



Kindergarten-2nd

September 7-8, 2013

DATE

Elijah and the Oil

LESSON TITLE

I Kings 17
(pg.422 in the Adventure Bible for Early Readers)

WHERE TO FIND IT

God Takes Care of Us

MAIN POINT

schedule

Hang out with kids (10 minutes): Ask kids about their week. Get kids into groups and play games together.

Large Group (30 minutes): Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group. And don't be afraid to redirect kids who aren't!

Small Group (20-30 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

Keep in mind, kids might not be perfectly engaged during small group. Do your best to engage every kid, but don't let redirecting take the place of reviewing the story. You may be surprised at what they pick up...even if they appear to be disengaged!

check-in/out

As parents come in to pick kids up, encourage kids to explain their group's sculptures (even though they won't be taking their sculptures home).

large group heads up

Today, we're learning about the amazing and miraculous ways God provided for Elijah and the widow who shared the last bits of food in her home with Elijah. This story is a great reminder that God not only promises that he WILL take care of us, but also that he CAN provide whatever we need!



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 need something—and not only trust God themselves but also share the story of God's miraculous provision with their families.

Tip: Make the reenactment fun! Kids can use voices, ravens or caves can talk, etc. If kids forget details, don't just tell them. Turn to the Bible.

small group

CONNECT

1. Share your name and one word to describe the best part of your week (if you've already connected before large group, move directly to question #2).
2. What was your favorite part of today's story? Why?

REVIEW THE STORY

3. How did God feed Elijah in the wilderness? (birds brought him meat and bread)
4. What's surprising/cool about birds bringing Elijah his food? (birds don't normally bring people food; it was a miracle, which is something that only God can do)
5. How did God feed the lady who shared food with Elijah? (he caused her flour and oil to stay full, even though she didn't refill them)
6. What's surprising/cool about the containers never running out? (That was a miracle too!)
7. Why did God take care of Elijah and the lady? (he loved them)
8. What are some ways God has taken care of you?

CREATE-A-SCENE ACTIVITY

As a group, use **Play-Dough** to recreate a scene of what happened today. Read I Kings 17 to refresh your memories. You'll need kids to make the following sculptures (if you have a large group, put the kids in pairs):

- Elijah (1)
- Cave for the wilderness (1)
- Raven(s) (1-3)
- Bread (1)
- Meat (1)

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- The lady Elijah met (1)
- Her container of flour and oil (2)
- The lady's house (1-2)
- The lady's son (1)

As a group, use the sculptures to reenact the story (each kid's part is the sculpture he/she created).

***When you finish, ask kids if they want to ask God to take care of them. Let them share specific needs, if they'd like. Then pray together, thanking God for taking care of his family.**

Extra time? Let small groups present their sculptures to one another—maybe they can even reenact their favorite part of the story.

special notes

The survival game at the beginning should really excite kids for the lesson. Make it fun and try to engage the whole crowd, not just the three volunteers.

presenter tips

There are no videos to help tell the story today. But in each section, there are a couple of little interactive or visual bits. Make sure you weave those into your storytelling today!

script

Hi Kids! Welcome to Kids' Club! I'm so happy to see you all here today. I can't wait to tell you about today's story. It's all about survival and how God took care of his family.

INTRO: SURVIVAL KIT SCAVENGE

So before we start, I need three volunteers. (Choose three kids.) Let's pretend you are stuck. You have no food, no water, no money, no way of surviving. But then...you find THIS backpack (**hold up the backpack**).

You guys can open it, and I want you to put all the things you DON'T really need over here (point to a spot) and all the things you DO really need over here (point to a spot). Remember, only keep the things that you think will help you survive, that you would want to find if you had nothing left, no food or water or anything. Ready? (Let kids ask questions if they're unsure.)

OK, go! (*Kids will find a **picture of a raven, an empty flour container, a blanket, a full (unopened) box of crackers, a (unopened) water bottle, a popsicle stick, and a few other random items**. Kids should have the picture of a raven and the empty flour container in the DO NOT NEED pile. Really convince them that it would be strange to keep those items. Just have fun with everything else!*)

Wow, I think you made some great choices. What do you guys think? (Let kids respond.) And I agree, what good does a bird do you? (Unless maybe they argue that they can kill it and eat it for food.) ...Or an empty container? Or _____ (whatever other items are discarded.)

