

Grades 1-3 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
	Build it: (Instead of tissue boxes, we have styrofoam blocks) Form kids into two groups and direct them to line up. Place 10 tissue boxes across the room from each team. Challenge teams to build a tall tower using all the boxes provided without the tower falling over. When you say "Go," challenge the first kid from each team to place a box on the floor, race back to her group, and tag the second kid in line. Each kid may only stack one box per turn. The first team to successfully use all their team's boxes to build a tower, without it falling over, wins. SAY Today, we will see how Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal to see if their god would answer them. Elijah and the prophets of Baal both built an altar to make a sacrifice. Let's see how our Bible story reminds us that God is the only true God.	Styrofoam blocks
Large Group	Large Group Time: Leader is Lorene. She will get you when she is ready.	
Classroom:	Ask questions from page 34 1. How can we know God will hear us when we pray? 2. Elijah was bold and reminded the people that there is only one true God. How can we tell others about the one true God? 3. Elijah stood up for what was right, and Jezebel wanted to hurt him. How did God encourage Elijah?	Bible Ask Questions
	Crack the code Worksheet (gr. 1-2) Find the way worksheet (gr. 3)	Worksheet Worksheet

	Draw the story: (page 35) OPTION 2: PICTURE IT Form kids into two teams. Decide which team will go first and invite a kid from that team to draw an image from the Bible story such as Elijah, fire, altar, idol, Jezebel, Mount Carmel, etc. As the kid draws the item, kids on his team will guess what is being drawn. Allow 30 seconds for kids to draw. Award a point if the team guesses correctly. Repeat, allowing the other team a turn to draw. Play as time allows and announce the team with the most points as the winner. SAY Our Bible story is a great reminder that no matter what, God is God. He hears our prayers, saves His people, is all-powerful, is faithful to His people, and encourages His people to continue following Him. There is one true God who alone deserves worship.	White board White board markers
	Summer Scripture Bingo - Hand out to students to bring home for the summer if a student hasn't gotten it already.	Bingo Worksheet



WELCOME Kids

Greet each kid as he or she arrives. Use this time to collect the offering, fill out attendance sheets, build relationships, and help new kids connect to your group.

| SAY “Do you think God hears us when we pray to Him? Why?”

1 ACTIVITY PAGE (5 minutes)

Invite kids to complete “Crack the Code” activity page.

| SAY “Today, we will see how **GOD PROVED HE IS THE ONE TRUE GOD BY ANSWERING ELIJAH’S PRAYERS.**”

2 SESSION STARTER (10 minutes)

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☐ OPTION 2: NO ONE ANSWER



Challenge kids to respond to questions when you start the question with the word, “Now.” Tell kids if the question does not start with the word “now,” they should remain silent. If kids answer when they should not, they are out. Consider asking the following questions, or create your own:

- “Now, what is the name of our planet?” (Earth)
- “Now, what color do you get by mixing blue and yellow?” (green)
- “What does a dog say?” (kids don’t answer)
- “Now, who deserves all our worship?” (God)
- Where do sharks live? (kids don’t answer)

| SAY “Great job, everyone! You either answered me or didn’t answer based on what you heard. In our Bible story, we will see how the false prophets cried out to their false god, but he didn’t answer. However, we’ll learn that **GOD PROVED HE IS THE ONE TRUE GOD BY ANSWERING ELIJAH’S PRAYERS.**”

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





THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

LOVE God by Applying the Story

1 REVIEW & BIBLE SKILLS (5 minutes)

Distribute Bibles and display the Old Testament Kingdoms Map. Guide kids to open their Bibles to 1 Kings 19. Explain that the Bible is divided into sections within the Old and New Testaments. The Old Testament is divided into books of the Law, History, Poetry, Minor Prophets, and Major Prophets. Tell kids that 1 Kings is in the History division.

