



# Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup>

September 26-27, 2015

DATE

Elijah

LESSON TITLE

I Kings 18; Phil 4:13

WHERE TO FIND IT

God is the one true God.

MAIN POINT

## schedule

**Connect Time (15 minutes):** Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

**Large Group (30 minutes):** Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

**Small Group (15 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

This is the last week that kids get stickers to wear home. Make sure they each get one!

## check-in/out

As kids leave, have them explain the wet flames to the adult who picks them up.

**MAKE SURE EACH KID TAKES HOME A SURVEY POSTCARD (SHOULD BE LOCATED NEAR THE DOOR)**

## large group heads up

If we're certain that God is truly GOD, we'll act differently. We'll love him, trust him and want to follow him. We'll know that nothing we face is too hard for him. Today, just focus on this story and the miraculous way he revealed himself to hundreds of people. Hopefully, hundreds of kids believe in him today, too!



## connect time

**GOAL:** *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

### TRUE OR FALSE

*\*This would probably work best as whole group.*

- Designate one side of the room as “TRUE” and the other side as “FALSE” (make sure kids understand those definitions before you get started)
- Have kids stand in the middle of the two sides.
- Read through the statements below (or make up your own!). Have kids decide whether they are TRUE or FALSE by walking to that side of the room (you may have to point to a side after you read each statement)
  - First help kids understand the difference:
    - I'm wearing shoes.
    - The sky is green
    - Sheep say “neigh!”
    - We were made by God
    - Grass grows on the ground
    - When it rains, monkeys fall from the sky
    - People must eat food to live
  - Then have some fun! (You can invite kids to volunteer too.)
    - Chameleons have a tongue that's 1.5 times the length of its body (true)
    - When an octopus gets angry, it shoots a stream of black “ink” (true)
    - An owl's brain is bigger than its eyes (false)
    - Starfish have two eyes (false: 8, one at the end of each leg)
    - It takes more muscles to frown than to smile (true)
    - The smallest bones in your body are in your toes (false: ears!)
    - A lightning bolt is 4 times hotter than the sun (true)

### CONNECT

1. What does it mean if something is false? What does it mean if something is true?
2. Was there ever a time you thought something false was true? Tell us about it.  
(Share a personal example to help give kids ideas.)

**Before you go to Large Group, you can also remind kids of the expectations for Large Group behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.**



## instructions

**Goal:** Kids will (1) recognize that God started a fire and Baal couldn't (because he's not real) and (2) understand that God is the one true God.

**Why?** It's important that kids begin to articulate (or formulate) their belief that God is the one true God, even though they'll begin to attach actions to that belief later.

**Tip:** Kids need water for this activity. You may need to prep water before Small Group begins or change the way you add water to the altar to fit your group. If you need to be the only one who handles the water, that's great!

## small group

### REVIEW THE STORY

1. Why did Elijah set up a contest between God and Baal? (He knew Ahab believed in Baal, but that Baal was actually a pretend god)
2. What was the contest? (build two altars and see who could bring fire)
3. What happened when the prophets prayed to Baal? (nothing) Why? (he's not real)
4. What happened when Elijah prayed to God? (he brought fire?) Why? (he IS real)
5. Have you ever seen anything else that shows you God is real? (answers will vary)

### MAKE IT PERSONAL

- Give each kid **a piece of gray paper** and have them wad it into a ball (a rock to be part of the altar)
- Build an "altar" in **the plastic small group bin** (by stacking "rocks")
- Then give each kid **a Dixie cup** containing water, and let each one douse the "rocks" with water
- Give each kid **a flame image** and let them color it red, orange or yellow
- **ASK: Why does God want us to know he's real?**
  - As kids answer, have them lay their flame on the altar
  - Review Philippians 4:13 together. Here are the motions:
    - **Philippians 4:13** (hold up 4 fingers; then say "thirteen")
    - **For I** (point to self)
    - **can do everything** (extend palms outward)
    - **through Christ**, (point up)
    - **who gives me strength.** (flex muscles)

**\*Pray together, thanking God that he's real.**

**BEFORE KIDS LEAVE SMALL GROUP**, tell them (again—you did this last week, too!) that they get another sticker. It has a website on it where they can find all the videos and songs from Kids' Club. Encourage them to invite a friend over and tell them what they learned about God's story, just like the kids in today's video retold God's story.