Now, let's hear a story about a couple of people who ran out of the things they needed. They didn't get to find a backpack like this, so let's take a look at how GOD took care of them.



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ELIJAH IS STUCK IN THE WILDERNESS

Once, there was this guy named Elijah. Can you guys say, “Elijah?” Let kids repeat it. The cool thing about Elijah is he got messages from God that nobody else could hear. He would tell other people what *GOD* wanted them to do. He was what we call a prophet.

The problem is, sometimes people *liked* the messages from God...and sometimes they *didn't*. One time, God told Elijah to give some **BAD** news to the king, King Ahab. Now, do you think the king was happy to hear the bad news? (Let kids say: **NO.**) Nope, he sure wasn't. In fact, he was furious! Everybody say, “Arrrrggggg!” (Lead kids in making an angry noise.)

Yikes! If the **KING** was mad, Elijah could get into **BIG** trouble. So God told Elijah to go far out into the wilderness to hide from King Ahab. Elijah was safe from the king...but he was stuck out in the wilderness, all alone, with no food. ...Nothing to eat!

(Show picture of the wilderness.) If you guys were in the wilderness, how do you think you'd get food? (Let kids give survival tips.)

GOD TOOK CARE OF ELIJAH

Well, God always takes good care of his family. And God did something **AMAZING** to take care of Elijah! **(Pick up the picture of the raven.)** He actually sent black birds, called ravens, to deliver food to Elijah every morning and every evening. In case you can't see this picture very well, ravens look like this: **(play raven clip)**.

And just like sometimes people deliver pizzas to us, ravens delivered bread and meat to Elijah two times every day! Everybody say, “Woah!” because that's amazing. (Let kids say: Woah!)

THE WOMAN IS OUT OF OIL AND FLOUR

Well, finally, God told Elijah it was safe to stop hiding. So Elijah headed into a nearby town. When he got there, he saw a lady gathering sticks. The lady lived by herself with her son and they didn't have any money—and barely any food.

But Elijah was hungry again, and he asked her, “Could I have a little bit of water and a piece of bread?”

The lady only had enough flour and oil **(hold up the empty container of flour)** to make one more loaf of bread. She was going to use it up and then she had nothing left in her house. She told Elijah she only had enough for one more meal for her and her son.

If you guys only had enough food for one more meal, would you share it with somebody else? (Let kids respond.) Let's see what the lady did!

GOD TOOK CARE OF THE WIDOW

Elijah said to the lady, “Don't be afraid. Go home and make me some bread.” He told her that if she shared, God would fill up her flour and oil (motion to the container). And they would never run out...until she had another way to get food! God would just take care of her. Everybody say, “Woah!” because that's amazing! (Let kids say: Woah!)



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And guess what? She never ran out! It's like if your family never had to grocery shop again...but you always had food!

GOD TAKES CARE OF US

So how did God take care of Elijah? (Let kids say: the ravens brought him food.) Yep, and how did God take care of the lady who shared? (Let kids say: He filled up her water and oil.)

Woah! He sure did! Those are some amazing things that only GOD can do. And the cool part is God loves to take care of his family...because he loves us SO much! He's big enough and strong enough to take care of us too. He can do things that are totally unexpected like send birds to deliver food or fill up empty containers of flour. In fact, Matthew 6:31-32 says this:

SLIDE: Matthew 6:31-32: Don't worry and ask yourselves, "Will we have anything to eat? Will we have anything to drink? Will we have any clothes to wear?" Only people who don't know God are always worrying about such things. Your Father in heaven knows that you need all of these.

When we know God, we don't need to worry about anything!

WORSHIP

Let's stand up and worship God to thank him for loving us and taking care of us.

