

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

Program C-1

Fire from Heaven

1 Kings 18:16-39

Elijah/Elisha Series: Lesson #3

Bible Verse: The LORD – he is God. 1 Kings 18:39

Past: God is good to us. Psalm 73:1
God gives food to us. Psalm 136:25

Bible Story for children:

Focus on: The LORD God is the one true God.
Prop ideas: Read this account from a Bible Storybook
Show Bible Drawings of Elijah praying
Stones and Wood

SAMPLE STORY

Focus on Part B. If time permits include Parts A & C for continuity with the previous Elijah Lessons.

PART A:

There had been no rain in the land of Israel for a long time, for over three years. Not one drop. Not even any dew. The rain would not return to the land until Elijah said it would. Elijah would not proclaim the end of the drought until the LORD God told him to. This made the King Ahab very mad. He was so mad that he wanted to hurt Elijah. God kept Elijah safe, hiding him first in the Kerith Ravine and later in the town of Zarephath with the widow and her son. Now it was time for the drought to end. God spoke to Elijah, “Go to Ahab and I will send rain.” So Elijah went to find Ahab.

When Elijah met with Ahab, Elijah said to him, “You have made trouble for Israel and brought this drought on the land; for you have abandoned the LORD God and His commands. You worship false gods and idols.” Elijah told the king to gather all the people of Israel and go to Mount Carmel. “Bring all the prophets of Baal and Asherah, all 850 of them.”

PART B:

Ahab sent word throughout the land for the people to come to Mount Carmel to meet with Elijah. He gathered the prophets of Baal and Asherah. Elijah spoke to the people. “How long will you go back and forth between God and Baal? Decide who is the true God and follow him. Bring two bulls for a sacrifice. The many prophets of Baal may choose the one they want. They can prepare it and place it on the wood but not set fire to it. I will do the same. They can call on their god and I will call on my God. The one who answers by fire is the one true God.”

Be sure to write names on the pages.
Cut or tear a piece of tissue paper to make a large flame.
Glue the flame at the top of the page to represent fire coming from heaven.
You can even make it large enough to cover the altar.
Add a Bible verse sticker.

Talk About: People would usually light their own altars when offering a sacrifice. Elijah wanted everyone to know the power of God, so he prayed for God to send fire from heaven to burn the sacrifice. It was so powerful that it consumed everything!

BALLOON RELAY CONTEST

Materials: 2 Balloons
Masking Tape (In room)

Do: Mark a line on one side of the room as a starting line.
Mark two X's on the other side of the room.
Divide into two equal teams...a teacher may participate if there is an odd number.
Have the two teams line up behind the starting line.
The first person on each team must get the balloon to the X by blowing it on the floor or by nudging it with his nose. Once he makes it to the X, he carries it back to the next person in line and sits down.
The first team with everyone sitting down wins.

Talk About: Elijah had a contest with the prophets of Baal. They did not race, but each tried to have his God send fire to light the sacrifice. Our contest is just a fun race; but the contest Elijah had was very important and demonstrated God's power to everyone.

RAIN-STICK CRAFT

Materials: Paper towel or toilet paper tubes
Aluminum foil
Small dried beans (lentils or popcorn) or rice, or tiny pasta
Brown paper (from a grocery bag) or construction paper
Rubber Bands
Glue (In room)
Scissors (In room)
Crayons or markers (In room)



Do: Make 2 Caps for each Rain-stick. Trace around the end of a tube onto a piece of brown paper (or construction paper).
Draw a bigger circle around that circle and then draw a lot of spokes between the two circles.
Cut along the spokes.

For one end only, put glue on the spokes and glue the cap onto one end of your tube. Hold in place w/rubber band.

Save the other cap for later.

Cut 2 pieces of aluminum foil that are about one and half times the length of your tube and about 6 inches wide.

Crunch the aluminum foil into two long, thin, snake-like shapes.

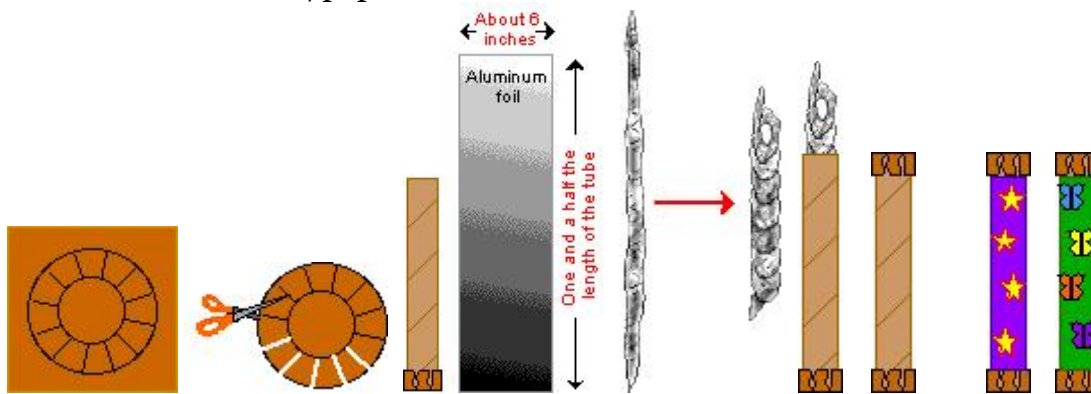
Then twist each one into a spring shape.

Put the aluminum foil springs into your tube.

Pour some dry beans, dry rice, or popcorn into your tube (~ 1/4 - 1/2 C)

Seal the end of the tube using the other cap. Hold in place w/rubber band.

Optional: Cover with construction paper. Color designs with crayons/markers or add stickers/paper cutouts.



Talk About: As you gently turn the stick to make rain sounds, tell how Elijah told Ahab that the sound of a heavy rain was coming. Elijah prayed for God to send rain, and He did!