**\*Also, before you leave today, please use paper towels to dry your small group bin for the next service (or so that it doesn't sit wet for too long if you're serving during that last service of the weekend).**

*Give kids an altar coloring page. You can have kids pray Elijah's prayer (you can even look it up in I Kings 18 and read it straight out of the Bible, then draw fire on top of the altar. You can also play the True/False game again.*

## special notes

At the end, kids have a chance to tell God they believe in him today. But if they're not sure yet, they can also talk to God about that. Make sure to set up the response time as a discussion with God, not just a time to repeat "You are God," which is just one suggestion for kids.

## presenter tips

There are a couple times to play rounds of the "True/False" game kids did during Connect Time. Do it to get them up and moving!

## script

### WELCOME AND INTRO (5 min.)

Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. It's great to see you here. And if it's your first time, I'm really glad you came. Before we get started today, I have some exciting news: you may have heard that Kids' Club has got some brand new awesome songs! **(Click to show the Strong EP image.)** This is what the CD will look like, but we won't be giving out CD's for awhile. If you want to get the songs early, before everybody else, have an adult fill out a survey on our website, CrossroadsKidsClub.net (refer to screen). Then you can download the songs early!

Now, back to what we're talking about today: You might have already guessed...we're talking about something that's true and something that's false...and I think you guys seem like experts on that! Show me how good you are: everybody, stand up! (Let kids stand.)

Now, if I say something TRUE, go to this side of the room (point to the side of your choice). If I say something FALSE, go to that side of the room (point to the opposite side of the room). Ready? (Read the following statements—or make up your own—and let kids vote):

- We're at Kids' Club right now!
- It's raining outside
- We can scream louder than the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders (or whatever age group is directly above the oldest kid in your room; let kids show you)

Whew, now have a seat! (Let kids sit.)

### ELIJAH REVIEW (1 min.)

Today's story is all about how GOD is the true God. He's the one we should follow and worship and trust in. **(Click to show image of Elijah)** If you were here last week, you heard about a guy named Elijah. He knew all about God's power, because he was a prophet. That means God spoke to him and he shared it with others.



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But sometimes, people didn't want to hear the things God said to Elijah. In fact, one time, Elijah told the king, Ahab, something that made him FURIOUS. He wanted to kill Elijah, so God told Elijah to run away to the wilderness for awhile. While he was in the wilderness, God took care of him by sending him ravens to deliver bread and meat every morning and every night.

### **GOD VS. BAAL (9 min.)**

King Ahab didn't want to hear what God said because he didn't believe God was the only true God. So he didn't follow God at all. In fact, he believed a pretend god—a statue—was real. Did any of you have a time that you thought something false was true? (Let kids share a couple responses from the Connect Time question.) That's what happened to Ahab! He worshiped a pretend or false god called Baal.

But something amazing happened to show that God is TRUE and Baal is FALSE. There was actually a contest set up and it was God vs. Baal. See worshipers of both God and Baal set up altars, which were they could give their God a gift called a sacrifice. Elijah suggested that they have a contest and set up two altars. The way a sacrifice worked was that you built a fire on the altar. So Elijah suggested they see who could bring fire to the altar... God or Baal.

Now, before we find out what happened, let's talk about starting a fire for a minute. Does anybody know how to start a fire? (Let kids respond.) Let's think about some things that are TRUE and FALSE about starting a fire. Everybody stand up and get ready to vote again. (Let kids stand. Then read the following statements.)

- Fire is really hot (true)
- You need sticks or paper or something to burn (true)
- Water helps start fires (false)

Good job! Now have a seat. (Let kids sit.) And you guys were totally right, water doesn't help start fires...it puts them out! You dump water on fire to stop it.

Now keep that in mind as we watch a video with some kids telling us about the contest between God and Baal. Let's see who could start a fire...and who couldn't. As you watch, see if you can figure out how Elijah proved that God was real and Baal was false.

### **Video: KBS / Elijah (2 min.)**

Wow, so how did the people find out that God was real and Baal was false? (Let kids respond.) That's right, Baal's altar never started on fire, even with hundreds of people asking him for it! But God's altar started on fire right away, *even though Elijah covered it with water*. There's absolutely no way a fire could have burned with all that water unless the fire came from the one true God.

### **IMAGINE IT (5 min.)**

Let's imagine this for a second. Does somebody want to be Elijah? (Choose one kid to come up and be Elijah.) Great, now Elijah believed in God, but everybody else believed in Baal. So all



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the rest of you believe in Baal. Can all of you guys stand up? (Let kids stand.)

