choose.

MAKE A CHOICE



Gather four different-colored pieces of paper. Tear a small piece from each color before taping the paper to the four corners of the room. Tell preschoolers 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 preschoolers 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. 

PLAY OUT CAMPING



Post an allergy alert. Ask a few preschoolers to help you set up a campsite. Show a child how to build a pretend campfire by adding fire-colored tissue paper to a stack of cardboard tubes. Set up a tent and place a Bible inside it that is open to 1 Kings 19. Place marshmallows on the end of straws and guide children to pretend to roast them. Gather children around the pretend campfire and lead them to sing the following song to the tune of "London Bridge":

There is only one true God,
One true God,
One true God.
There is only one true God,
There's one true God.

SAY  If this were a real campfire, how would we get the fire started? [Allow responses.] Would you be surprised if fire came down out of the sky? After Elijah poured water all over the altar, he prayed and asked God to send the fire. **GOD SHOWED HE IS THE ONE TRUE GOD** that day. Fire came down to show the Israelites that the Lord is God. Later, God showed that Jesus is His Son when the Holy Spirit came down upon Jesus like a dove. 

God answers Elijah's prayer.

1 Kings 18:16-39

Many Israelites stopped worshiping God. They worshiped idols instead. Elijah said, "How long will you do this? Worship the one true God!" But the people didn't listen.

Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal (a false god) to have a contest. Elijah said, "The God who sends fire from heaven is the real God." The people thought the contest was a good idea. They wanted to see whether God or Baal could send fire from heaven.

The prophets of Baal began asking Baal to send fire. They danced and prayed. Baal could not send fire. Baal was not God. Baal was an idol the people made. He couldn't do anything.

Then it was Elijah's turn. First Elijah repaired an old altar where people used to worship the one true God. Elijah dug a trench around the altar. Elijah had some men pour lots of water on the altar. Elijah prayed. God sent fire from heaven. The fire burned up everything that was on the altar. The fire even burned up all the water the men had poured on the altar. Now the people knew who the real God was. The people worshiped God.

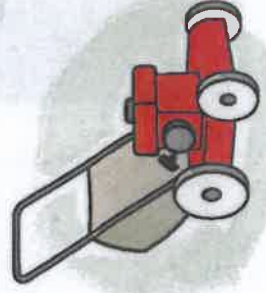
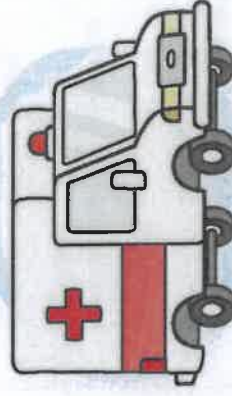
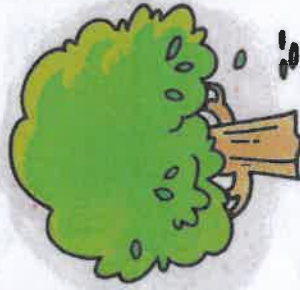


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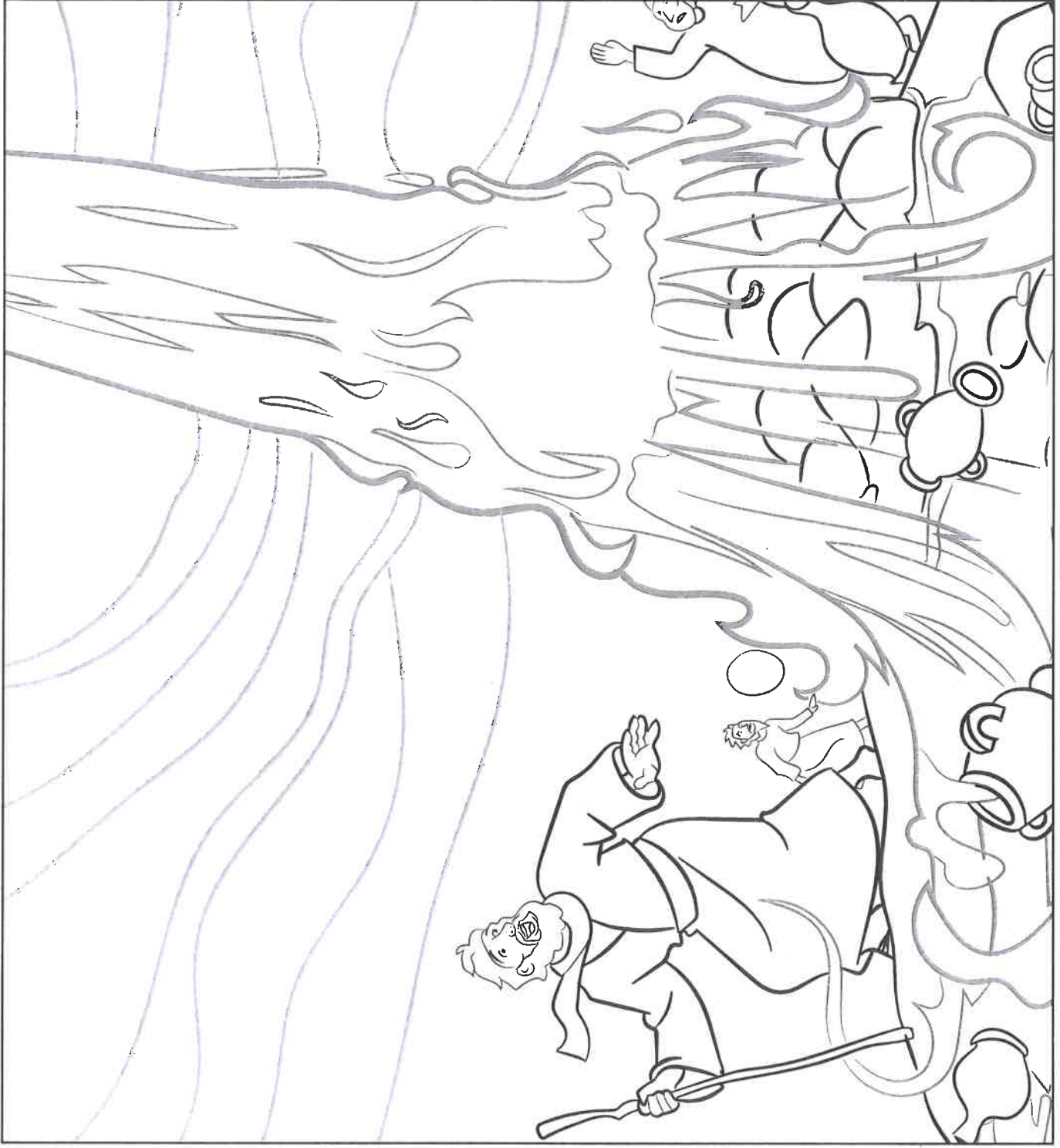
A Quiet Whisper

INSTRUCTIONS: Elijah heard God quietly whisper to him. In each section below, circle the picture that is quiet.





NAME:



Elijah Confronted Ahab 1 Kings 18–19

STORY POINT:

God showed He is the 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.

KEY PASSAGE:

1 Kings 8:60

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

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

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