

Large Group Leader:

Time	What to Do	Materials
10 minutes	Set up Computer with songs on Youtube, google slides powerpoint for today	
3 minutes	Start timer. Invite classes to join	Timer video
2 minutes	Welcome kids Collect the offering: For wells in Africa	Offering bag
	Birthdays: No birthdays this week	
2 minutes	Leader: Good morning, everyone! Today we're remembering that God showed everyone that He is the one true God. Every time I ask, "Who is God?" I want you to shout, "The Lord is God!" <i>(Practice once.)</i> Leader: Who is God? Kids: THE LORD IS GOD! Leader: Can anyone do what our God can do? Kids: NO! Leader: Who is God? Kids: THE LORD IS GOD! Leader: Is God worthy of all our praise?	Bible

	Kids: YES! Leader: Let's clap our hands and get ready to worship the one true God! Kids: THE LORD IS GOD! LET'S WORSHIP HIM!	
10 minutes singing	My God is so big, so strong and so mighty	Video
	We can Trust Him	
	Tell the story – Page 31	
3 minutes	Watch the video of the story	powerpoint
	Questions: 1. What happened when the false prophets called out to Baal? 2. What did Elijah do to his altar? 3. How did God respond? 4. How did the people respond?	
	Questions from kids video: 1. Why doesn't God always answer our prayers? 2. Why can we still trust God even when He doesn't answer our prayers how we hope?	
	Summer Scripture Bingo - Tell kids to work on the different bingo sheets, read scripture throughout the summer, and bring it back for a candy!	
2 minutes	Thank You, Lord, for being the one true God who hears us when we call and responds to our prayers. Help us live in ways that bring You honor and glory. In Jesus' name, amen.	
1 minute	Do the blessing with them:	

	May the Lord Bless You and Keep you. May he make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favour and give you peace."	
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INTRODUCE the Bible Story

1 INTRODUCE THE SESSION (3 minutes)

Show the countdown video as you transition to introduce the Bible story. Set it to end as the session begins.

SAY “Hi, kids! My name is [your name], and I am so happy you’re here. Today, we will hear about an epic showdown that occurred between a true prophet of God and the false prophets of an idol. If you have a Bible with you, will you take it out? **[Distribute Bibles to kids who need one and invite kids to turn to 1 Kings.]**

We have been learning that God is the only true God, and He alone is to be worshiped. In today’s story, we will see how an evil king named Ahab led God’s people to worship false gods. But **GOD PROVED THAT HE IS THE ONE TRUE GOD BY ANSWERING ELIJAH’S PRAYERS.** **[Display the Story Point Poster.]** Let’s pray: ‘Dear God, You are greater than anyone and everything. You alone are the one true God. Help us have hearts that trust in You. In Jesus’ name, amen.’ ”

2 BIG PICTURE QUESTION (1 minute)

Display the Big Picture Question Poster.

SAY “Who can tell me the big picture question? **[Allow responses.]** Our big picture question is, **How many gods are there?** Do you remember the answer? **[Allow responses.]** The answer is, **There is one true God who alone deserves worship.**

Today, we will see how a king of Israel named Ahab led the people to worship idols. Just like Jeroboam built the golden calves and told the people to worship them, King Ahab told the people to worship a false god named Baal. Over and over again, the Bible reminds us what is true: God alone is the one true God. In our story, we’ll see how God helped His people see that He alone is God through His power and by answering Elijah’s prayer. ”

3 REVIEW THE TIMELINE (1 minute)

Show the Giant Timeline. Point to individual Bible stories as you review.

SAY “The kingdom of God’s people was divided in two. The Northern Kingdom was called Israel, and the Southern Kingdom was called Judah. **[Point to these kingdoms on the Old Testament Kingdoms Map.]** Last week, we learned that the kings of Israel did evil in God’s sight and led God’s people to worship idols. Throughout all this, God never left His people. In fact, God sent prophets to remind His people what was true and to tell them to turn away from sin. Today, we will see how God answered the prophet Elijah’s prayers and proved that He alone is the one true God. ”



LEARN the Bible Story

1 TELL THE BIBLE STORY: VIDEO OR STORYTELLER (10 minutes)

Open your Bible to 1 Kings 18–19. Use the Bible storytelling tips to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “Elijah Confronted Ahab.” Use the bold text to retell or review the story.

ELIJAH CONFRONTED AHAB

“After King Baasha, Israel had many wicked kings. One of those evil kings was Ahab. He killed the prophets of God and led the people to worship a false god named Baal. The word of the Lord came to the prophet Elijah and said, ‘Go and present yourself to Ahab.’”

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 entire nation, and bring the prophets of Baal, too.”

Once everyone had gathered, Elijah said, “How long will you go between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him. But if Baal is God, follow him. Bring two bulls—one for me, and one for the prophets of Baal. We will each prepare them on an altar as a burnt sacrifice. Prophets of Baal, you will call on your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD. The God that answers with fire is the one true God.”