Song: You Come in a Hurry

Song: Jesus Loves Me

PRAY

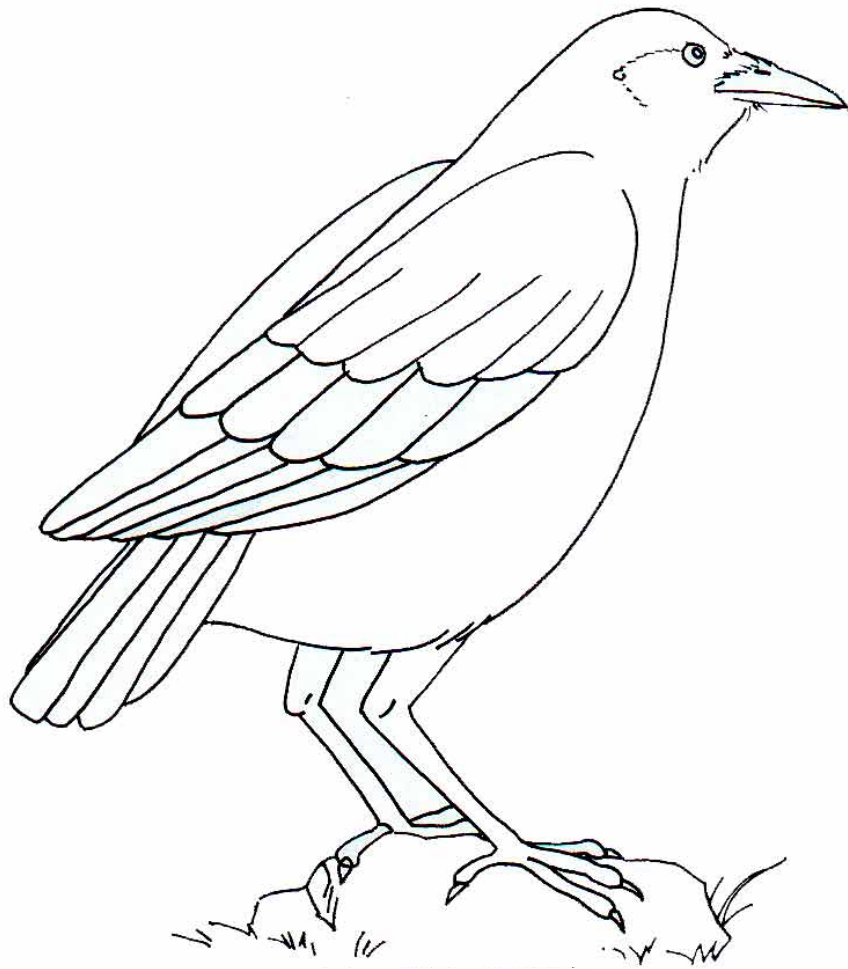
Ask somebody to come and thank God for taking care of his family.



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PREP needs



small group supplies

1. Coloring pages: Raven
2. Markers
3. Play-Dough-plenty for each child (reused each service)
4. Adventure Bible for Early Readers (Pg.422)

large group supplies

Adventure Bible for Early Readers (Pg.422)

Backpack (or bag) with these items:

- picture of a raven (printed in color; jpeg in curriculum folder)
- an empty flour container
- a blanket
- a full (unopened) box of crackers
- a (unopened) water bottle
- a popsicle stick
- 1-3 other random (can differ per room and site)

a/v needs

1. Image: brook and rocks (jpeg in curriculum folder)
2. Video:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCCvETyyWhQ> (please use only the first 20 seconds)
3. SLIDE: Matthew 6:31-32: Don't worry and ask yourselves, "Will we have anything to eat? Will we have anything

to drink? Will we have any clothes to wear?" Only people who don't know God are always worrying about such things. Your Father in heaven knows that you need all of these.

4. Song: You Come in A Hurry
5. Song: Jesus Loves Me (hand motions and lyrics)

special room set-up

None

connect questions

Tell me about Elijah.

How did God take care of Elijah?

parent page

God provided for Elijah in the wilderness by sending ravens to deliver bread and meat every morning and evening. It reminds us that God can take care of us too. In K-2, we also learned the next part of the story, which is about *another* miracle God did to take care of somebody! Ask your kid to tell you about it. You can read the whole story together in I Kings 17:1-9, in the Bible.