

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

Program C-2

## 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.”



Drop one drop of water on the quarter using the eyedropper.  
Keep adding drops until the water runs off the quarter.

Talk About: It had not rained in Israel for over three years. There had not even been any dew in the morning. Why is water important?  
Who needs water?  
God wanted to get King Ahab's attention. So He kept it from raining for over three years.

## FLAME BANNERS

Materials: Orange, Yellow and Red Crepe Paper  
Large Craft Sticks  
Bible Verse Stickers  
Scissors (In room)  
Tape (In room)  
Stapler (In room)

Do: Cut off 2-3' strands of crepe paper.  
Staple 3 or 4 strands together at one end.  
Cut the ends to a point at different lengths.  
Tape or staple the streamers to a craft stick.  
Add a Bible verse sticker.

Talk About: Elijah asked God to send fire for the sacrifice. God is the one true God and is so powerful his fire consumed everything, the stones, dirt and water, too!

## BUILDING ALTARS

Materials: 12 Lunch Sacks  
Newspaper  
Tape (In room)  
Stapler (In room)

Do: To make stones, fill paper sacks with newspaper.  
Staple or tape closed.  
Stack together to make an altar.  
Take apart and do it again.  
You can use loops of tape to hold together for the last time, if desired.

Talk About: An altar is a place where we bring something to God. Elijah used twelve stones to build the altar to the LORD God. He used one stone for each tribe of Israel.