

*When finished with activities, return all necessary items to bag and place in the hallway for pick-up.*

Program C-1

## Ravens Feed Elijah

1 Kings 17:1-6

Elijah/Elisha Series: Lesson #1

Bible Verse: God gives food to us. Psalm 136:25

Bible Story for children:

Focus on: God uses different ways at different times to care for us.

Prop ideas: Bird Puppet/Stuffed Animal

Picture of a Raven

### SAMPLE STORY

Elijah was a prophet during a time when the Kings did not obey God. Israel and Judah were full of evil and wicked people. This made God very sad. God want us to obey and do good things. Things got so bad that God told his prophet Elijah to announce that there would be no rain in all the land. It would remain dry until Elijah commanded the rain to come.

God wanted to get the attention of His people. Without water all the plants would not grow...the crops would not give food...there would be a famine. When this happened, it made the kings mad. They wanted to force Elijah to command rain. So, Elijah had to hide from them. God told Elijah where he could hide safely. God said, "Go east and hide in the Kerith Ravine, near the Jordan. You can drink water from the brook. I will send ravens to bring food to you there."

Ravens? Did God say that birds would bring food to Elijah? Yes, and that is what happened. Elijah obeyed God and went to the Kerith Ravine. He drank water from the brook. Ravens brought bread and meat in the morning and in the evening every day. Isn't that a strange way for God to take of Elijah? But, Elijah believed God and did just as He said. Because Elijah believed, he was safe in his hiding place.

FYI

Second Session Classes will be:

Making "Elijah's Raven" Craft

Coloring God Feeds Elijah Page

Playing "Hide the Shoe"

## SNACK

**TEACHER EXTRA:** Bring some lunchmeat to go with the bread.  
Use bird cookie cutters to cut bread into “Ravens”  
Have a pitcher of cold ice water to serve “water from the brook”

- Materials:** Bread  
Small plates  
Jelly  
Plastic knives
- Do:** Give each child a plate with a piece of bread, some jelly and a plastic knife. Help them spread their jelly on the bread if needed.
- Talk About:** Elijah did not have jelly for his bread, but he was just happy to have some food during the famine. Wouldn't it be strange if a bird brought our bread?

## GOD PROVIDES GAME

- Materials:** None
- Do:** Form a circle. Start the game by naming one thing God provides for you. “*God gives me fresh water.*” The next person begins by naming your item and then adds his own. “God gives me fresh water and a friend.” Continue around the circle until everyone has named something God provides for him. You may make it harder by continuing around the circle again and making a super long list.
- Talk About:** God loves us and cares for us. He provides not only things we need for living, but also things we want.

## COLOR, CUT AND PASTE

- Materials:** God Gives Me Food Coloring Page  
Food Magazines  
Bible Verse Stickers  
Crayons/markers (In room)  
Scissors (In room)  
Glue sticks (In room)
- Do:** Give each child a page to color.  
Help him cut out pictures of food to add to the page.  
Add a Bible verse sticker and write name on the page.
- Talk About:** What foods are your favorites? Where does your favorite food come from? (Garden, grocery store, farm) Who makes the plants grow? Remember to always thank God for the food you eat.

\* God gives food to us. Psalm 136:25