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Unit 13, Session 1: Elijah Confronted Evil Ahab

TWEETS
Baal's prophets cut themselves to show their love but the one true God showed His love by sending Jesus to die for us. #thegospelprojectkids

(Christ Connection - 140 Characters)

Baal did not answer his prophets because he is not real, but God burned up His altar to show He is the one true God. #thegospelprojectkids

(Content - 138 Characters)

STATUS UPDATE
The people who worshiped the false god Baal danced and cried and cut their bodies to show that they loved Baal. But the one true God is not like the false gods. Instead, He showed His love for us by sending His Son, Jesus. Jesus bled and died to rescue us from sin when we trust in Him.

E-MAIL
Unit 13, Session 1: Elijah Confronted Evil Ahab

Dear Parents,

This week, we continue in the big story of the Bible by learning about the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. King Ahab was an evil king. In fact, “Ahab did more to provoke the Lord God of Israel than all the kings of Israel who were before him” (1 Kings 16:33). The things that Ahab did made God angry. God wanted His people to be faithful to Him, but King Ahab led them away from God.

God chose Elijah to get Ahab’s attention. In 1 Kings 17, Elijah told Ahab that a drought was coming. God prevented rain in the land for three years. For Ahab, a man who worshiped Baal—the false Canaanite god of rain and fertility—the drought sent a strong message about the one true God.

When God was ready to send rain on the earth, Elijah appeared to Ahab and instructed him to gather the Israelites and the prophets of the false gods at Mount Carmel. Elijah challenged the people to choose: Follow God or follow Baal. They couldn’t do both.

Elijah set up a challenge to prove who is the one true God. He faced off against the prophets of Baal. Each group prepared a bull on an altar and called on its deity to send fire from heaven. The prophets of Baal called and cried and cut themselves, but Baal did not answer.

Elijah poured water on and around his altar. He called to God, and God sent fire from heaven. Everything was burned up. The prophets could not deny that the God of Elijah is
the one true God, and God sent a great rain to end the drought.

The people who worshiped the false god Baal danced and cried and cut their bodies to show that they loved Baal. But the one true God is not like the false gods. Instead, He showed His love for us by sending His Son, Jesus. Jesus bled and died to rescue us from sin when we trust in Him.

Help your kids understand that God is an initiating God. We love God because He first loved us, which He proved by providing Jesus. Only God—the one true God—has power to help His people and to save them. And He saves them through His Son, Jesus, whose name means “the Lord saves.”

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FAMILY STARTING POINTS
- **Babies and Toddlers**
  - There is one true God.
  - Elijah showed the people God’s power.
  - God hears His people when we pray.
  - Jesus is powerful because He is God’s Son.
- **Preschool**
  - How many gods are there? There is one true God.
  - God defeated the prophets of Baal.
- **Kids**
  - How many gods are there? There is one true God who alone deserves worship.
  - The one true God defeated the prophets of Baal.

UNIT KEY PASSAGE
- **Hebrews 1:1-2**

NEXT WEEK
- “Elijah Ran from Jezebel” (1 Kings 19)
Unit 13, Session 2: Elijah Ran from Jezebel

TWEETS
Elijah’s life points to Jesus, the greatest Prophet, who was hated and killed for sharing and teaching God’s Word. #thegospelprojectkids
(Christ Connection - 136 Characters)

After the contest with Baal’s prophets, Elijah ran for his life from Jezebel and God spoke to him in a quiet whisper. #thegospelprojectkids
(Content - 139 Characters)

STATUS UPDATE
As a prophet of God, Elijah faced enemies who wanted to hurt him. Elijah’s life points forward to Jesus, the greatest Prophet, who was hated and killed for sharing and teaching God’s Word.

E-MAIL
Unit 13, Session 2: Elijah Ran from Jezebel

Dear Parents,

The prophet Elijah had just witnessed God’s great display of power over the false god Baal. God had sent fire from heaven and then ended a long drought with a great rain. Elijah must have felt a sense of victory; the evil King Ahab could not deny the one true God. But trouble awaited Elijah in the form of Ahab’s wife, Jezebel.

When Jezebel heard what happened at Mount Carmel, she threatened to kill Elijah. Elijah ran away and hid in the wilderness. What a change Elijah experienced! He went from a man faithfully and confidently praying for God’s glory to be displayed at Mount Carmel to a man begging the Lord to take away his life. (See 1 Kings 19:4.)

God was merciful to Elijah. An angel of the Lord brought Elijah food and drink while he rested. Then Elijah traveled to Horeb for a personal encounter with God. Horeb—another name for Mount Sinai—was a familiar place in the history of Israel. It was the place where God gave the Ten Commandments to the Israelites and where Moses met with God.

