



3PK

September 7-8, 2013

DATE

Elijah and the Ravens

LESSON TITLE

I Kings 17:1-9

WHERE TO FIND IT

God Takes Care of Us

MAIN POINT

schedule

SCHEDULE for all sites:

First 10 minutes of the service hour:
Relationship-building time (kids get to know each other and the volunteers)

Next 25 minutes: Large group teaching and worship

Last 30 minutes: Story review, snack and small groups, activities/crafts

If you finish early, have kids engage group games as parents arrive. Check out the end of the activities section to find an idea for this week.

tips

Be sure to check for Allergy Alert stickers before passing out snacks. Also, give kids only 1 snack option and change it up each week. Really, they will be OK if they don't get to choose exactly what they want. This will cut down on the distribution time. You can use snack time as an opportunity to review the Bible story, too.

check-in/out

As kids leave, remind them to tell their parents why they made a raven with bread and meat in its mouth!

large group heads up

Today we're learning about God's miraculous provision to Elijah while he was living in the wilderness. God actually sent ravens to drop off meat and bread every morning and night. It's a pretty amazing reminder that God can provide for his family's needs.



instructions

Goal: to help kids review the story so they can retell it at home

Why? This is an amazing story of God's provision. Hopefully kids will remember it the next time they feel hungry or in need of something—and share the story of God's miraculous provision with their families.

Tip: Let each kid be “Elijah” in today's activity. Not only will each kid get a turn to be in the spotlight but also the whole group will review the story numerous times!

small group

**Serve kids a snack as you review the story:*

REVIEW THE STORY

1. Who was the man in the story who had to give some bad news to King Ahab? (Elijah)
2. Who told Elijah to go hide? (God!)
3. Where did Elijah have to hide? (outside, next to rocks and a brook)
4. How did Elijah eat? (ravens brought him bread and meat)
5. Who made the ravens give Elijah food? (God!)
6. Why did God take care of Elijah? (He loves to take care of his family!)

ACTIVITY

Give each kid:

- **A black paper bag with orange beak**
- **Black wings**
- **2 “googly” eyes**
- **bread and meat picture on cardstock square**
- **glue sticks**

Help kids glue on the wings. They can stick the two googly eyes somewhere above the beak. Then have them reenact the story! Choose an “Elijah” and ask kids to put the image in their bird's “mouth” and say “Caw! Caw!” as they fly the food around and finally give it to “Elijah” in the morning, then again at night. Remind them that GOD sent birds to bring food to Elijah—and that he'll take care of them, too!

***Pray together, thanking God for taking care of his family.**

Extra time? Act out the story again...and again. Repetition will help kids remember it!

THIS PAGE LEFT BLANK INTENTIONALLY

special notes

Today's lesson is all about a really crazy way God provided for Elijah. For fun, play up acting like birds with the kids! Then bring it back to the main point: God takes care of his family.

presenter tips

So you say you can dance? Show your stuff! Let loose during the songs and show the kids how to actively worship our awesome God! (Honestly, how many times a day will you get to act like a kid?)

script

Presenter: Hi Friends! Welcome to Kid's Club. I'm _____ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend, HOPS. She's going to remind us of the kind of choices we can make today in Kids' Club.

Video: *HOPS 3 Put on Your Listening Ears* (about 1 minute)

Wow, I can't wait to have some fun in Kids' Club today. Before we hear our story, can I see a big "thumbs up" from everybody who's ready to have some fun? (Let kids respond.) Great job! Now I think we're ready to hear God's story.

REVIEW

Presenter: (holding up the **Bible** for kids to see) ... This is where we can read about God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. It's God's Rescue plan.

Remember how God made the whole world and everything was good? The world was perfect! Give me a smile! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone:) But THEN, something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and sadness and death came into the world... Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.) This was *really* sad.

But even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God... God loved them anyway! And he planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve—and you and me—can be close to God again.

INTRO: ELIJAH HIDES

Well, God decided to send the Rescuer through a family. And one guy who got to be a part of God's family and a part of God's story was named Elijah. Can you guys say "Elijah"? (Let kids say: Elijah.)



script continued

Great job! Well, Elijah was a guy who listened to God a lot. And God often told him things to tell other people. One day, God told Elijah to give some bad news for a guy named King Ahab. When Elijah obeyed God and gave King Ahab the message, the king didn't like the bad news. Let me see your angry face. (Let kids show their angry faces.)

God knew King Ahab was mad, so he told Elijah to go hide by running away to the wilderness to live outside by a brook, far away from any houses or people. Elijah had to stay in a place that might have looked a little like this (**show picture of rocks next to stream**).

Now imagine what Elijah felt like living all by himself in the middle of a wilderness. The wind would blow. Can you guys say "whoooooosh" and pretend to get blown by the wind? (Lead kids in saying "whoosh" while swaying as if in the wind.) Nice job. Maybe Elijah had to hide from the wind.

He might have gotten cold. Everybody shiver (lead the kids in pretending to be cold). And he was definitely going to get hungry because there wasn't any food out in the middle of nowhere. Rub your tummy like you're hungry (lead the kids in rubbing their stomachs). Wow, that sounds pretty bad, doesn't it? Let me see those sad faces again. (Let kids make sad faces)

GOD TAKES CARE OF ELIJAH

Well, Elijah obeyed God and went far away to hide in the rocks and trees, next to a brook. And guess what? God took care of him! God let him drink out of the brook like a drinking fountain! Wow, that's pretty nice. Let me see your happy faces! (Let kids show their happy faces.)

You know what else God did? He told some birds, called ravens, to bring Elijah food so he wouldn't be hungry. Here's a little video of a raven (**show short raven clip**).

