



3PK

October 4-5, 2014

DATE

Elijah and the ravens

LESSON TITLE

I Kings 17:1-9

WHERE TO FIND IT

God takes care of us

MAIN POINT

schedule

First 10 minutes of the service hour:

Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

Next 5 minutes: Connect Time

Next 25 minutes: Large Group

Last 25 minutes: Snack and Small Group

Finish early? Repeat the activity! Kids this age learn through repetition. Or, check out the end of the activities section to find an idea for this week.

tips

BEGINNING THIS WEEK, WE WILL HAVE KIDS DO COLORING PAGES AT THE END OF THE SERVICE.

That way, when parents come in, their kid can explain to them what the coloring page means (how it relates to the story). This will give kids an extra tool to share the story at home.

check-in/out

As kids leave, remind them to tell their parents why they are coloring a bird!

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.



connect time

GOAL: *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (10 minutes after the service start time, when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter.)**
- Line Up
- While in line, tell kids we're going to hear about how God used birds to carry bread and food to a guy named Elijah. Let's have some fun acting like birds.
 - Play any **Kids' Club CD** on a **CD player**.
 - While the music is on, dance around like birds (flap your wings; say "caw, caw" like a raven).
 - When the music is off, stand perfectly still and as silent as you can.
 - End with kids practicing silence!

Then remind kids to stay quiet for Large Group and "fly" in together by tip-toing and flapping their arms!



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) retell the story of Elijah and the ravens and (2) recognize that God took care of Elijah (and hopefully begin to understand that God takes care of us too!).

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: The first service of the weekend will need to inflate the crazy bird beach ball. Please leave it inflated for all following services to use.

small group

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

REVIEW THE STORY

1. Who had to go hide from angry King Ahab? (Elijah)
2. Who told Elijah to go hide? (God!)
3. Where did Elijah hide? (Outside, next to rocks and a brook.)
4. How did Elijah eat? (Ravens brought him bread and meat.)
5. Who gave the ravens food for Elijah? (God!)
6. Why did God take care of Elijah? (He loves to take care of his family!)
7. How does God take care of US? (Give kids hint, like: gives us food, water, clothes, shelter from the rain, friends, Kids' Club, etc.)

ACTIVITY: ELIJAH-STYLE HOT POTATO

****Make sure to reenact as you play to help kids recall the story!***

- Set up (*if you are the first service of the weekend*): Inflate the **crazy bird beach ball**.
- Have all kids sit in a circle
- Tell kids to pretend they are Elijah, hiding in the wilderness (act like it's dark, windy, and cold like in Large Group; have kids rub their tummies like they are hungry)
- Start the **music** and pass the "crazy bird" around. When the music stops, everybody can say, "God takes care of us!" (Then, remind kids how God gave birds food for Elijah.) The kid holding the bird can pretend to eat bread and meat.
- Make sure all kids get a turn. You can also toss the ball to each other instead of playing music.

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

Extra time? Act out the story again...and again while playing "hot potato." Repetition will help kids remember it! You can also play the freeze dance game from Connect Time.

****About 5 minutes before the end of service, have kids sit down to color a bird from today's story. You can encourage them to draw bread and meat in its mouth. Beginning today, the coloring page will always be for the END of service, so that kids can color it as parents arrive and it can spark conversations about the day's story.**

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 do you get to act like a kid?)

script

**Click to play intro music*

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! And can anybody wear their listening ears like HOPS? (Model putting on "listening ears" and let kids respond.) Wow, I think we're ready to hear God's story.

REVIEW

(Hold up the **Bible** for kids to see.) Does anybody know the name of this book? (Let kids say: the Bible!) Yes, the Bible! 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. The first two people in the world, 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.

ELIJAH HEARS FROM GOD

Well, God decided to send the Rescuer through a family. And one guy who got to be a part of



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God's family and a part of God's story was named Elijah. Can you guys say "Elijah?" (Let kids say: Elijah.)

Good job! Well, Elijah was a guy who listened to God a lot. And God often told him things to tell other people. When somebody hears from God and shares it, they are called a prophet. Can you guys say "prophet"? (Let kids respond.) Great!

One day, God told the prophet Elijah to give some bad news to 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.)

ELIJAH RUNS AWAY

God knew King Ahab was mad, so he told Elijah to go hide by running away to the wilderness, far away from any houses or people. Can you guys pretend to run from where you're sitting (show kids how to pump their arms while staying seated). Nice! So Elijah ran away and hid in a place that might have looked a little like this (**show picture of rocks next to stream**).

Just imagine what Elijah felt like living all by yourself in the middle of a wilderness. There was nobody around. At night, it got really dark. Can you squeeze your eyes shut? (Let kids respond.) I can't see anything!

And even during the day, it was lonely and windy. 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, even though it was windy and lonely.... And guess what? God took care of Elijah! Does anybody know what a brook is? (Let kids respond.) It's water! (Point to the water in the picture.) And God let Elijah hide out in a place with a brook so he could drink water from it 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.)



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OK, everybody have a seat. (Let kids sit.) Every day, 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 at night 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.

GOD TAKES CARE OF US TOO

But the best part is, God takes care of us too! Everybody give yourself a big hug because God wants to take care of YOU! (Let kids give themselves a hug.) He takes care of us because he loves us!

Now, that’s some good news! Let’s see those happy faces *one more time*. (Let kids show their happy faces.) This sure is a great part of God’s story! 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 taking care of us.

Song: Jesus Loves Me

Song: Trust in the Lord

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.)



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

Working CD player and any KC CD

small group supplies

Coloring Page: Bird

Per room:

1 bird ball (OT: IN-13647291)

KC CD and CD Player from connect time

large group supplies

Bible

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. Video: Fall HOPS 3 Put on Your Listening Ears (<http://vimeo.com/99633582>)
 3. Image: brook and rocks (jpeg in curriculum folder)
 4. Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCCvETyYWhQ> (please use only the first 20 seconds; this was used last year so may already be saved on the server)
 5. Song: Jesus Loves Me (with hand motions;
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| 6. http://vimeo.com/44164426
Song: Trust in the Lord |
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connect questions

Tell me about Elijah.

How did God take care of Elijah?

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