Consider pointing out the location of Mount Carmel (D4) on the Old Testament Kingdoms Map. Choose a volunteer to read aloud 1 Kings 19:18 or ask the kids to follow along as you read the verse aloud.

SAY 🗣️ After God answered Elijah's prayers at Mount Carmel, proving He is the one true God, Jezebel wanted to kill Elijah. So, Elijah ran away. But God spoke with Elijah, reminding Elijah that He would be faithful to the people who still followed Him. The Lord encouraged Elijah to continue acting as His prophet. God protected Elijah from Jezebel and Ahab. God is the one true God who is greater than the earthly kings or queens. 🙏

2 GROUP DISCUSSION (10 minutes)

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss.

SAY 🗣️ How can we know God will hear us when we pray? 🙏

Tell kids that the Bible teaches us that God hears us when we pray. He is alive and active, so not only does He hear us when we pray, but He also responds and acts. God always answers our prayers, but not always in the way we think or even the way we want. He knows what is best, so He will answer prayers in a way that brings Him glory and is for our good.

SAY 🗣️ Elijah was bold and reminded the people that there is only one true God. How can we tell others about the one true God? 🙏

Answers will vary. Remind kids that God wants believers to tell others about Him and His Son, Jesus. Discuss how we can share stories from the Bible with others. We can tell people how God has answered our prayers. We can share the gospel. And we can help others understand that God alone is worthy of worship.

SAY 🗣️ Elijah stood up for what was right, and Jezebel wanted to hurt him. How did God encourage Elijah? 🙏

Discuss how God came near to Elijah and reminded Elijah of His faithfulness. God promised to save those who did not bow down to Baal. When we face rejection from others for following Jesus, we can trust that God will be faithful to us. God will be with us, and through His Spirit and the Bible, we can find encouragement. God also provides us with other believers who can pray for us and encourage us to keep following God no matter what.

Transition from **LOVE** to **LIVE**



Crack the Code

INSTRUCTIONS: Use the symbols to complete the message.

Gr. 1+2

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NAME: _____



Elijah Confronted Ahab

1 Kings 18–19

STORY POINT:

God proved He is the one true God by answering Elijah's prayers.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God sent fire down from heaven to prove that He alone is Lord. God sent the Holy Spirit like flames of fire on Jesus' disciples to empower them to tell others that Jesus is God's Son who saves people from sin.

KEY PASSAGE:

1 Kings 8:60

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

How many gods are there?
There is one true God who alone deserves worship.



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for resources to
use at home!



JOURNAL PAGE

1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?

2. What does this story teach me about myself?

3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?

4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?

5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



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ELIJAH CONFRONTED AHAB

1 Kings 18-19

HOW MANY GODS ARE THERE?

THERE IS ONE TRUE GOD WHO ALONE DESERVES WORSHIP.

The prophet Elijah came to Ahab and said, "You have ruined Israel because you have abandoned the Lord's commands and followed Baal instead. Gather the people together and say to them, 'We will not eat or drink anything from the idols of this nation.'"

Since everyone had gathered, Elijah said, "Bring two bulls—one for me, and one for the prophets of Baal. We will each prepare them on an altar as a sacrifice. Prophets of Baal, you will call on your god, and I will call on the Lord. The God that answers with fire is the one true God." The prophets of Baal cried out to their false god, but nothing happened. It was Elijah's turn. He prepared the bull on the altar and asked that it be poured on top. Elijah prayed to God: "LORD, today, let it be known that you are God in Israel. Answer so that this people will know that you, the Lord, and you have turned their hearts back."

The people were amazed, falling facedown and crying out, "The LORD, he is God!"

Ahab told his wicked wife, Jezebel, everything that had happened. Jezebel sent word to Elijah saying she was going to kill him. Elijah ran for his life.

The next day, the Lord spoke to Elijah. There was a soft whisper. In that whisper, God said, "What are you doing here, Elijah? Go and anoint a new king over Israel." Elijah obeyed God.

