



IDC KIDS

Feb 8, 2026

8:30am & 11:15am

ELIJAH CONFRONTED AHAB

1 KINGS 18-19

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.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

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

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE:

1 Kings 8:60

STORY POINT:

God showed He is the one true God.

LEARN

GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON.

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

- Invite the children to join you on the rug for group time.

SAY

Do you want to meet a special animal I brought with me? Oh good! I can't wait to take him out and show him to you. [Show the animal.] Here he is! What do you think? Were you expecting a real animal instead of this fake, stuffed animal? In today's story, people were following a god they thought was real, but was not. Elijah set up a contest to show the people that the god they were following was not real. Through this contest, **God showed He is the one true God**. Listen closely to find out more.

2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

Volunteers with 2s in room 114: You will need to open the divider with 113 for bible story time.

Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to open the divider with 124 for bible story time.

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

If you have issues with the video, there is a teaching outline on the next page.



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TEACHING OUTLINE

LOW-TECH ALTERNATIVE TO VIDEO

GREET PRESCHOOLERS WITH A SMILE

As preschoolers arrive, sing a song with motions to engage and welcome them like Jesus, Loves Me or He's Got the Whole World in His Hands. Lead motions enthusiastically and encourage preschoolers to join you. Help the preschoolers think through what it means to worship God.

STORY SCRIPT

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Ahab, the king of Israel, was mean. King Ahab and many of the Israelites prayed to a fake god named Baal. But there was a prophet in Israel named Elijah who loved God. Elijah went to King Ahab and said, "Get all the people together and the prophets who pray to Baal. Let's have a contest to see who the real God is."

When everyone came together, Elijah said, "Today, you have to choose: If the LORD is God, follow Him. But if Baal is, follow him. Let's each take a bull and put it on an altar. You call on your god, and I will call on the LORD. The God who sends fire to the altar is the real God."

The prophets of Baal went first. They shouted and danced all day, asking their god to send fire, but nothing happened. Elijah teased them, saying, "Maybe your god is sleeping!" But still, no fire came.

Then it was Elijah's turn. He put his bull on the altar and even told people to pour lots of water over it. Elijah prayed to God, "LORD, show everyone that you are the real God." And guess what? God sent fire from the sky! It burned up the bull, the wood, the stones, and even the water! The people were amazed and said, "The LORD is God!"

King Ahab was very mad that Elijah's God won. Elijah ran away to be safe.

God told Elijah to go to a mountain. There was a big wind, then an earthquake, and then fire, but God wasn't in those things. Then Elijah heard a quiet whisper, and in that whisper, God said, "Elijah, you still have work to do. Some people still love me. Go and help them."

So Elijah did what God told him.

Story Telling Tips

- **Vary your volume:** Use a louder voice during the exciting points, and a quieter voice when God whispers to Elijah.
- **Add motions:** Make a crown on your head whenever you say king or rub your hands together to warm them up every time you say fire.

CHRIST CONNECTION

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3. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY (OPTIONAL)

Ask the following review questions:

- a. What did you like about the Bible story? (Answers will vary.)
- b. What were some things in the Bible story that made you happy or sad? (Answers will vary.)
- c. What was the contest Elijah set up to show that the Lord is the true God? (The god who made his altar catch fire would be the one true God.)
- d. Why was Elijah's God able to light the altar on fire, but Baal was not? (God is alive and is all-powerful. He can do anything and everything. Baal is not real and has no power.)
- e. Whom should we worship as the one true God? (The Lord is God, and we should worship only Him.)
- f. **How many gods are there? There is one true God.**

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| SAY | The people of Israel were confused. They had been told that Baal was a real god, which was not true! Elijah set up a contest. He and the prophets of Baal both set up altars and asked their god to set the altar on fire. But only the Lord, the God of Elijah, had the power to send fire from heaven. God showed He is the one true God. |
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4. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

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| SAY | Let's review our big picture question together: How many gods are there? Does anyone remember the answer? There is one true God. Elijah showed the people of Israel and the prophets of Baal there is only one true God. God is the only one worthy of our worship and praise! |
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5. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the Key Passage Marker at **1 Kings 8:60**. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Create motions for preschoolers to use as they say the key passage. Use the key passage song video for inspiration.

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| SAY | Many people throughout the earth do not know the one true God. They might worship other false gods, like the people in today's story did, or they may worship no god at all. We can pray for these people and tell others about God so everyone may know that Jesus is God and there is no other. |
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HINT: You can play the [memory verse song](#) or replay the Verse Video on the TV under [Pre-K Discipleship](#) called **No Other**.

6. PRAY

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| SAY | God, we praise You for being the one true God. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life, die on a cross, and come back to life. We pray for people who do not worship You. Please help them trust in Jesus to forgive their sin and worship You, the one true God. Amen. |
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ACTIVITIES

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH BELOW

1. DECIDE HOT OR COLD

Give two different volunteers a hot or cold sign. Direct preschoolers to go sign with that is hot red if the item you name is hot or move to cold blue sign if the item you name is cold. Name items such as fire, ice cream, the sun, snow, coffee, refrigerator, freezer, cookies out of the oven, and so forth.

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| SAY | Is fire hot or cold? [Allow responses.] Fire is very, very hot. When Elijah prayed to God, God answered his prayer by sending fire down from heaven. What happened to the altar? (everything was burned) God showed He is the one true God by sending fire to burn up the stones, the sticks, and even the water. 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. |
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2. COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents. Check diapers and change if they are dirty then release children by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.