The prophets of Baal cried out to their false god from morning until noon, but nothing happened. Elijah made fun of them, saying, “Maybe your god is taking a walk, or maybe he is sleeping!” They danced and shouted all day, but there was no sound; no one answered; no one paid attention.

Then it was Elijah’s turn. He repaired the altar of the Lord that had been torn down. **He then prepared the bull on the altar and asked that water be poured on top.** So much water was poured that it gathered in a trench around the altar. **Elijah prayed to God: “LORD, today, 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 and you have turned their hearts back.”**

Then the Lord’s fire fell. It completely consumed the burnt offering, the wood and stones of the altar, and even the water gathered in the trench. **The people were amazed, falling facedown and saying, “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. When he was far enough away, he prayed and said, “LORD, I have had enough. I’m no better than the prophets before me.”

The next day, the Lord spoke to Elijah. He told Elijah to go out to a mountain. A great wind passed by. Then an earthquake. Then fire. But the Lord was not in any

STORYTELLING TIPS

Use props: Place wood in a bucket and pour water over it.

Use dramatic effect: Vary your volume and tone of voice to create dramatic effect while telling the story.



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THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

of these. Then **there was a soft whisper. In that whisper, God said, “What are you doing here, Elijah? Go and anoint a new king over Israel. I will preserve for myself people who still worship me and who have not bowed down to Baal. Go and anoint a new king and follow me.” 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. ”

2 REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

SAY “ Israel had wicked kings who turned the people away from the Lord. Today, we learned that Ahab led the people to worship a false god named Baal. But God loved His people and wanted them to remember that He is the one true God. Who did God send to His people to speak His words? **[Allow responses.]** God sent the prophet Elijah to the people of Israel. Elijah told the people they had abandoned the Lord. Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal to see if their god would answer them.

What happened when the false prophets called out to Baal? **[Allow responses.]** No one answered! There was complete silence. Baal was no god. He was just something the people created to worship. Idols are not alive. They cannot hear or speak. Idols cannot save people from their sin.

Then Elijah repaired the altar of the Lord. After, Elijah placed a bull on the altar, he covered the altar with water, until everything was soaked. Then Elijah prayed to God, and the Lord’s fire fell and burned up everything on the altar. What did the people say in response? **[Allow responses.]** The people said that the Lord is God. **GOD PROVED HE IS THE ONE TRUE GOD BY ANSWERING ELIJAH’S PRAYERS.** ”

3 GOSPEL DISCUSSION

SAY “ God proved He is the one true God. When Jesus was on earth, He performed miracles and spoke truth that proved He is God. After Jesus went back to heaven, 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. When we place our faith in Jesus, we are declaring that He is God and only He can save us from sin. ”

(Tip: Create an environment where kids are welcome to ask questions about what it means to follow Jesus.)

4 QUESTIONS FROM KIDS (3 minutes)

Show the “Unit 13, Session 3” Questions from Kids video. Prompt kids to discuss:

1. Why doesn’t God always answer our prayers?
2. Why can we still trust God even when He doesn’t answer our prayers how we hope?

5 MISSIONS MOMENT (3 minutes)

Remind kids that Columbus, Ohio, is home to many people who do not know Jesus. Tell kids that Columbus is also home to nearly 70,000 Somali immigrants and refugees. Display the



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“Surh Family Photo” printable as you tell kids about their work as church planters.

SAY 🗣️ In 2019, Isaac and Hannah Surh, with the support of two other couples, started a new church in the Columbus area. They met weekly to pray and determine God’s will for the new church. They named the church Chroma because it means ‘the intensity of color as it is illuminated by a light source.’ They thought the name showed how important it is for people to show the light of Jesus and share the good news about Him with others. Chroma Church desires that people from all different cultures and backgrounds will trust in Jesus to save them from sin. 🙏

Pray for Isaac and Hannah and Chroma Church as they help people in Columbus learn about the one true God and His Son, Jesus.

6 KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

Show the Key Passage Poster. Lead kids in reading aloud 1 Kings 8:60 together.

SAY 🗣️ Let’s praise the one true God as we continue to learn our key passage. 🙏

Direct kids to listen closely as you read parts of the key passage. Read the first few words of the key passage aloud, leaving out one word. Challenge kids to shout out the missing word. Continue reading the verse and leaving out words until you have read the entire verse.

Lead kids to sing “There Is No Other (1 Kings 8:60).” You may also choose to sing a worship song of your choice.

7 PRAY (2 minutes)

Invite kids to pray before transitioning to Love.

SAY 🗣️ Thank You, Lord, for being the one true God who hears us when we call and responds to our prayers. Help us live in ways that bring You honor and glory. In Jesus’ name, amen. 🙏

Transition from **LEARN** to **LOVE**