OK, so you guys get to shout for fire. Can you shout? (Let kids shout.) You beg and plead and maybe chant. Maybe you even do a silly dance. Let's try it (**click to play a short clip of dance music**). Hmm, nothing. (**Click to show empty altar.**)

Now you guys all look at Elijah. It's his turn. Elijah, you simply ask God to prove that he is the TRUE God. (Let Elijah say something like, "God, please prove you are the true God." **Then click to show the burning fire.**)

Everybody shouted, "The Lord is God! The Lord is God!" Can you guys shout that? (Let kids shout.) Great job! Now everybody can have a seat. (Let kids sit.)

### GOD IS REAL (3 min.)

Awesome job! And guess what, you guys? God is still real. He's the one true God, the one we should worship, the one we should love, the one we should follow, the one we should trust. If God can bring a fire to a wet altar, he can do anything! That means that we know he'll help us to follow him. Remember our verse for this month Philippians 4:13:

**SLIDE: Philippians 4:13: For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.**

Let's practice it for the last time. Ready?

- **Philippians 4:13** (hold up 4 fingers; then say "thirteen")
- **For I** (point to self)
- **can do everything** (extend palms outward)
- **through Christ**, (point up)
- **who gives me strength.** (flex muscles)

### RESPOND AND PRAY (2 min.)

Great job. And since God is real and can do anything, let's tell him that we believe in him and want to follow him. He is the one TRUE God! If you want to declare you believe in him, in your head, just say, "You are God." If you want, you can ask him to help you show others that God is true this week, just like Elijah showed King Ahab and the follower of Baal. Take a minute and talk to God right now. Remember, in your head, you can say what King Ahab said, "You are God." (Give kids a moment of silence to talk to God. Then wrap up for them.)

### WORSHIP (6 min.)

Since God is the TRUE God who made the world and everything in it—including us, let's show him love by singing to him. We'll tell him that there's nothing to fear because we know he's true and he loves us.

**Music Video: You Are**  
**Music Video: Love Beats Fear**

*\*Dismiss kids to small groups.*



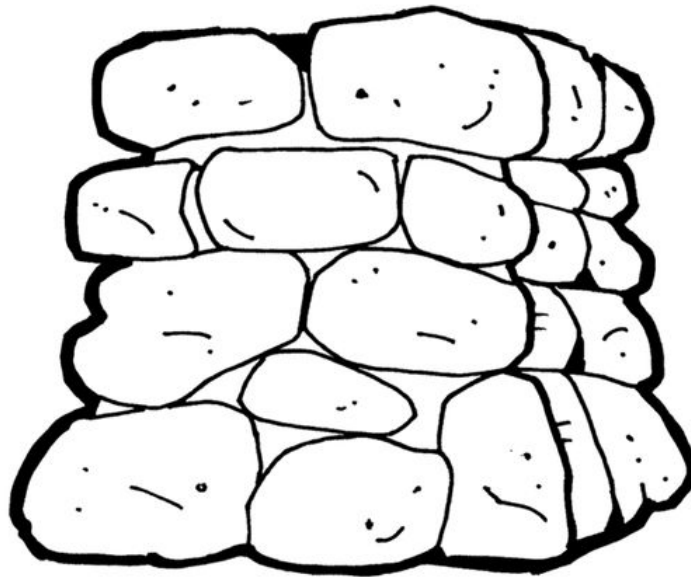
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# PREP needs



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## connect time supplies

“True or false” game – no supplies needed

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## small group supplies

### Per kid

- 1 gray piece of paper
- 1 flame image on paper
- 1 Dixie cup
- coloring page
- 1 round CrossroadsKidsClub.net sticker
- 1 survey postcard (to be handed out at the door)

### Per group

- Markers
- 1 Bible
- the small group bin

### Per Room

- Extra paper towels

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## large group supplies

Bible

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## a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Image: Strong EP
3. Image: Elijah
4. Video: KBS / Elijah (<https://vimeo.com/105260217>)
5. SLIDE: Philippians 4:13: For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.
6. Image: altar without fire
7. Video: burning fire: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HgKd3FxSSw4>
8. Music Video: You Are

(<https://vimeo.com/112963091>)

9. Music Video: Love Beats Fear (<https://vimeo.com/113716523>)

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## connect questions

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