After the events in 1 Kings 18, Elijah might have expected a grand display of God’s presence, but what he experienced was just the opposite. The Lord was not in the wind. The Lord was not in the earthquake. The Lord was not in the fire. God revealed Himself to Elijah in a voice, a soft whisper.

Elijah’s circumstances were difficult, but God didn’t leave him. God gave him Elisha, a friend and successor. God assured Elijah that he was not alone; there were 7,000
people in Israel who had not turned to worship Baal.

**As a prophet of God, Elijah faced enemies who wanted to hurt him. Elijah’s life points forward to Jesus, the greatest Prophet, who was hated and killed for sharing and teaching God’s Word.**

Help your kids understand that God’s prophets suffered, but their lives and messages pointed forward to the ultimate prophet, priest, and king—Jesus Christ—who suffered for the sins of the world. Jesus was hated and killed, but His death and resurrection brought victory for God’s people.

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**FAMILY STARTING POINTS**

- **Babies and Toddlers**
  - There is one true God.
  - God spoke to Elijah in a small whisper.
  - Nothing can stop God’s plan.
  - Jesus is with us when we are afraid.

- **Preschool**
  - How many gods are there? There is one true God.
  - God encouraged Elijah.

- **Kids**
  - How many gods are there? There is one true God who alone deserves worship.
  - God revealed Himself to Elijah in a whisper.

**UNIT KEY PASSAGE**

- **Hebrews 1:1-2**

**NEXT WEEK**

- “**Elisha and Naaman**” (2 Kings 5)
Unit 13, Session 3: Elisha and Naaman

TWEETS
All have a sin problem that leads to death and need a Healer. When we trust Jesus, God forgives our sin and heals us. #thegospelprojectkids
(Christ Connection - 139 Characters)

Naaman had a skin disease that went away when he trusted God’s instruction from Elisha and washed in the river. #thegospelprojectkids
(Content - 133 Characters)

STATUS UPDATE
Naaman was sick with a skin problem. His disease went away when he trusted God’s instruction from Elisha and washed in the river. All people have a sin problem that leads to death. We all need a Healer. When we trust Jesus as Lord and Savior, God forgives our sin and heals us.

E-MAIL
Unit 13, Session 3: Elisha and Naaman

Dear Parents,

Everyone gets sick at some point in his or her lifetime ... often many times! Illness is probably no stranger to your kids. In today’s Bible story, Naaman—a commander for the Syrian army—was really sick. He had leprosy, a skin disease that was likely disfiguring and isolating. Without a cure, Naaman would face great suffering. But help came from an unlikely source: a young slave girl.

The people of Israel and Syria were often at odds with one another. The Syrians sometimes attacked the cities in Israel and plundered them. They took what they wanted, including people to work as slaves.

The young slave girl who served Naaman’s wife had been taken from her home in Israel.

As an Israeliite, the girl knew about the one true God. She was familiar with God’s prophets, including Elisha, who had performed miracles to help and heal people. The girl told her mistress that Elisha the prophet could heal Naaman. So the king of Syria sent a letter to the king of Israel, asking him to cure Naaman of his leprosy. But the king of Israel had no power to heal Naaman. The power to heal comes only from God.

Elisha called for Naaman. But what happened next was not at all what Naaman expected. Naaman expected Elisha to call upon the name of God, wave his hand over Naaman, and miraculously heal him. Instead, Elisha instructed Naaman to go wash in the river.
Naaman was upset! He could have washed in a river back home! But Naaman’s servants urged him to wash. He did, and God healed him.

Naaman was sick with a skin problem. His disease went away when he trusted God’s instruction from Elisha and washed in the river. All people have a sin problem that leads to death. We all need a Healer. When we trust Jesus as Lord and Savior, God forgives our sin and heals us.

Help your kids understand that not all sick people will be healed on this side of heaven, but our physical maladies are symptoms of an even greater illness—sin. Jesus’ death and resurrection provided healing—forgiveness and eternal life—for those who trust in Him.

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FAMILY STARTING POINTS
● Babies and Toddlers
  ○ There is one true God.
  ○ Naaman obeyed God.
  ○ There is no one like God.
  ○ Jesus heals people who are sick.
● Preschool
  ○ How many gods are there? There is one true God.
  ○ God healed Naaman.
● Kids
  ○ How many gods are there? There is one true God who alone deserves worship.
  ○ God healed Naaman’s skin disease.

UNIT KEY PASSAGE
● Hebrews 1:1-2

NEXT WEEK
● “God Called Isaiah” (Isaiah 6)
Unit 13, Session 4: God Called Isaiah

TWEETS

Like Isaiah, when we see how holy God is, we see how sinful we are. God sent His Son, Jesus, to pay for our sin. #thegospelprojectkids
(Christ Connection - 134 Characters)

Isaiah had a vision of God’s glory and realized his own sin. God forgave Isaiah’s sin and gave him a message to share. #thegospelprojectkids
(Content - 140 Characters)

STATUS UPDATE

Isaiah had a vision of God’s glory and realized his own sin. God forgave Isaiah’s sin. Like Isaiah, when we see how holy God is, we see how sinful we are. God sent His Son, Jesus, to pay for our sin. We can find salvation only in Him.