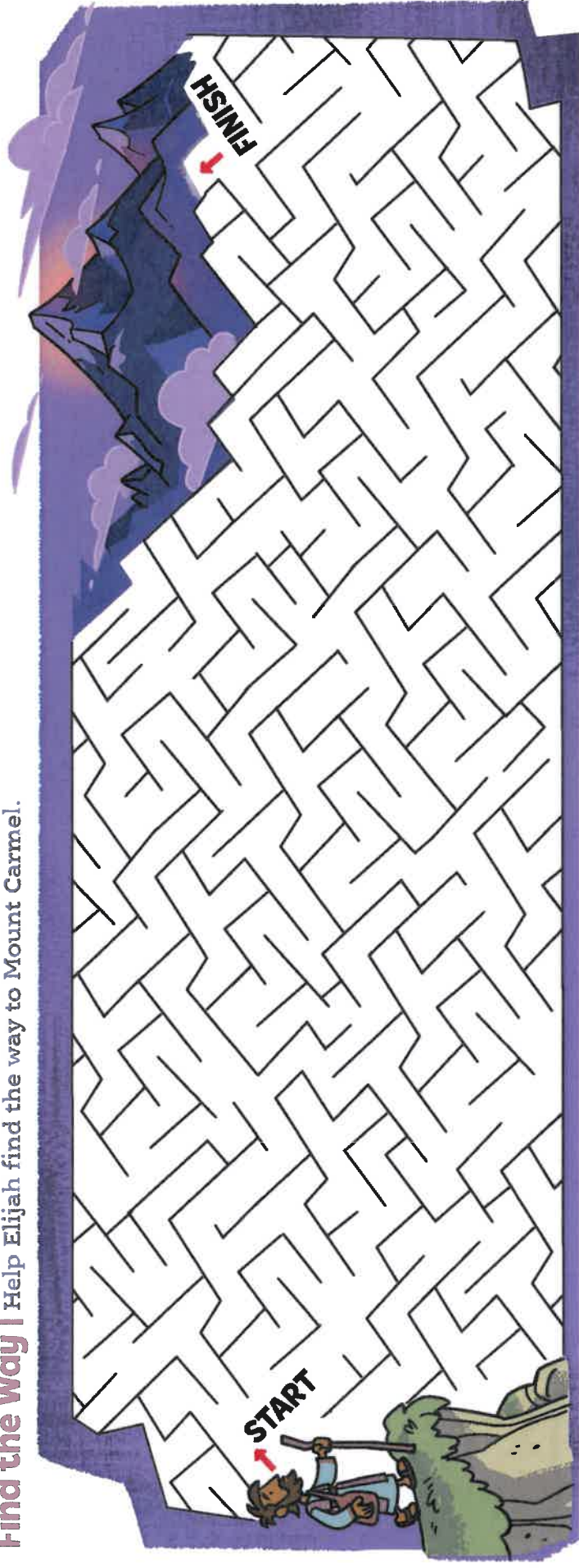
Christ Connection: God sent fire down from heaven to prove that He alone is Lord. God sent the Holy Spirit like flames of fire on Jesus' disciples to empower them to tell others that Jesus is God's Son who saves people from sin.



SCAN THE QR CODE FOR RESOURCES TO USE AT HOME!

Gr. 3

Find the Way | Help Elijah find the way to Mount Carmel.



True or False | Read each sentence and circle if it is true or false.

☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE 1) Ahab worshiped the one true God.

☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE 2) God told Elijah to go to Ahab and gather the prophets of Baal.

☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE 3) The prophets of Baal cried out to their false god, but nothing happened.

☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE 4) Elijah asked for gasoline to be poured on the altar.

☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE 5) God sent fire from heaven, and the whole altar was burned up completely.

☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE 6) The people fell down and said, "The LORD, he is God!"

☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE 7) Ahab repented after seeing God's power.

☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE 8) God spoke to Elijah in a whisper and told him to anoint a new king over Israel.