Video: Raven Call

Can you guys make that noise? Caw, caw! (Let kids say: caw, caw!) Good job! Now, everybody stand up! (Let kids stand.) Flap your arms, like a bird flapping its wings (flap your arms) and say "Caw! Caw!" (Flap and "caw!" as a group for a minute.) Let's pretend we're flying around the room! (Lead the kids on a "flight" around the room.)

OK, everybody have a seat. (Let kids sit.) Everyday, those ravens flew (flap and "caw!") right over to Elijah! And in their beaks, they carried bread and meat for Elijah to eat! Yum! That's more good news. Let me see those happy faces again. (Let kids make happy faces.)

They brought Elijah bread and meat in the morning when he woke up. And they brought him bread and meat in the evening before he went to bed. Even though there was no food around, God sent the ravens to bring food to Elijah! ...Because God always takes care of his family.

ELIJAH GETS TO LEAVE THE WILDERNESS

After awhile, God told Elijah to go back to a town where there were houses he could stay in and people he could talk to. God even told him there was a lady who would give him some food to eat. So Elijah got to stop hiding!



script continued

And the best part is God can do anything he wants to take care of us! He can even send a bird to deliver bread and meat. Everybody give yourself a big hug because God wants to take care of YOU, too! (Let kids give themselves a hug.)

Now, that's some more good news! Let's see those happy faces. (Let kids show their happy faces.) Great job! Now let's pray together and thank God that he takes care of us. (Pray together, breaking it into small, repeatable phrases.)

Pray: Hi God! Thanks for taking care of Elijah. Thanks for taking care of me. Aaaaaa-MEN.

WORSHIP

Now let's stand up! (Let kids stand.) Let's dance and sing to thank God for speaking to us.

Song: Trust in the Lord

Song: Deep and Wide

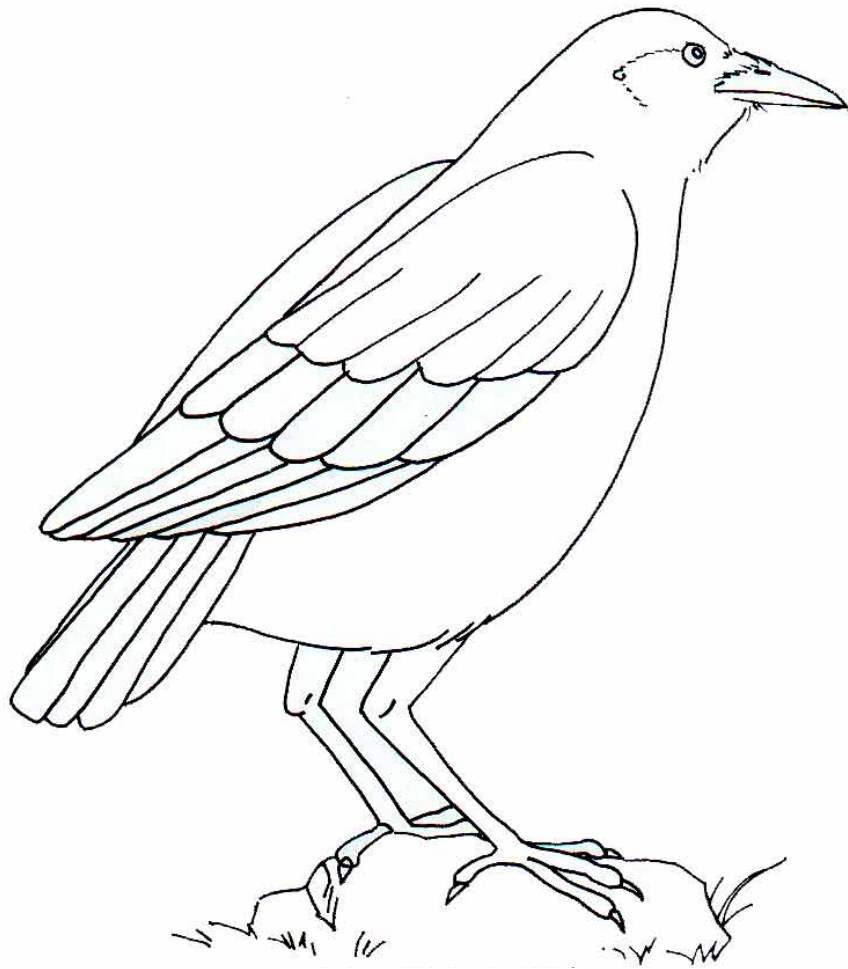
Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop to their groups.)



script continued

THIS PAGE LEFT BLANK INTENTIONALLY

name



PREP needs



small group supplies

1. Coloring pages: Raven
2. Markers

Per kid:

1. 1 BLACK paper bag (orange beak attached)
2. 1 set of black construction paper wings

3. 2 “googly” eyes
4. 1 bread and meat image (Please print in color on white cardstock and cut before the weekend. Template is in curriculum folder.)

Glue sticks for the group

large group supplies

Bible

a/v needs

1. Video: HOPS 3 Put on Your Listening Ears
2. Image: brook and rocks (jpeg in curriculum folder)
3. Video:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCCvETyyWhQ> (please use only the first 20 seconds)
4. Song: Trust in the Lord

5. Song: Deep and Wide

special room set-up

None

connect questions

Tell me about Elijah.
Why did God take care of Elijah?

parent page

Today, we talked about how God provided for Elijah in the wilderness by sending ravens to deliver bread and meat every morning and evening. We even made raven puppets so kids can reenact the story at home. The important thing to remember is that God can always take care of us, even in the most unexpected ways. Read the story together in I Kings 17:1-9, in the Bible.