E-MAIL

Unit 13, Session 4: God Called Isaiah

Dear Parents,

King Uzziah’s death marked the end of an era. His reign had been long and prosperous. Uzziah became king when he was 16, and he reigned over Judah for 52 years.

Uzziah had listened to the prophet Zechariah; he feared God, and God made him prosper. But Uzziah’s pride got the best of him. (See 2 Chron. 26:16.) God struck Uzziah with leprosy. Then Uzziah died.

Under Uzziah’s leadership, God’s people had turned away from the promises of God and trusted in the promises of the world around them. God had promised to bless the entire world through Abraham’s family, but God’s people were rebellious. Instead of blessing, they set themselves up to receive God’s judgment.

But God’s plans and promises were not thwarted. God sent the prophet Isaiah to preach a message of hope. Even though God was going to correct His people through judgment, His purpose was one of grace through which God would receive glory. God planned to send a Messiah who would bring salvation to the world.

Isaiah 6 opens with Isaiah worshiping in the temple. Then God gave Isaiah a vision. Isaiah saw God sitting on a throne. Yes, in the year that King Uzziah died, God was sitting on the throne. God was reigning over the universe. The magnitude of God’s holiness made Isaiah realize the magnitude of his own sin. His response? “Woe is me!”

God extended His grace to Isaiah. He took away Isaiah’s guilt. God passed over Isaiah’s
sins because He was going to send Jesus to pay for them.

Isaiah had a vision of God’s glory and realized his own sin. God forgave Isaiah’s sin. Like Isaiah, when we see how holy God is, we see how sinful we are. God sent His Son, Jesus, to pay for our sin. We can find salvation only in Him.

Help your kids understand that God is perfectly holy—He is pure and without sin and He is unique from anything and everyone else. God is also loving and full of mercy and grace. God sent Jesus to die on the cross to pay for the sins—past, present, and future—of those who would trust in Him. When we trust in Jesus, God says to us the words Isaiah heard: “Your guilt is taken away. Your sin is atoned for.”

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FAMILY STARTING POINTS

● Babies and Toddlers
  ○ There is one true God.
  ○ Isaiah saw God the King on His throne.
  ○ God called Isaiah to be a prophet.
  ○ Jesus showed people God’s glory.

● Preschool
  ○ How many gods are there? There is one true God.
  ○ Isaiah saw the holy God.

● Kids
  ○ How many gods are there? There is one true God who alone deserves worship.
  ○ Isaiah saw the holy God in His glory.

UNIT KEY PASSAGE

● Hebrews 1:1-2

NEXT WEEK

● “Isaiah Preached About the Messiah” (Isaiah 53)
Unit 13, Session 5: Isaiah Preached About the Messiah

TWEETS

Jesus is the Suffering Servant who died so that those who trust in Him would be forgiven. #thegospelprojectkids

(Christ Connection - 111 Characters)

700 years before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah wrote that the Messiah would die for our sin. #thegospelprojectkids

(Content - 119 Characters)

STATUS UPDATE

God planned all along that Jesus would die on the cross for our sin. Seven hundred years before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah wrote that this would happen! Jesus is the Servant who suffered so that those who trust in Him would be forgiven.

E-MAIL

Unit 13, Session 5: Isaiah Preached About the Messiah

Dear Parents,

The Book of Isaiah contains four Servant songs—poems about the servant of God. (See Isa. 42:1-4; 49:1-6; 50:4-9; 52:12–53:13.)

In these poems, the prophet Isaiah describes God’s plan of redemption. We see a vision of the promised Messiah, the innocent substitute who would suffer for the sake of sinners. Through Jesus, God brings sinners back to Himself.

The fourth and final Servant song is found in Isaiah 53. In this passage, Isaiah provides an answer to these questions: How can a just God justify the ungodly? How can He declare innocent those who are guilty? How can He treat bad people as though they are good? How can He love people like us?

A just God can’t just look the other way. He doesn’t say, “Don’t worry about it,” or “No big deal.” That’s cheap grace. Sin against a big God is a big deal. God didn’t just forgive our sins, He dealt with them. And this grace was costly. The price? God’s own Son.

Jesus fulfilled Isaiah’s prophecies of a Suffering Servant. People assumed God had cursed the Suffering Servant for His own sins. But no; Jesus was sinless. So why did He suffer? Isaiah wrote that He was pierced because of our transgressions and crushed because of our iniquities. His punishment is what brought our peace. The Suffering Servant died the death we deserve. When we trust in Jesus, our sins are wiped away—paid for by His blood—and His righteousness is credited to us.
When Christ's work on the cross was finished, God rewarded Him. “For this reason God highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow—of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth—and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Phil. 2:9-11).

God planned all along that Jesus would die on the cross for our sin. Seven hundred years before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah wrote that this would happen! Jesus is the Servant who suffered so that those who trust in Him would be forgiven.

Help your kids appreciate what Jesus endured during His earthly ministry. Talk about how Jesus hurt and died because of His love for people and His desire to please His Father. Because of Jesus' suffering and death, our sin punishment has been paid and because of His resurrection, we have victory over death.

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FAMILY STARTING POINTS
- **Babies and Toddlers**
  - There is one true God.
  - Isaiah told people about the Messiah.
  - God sent the Messiah because He loves us.
  - Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God.
- **Preschool**
  - How many gods are there? There is one true God.
  - God said Jesus would suffer.
- **Kids**
  - How many gods are there? There is one true God who alone deserves worship.
  - God said the Messiah would be a suffering servant.

UNIT KEY PASSAGE
- **Hebrews 1:1-2**

NEXT WEEK
- **“Hezekiah, Judah’s Faithful King”** (2 Kings 18–19)
Unit 13, Session 6: Hezekiah, Judah’s Faithful King

TWEETS
Hezekiah prayed for God to rescue Judah. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus rescued people from sin and death. #thegospelprojectkids
(Christ Connection - 139 Characters)

Hezekiah prayed that God would save His people from their enemies so everyone would know He is the one true God. #thegospelprojectkids
(Content - 134 Characters)

STATUS UPDATE
Hezekiah prayed that God would save His people from their enemies so that everyone would know that He is the one true God. God answered Hezekiah’s prayer. Jesus also prayed for His people to be saved. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus brought glory to God by rescuing people from sin and death.

E-MAIL
Unit 13, Session 6: Hezekiah, Judah’s Faithful King

Dear Parents,

He’s a chip off the old block. Like father, like son. The apple doesn’t fall far from the tree. These idioms exist because sons tend to look and behave like their fathers. When it came to Hezekiah and his father, Ahaz, however, the two were far from similar.

When Ahaz was king of Judah, he did not respect God, God’s law, or God’s prophets. He worshiped idols. Ahaz “did not do what was right in the sight of the Lord his God” (2 Kings 16:2). He led the people away from God, provoking God’s wrath and anger.

Hezekiah, on the other hand, “did what was right in the Lord’s sight just as his ancestor David had done.” Hezekiah destroyed the places of idol worship and cleansed the temple. (See 2 Chron. 29.) The Lord was with Hezekiah, and Hezekiah prospered.

Hezekiah was a faithful king who led the people of Judah to worship God like they were supposed to, but even good kings are sinners. His wealth and success led to pride. How did Hezekiah react when God said everything in his palace would be carried off to Babylon? “Who cares? I’ll be dead by then.”

Jesus is our faithful King who never sinned. Check out some of these definitions for the word faithful: “strict or thorough in the performance of duty”; “true to one’s word, promises, or vows”; “steady in allegiance or affection”; “loyal”; “constant”; “reliable, trusted, or believed”; “adhering or true to fact, a standard, or an original”; “accurate.”
Jesus completed His work—the redemption of sinners. He said on the cross, “It is finished!” (John 19:30). Jesus is faithful over God’s house as a Son. (Heb. 3:6) His obedience is steadfast. (Isa. 50:4-10) “Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever” (Heb. 13:8). One day Jesus will return to make all things the way they are supposed to be. (Rev. 1:1-6)

**Hezekiah prayed that God would save His people from their enemies so that everyone would know that He is the one true God. God answered Hezekiah’s prayer. Jesus also prayed for His people to be saved. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus brought glory to God by rescuing people from sin and death.**

Help your kids see that Jesus is the greater Hezekiah. Hezekiah interceded for his people to ask God to save them from their enemies, but Hezekiah was a sinner and needed to be saved himself. Jesus was sinless and He interceded for His people to save us from sin and death.

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**FAMILY STARTING POINTS**
- **Babies and Toddlers**
  - There is one true God.
  - Hezekiah trusted in God.
  - Hezekiah asked God to keep His people safe.
  - There is no one like God.
- **Preschool**
  - How many gods are there? There is one true God.
  - God answered Hezekiah’s prayer.
- **Kids**
  - How many gods are there? There is one true God who alone deserves worship.
  - God answered Hezekiah’s prayer.

**UNIT KEY PASSAGE**
- Hebrews 1:1-2

**NEXT WEEK**
- “Hosea, Prophet to Israel” (Hosea 1–14)