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**Series:** God Is Powerful  
Fall Year 1, Lesson 24

# Elijah and the False Prophets of Baal

**Take Home Point:** \*GOD IS POWERFUL...*Pray to God for help.*

\*Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson. The leader will say the first part of the phrase (CAPS). The children respond with the second part of the phrase (*italics*).

**Bible Event:** 1 Kings 18: 16-39

**We will help children know:**

- The story of Elijah and the prophets of Baal.
- God is more powerful than all of our problems.




**We will help the children feel:**

- Strength in God's power.
- Confident that God is powerful enough to answer our prayers.

**We will help the children do:**

- Interact with puppet presentation to introduce the Bible Event.
- Participate in the Bible event and watch a contest between King Ahab and Elisha.
- Craft: Make an altar.
- Snack: Eat a pretend altar.
- Game: Play a game called "Who is More Powerful?"
- Teach Albie the Take Home Point: **GOD IS POWERFUL...***Pray to God for help.*
- Sing and Pray.

# THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

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## Pre-Session Singing (10 minutes)

**Purpose:** When all children are in one group singing, it is easy for children arriving later to join the group and immediately get involved.

## Large Group Opening (15 minutes)



**Purpose:** The puppet demonstrates today's lesson. The children are introduced to the take home point and experience the Bible event.

## Puppet Presentation

*Supplies:* Judy puppet wearing a sweatband; Presenter holds a Bible

**Presenter:** Boys and girls, let's call Judy. (Children call "Judy".)

Judy: (huffing, puffing and grunting, lifting her arms up and down.) Hi everyone.

**Presenter:** Judy, what are you doing?

Judy: I am working out. I want to get really, really, really strong!

**Presenter:** Well, exercise is good for our bodies. Don't you think you are doing a little too much exercise?

Judy: Oh, no. I need to do lots of exercise so I can get strong enough to fight the monster in my closet. Then I will be safe.

**Presenter:** Judy, there are no such things as monsters.

Judy: Are you sure?

**Presenter:** Absolutely, positively sure! Exercising will make you strong, but I know someone who is so powerful, he can help you with anything.

Judy: Wow, anything? I need to know who that is.

**Presenter:** It is God. He is more powerful than anybody or anything in the world. He can even make our fears go away.

Judy: That is good to know. How do I talk to God?

**Presenter:** You talk to God when you pray.

Judy: I can do that.

**Presenter:** Yes you can. God is powerful and we can pray to God for help. That is what Elijah did in our Bible event today. Would you like to learn more?

Judy: Yes.

**Presenter:** First, let's practice the take home point. I'll say the first part and you say the second part.

Judy: O.K.

**Presenter:** \*GOD IS POWERFUL... now you say, "Pray to God for help."

Judy: Pray to God for help.

**Presenter:** Do you think you can teach the boys and girls?

Judy: Sure.

**Presenter:** Ok everybody, \*GOD IS POWERFUL...

Judy: (and everyone): Pray to God for help.

**Presenter:** Wonderful. Say "goodbye" Judy.

Judy: Bye everyone!

## **Bible Event:**

*Supplies: Bible; plain robe; fancy robe for a king; small table covered with a cloth; fake fire made of 18" pieces of red, orange and or yellow crepe paper (or strips of tissue paper) stapled together at bottom (Option: flash paper and lighter) Elijah will have fake fire hidden in his hand or up a sleeve; a bucket or large bowl*

Presenter holds the Bible

### **PRESENTER:**

**Elijah was a man of God. He was the only prophet left. All other prophets and people were not listening to God or obeying God's word. Almost everyone was praising the false gods of Baal. Elijah wanted to show everyone that the one true God was more powerful than Baal. He invited King Ahab and over 450 prophets of Baal to come to Mount Carmel.**

**Elijah wanted to prove to everyone that God is powerful and Baal was not. He challenged King Ahab to a contest. Let's meet King Ahab and Elijah.**  
Actors enter the stage, Elijah in plain robe and King Ahab in fancy robe.

King Ahab:  
There's that trouble-maker Elijah!

**Elijah:**  
**I have not made trouble. You have abandoned God and now you follow the false god Baal.**

King Ahab:  
So you say. Can you prove Baal is a false god?

**Elijah:**  
**Yes! Only the Lord God is the true God. Today everyone will know that power belongs to God.**

King Ahab:  
Prove it!

**Elijah: We will each cut up a bull and pray to our god for fire. The altar that starts on fire belongs to the true and powerful God. You may go first.**

Bring in small table (altar) and put in middle of stage.

**PRESENTER:**  
**Boys and girls, I need you to use your imagination. Pretend this is an altar with sticks and wood on top with meat on top of that.**

King Ahab: (Stands by the altar and says:)  
Baal, give us fire!! Burn, Baal, burn!!

**Elijah:**  
**Nothing is happening. You can do better than that.**

King Ahab: (Keeps walking around altar) saying louder three times,  
Baal, give us fire!!

**Elijah:**  
**Where is your god? Is he sleeping? Is he on vacation? Did Baal forget his people?**

**PRESENTER (to audience):**  
**King Ahab called to Baal from morning until it started to get dark. Nothing happened. No fire. Not even a spark. It seems that Baal is NOT a powerful god. We know the one and only true \*GOD IS POWERFUL... pray to God for help. King Ahab, what do you have to say now about Baal?**

King Ahab:  
This contest is not over yet! Let's see if your God does any better!

King Ahab walks up to the altar. While Elijah prays, Ahab “humphs” and makes other noises that indicate he does not believe Elijah.

**Elijah:** Turning to audience.

**Children of Israel, I need a helper. Together we will show King Ahab and the false prophets of Baal that \*GOD IS POWERFUL... *pray to God for help.***  
Give bucket to volunteer. **Pour water on the altar to make it harder to burn.**  
Volunteer pretends to pour water on table. **Now do it again.** Volunteer does it again. **Do it once more. You may sit down. Now I will pray to God for help.**

**Elijah:** Raising his hands with back to audience

**O Lord, you are the God of all these people. Please answer my prayer. Then everyone will know you are the one true God.** Elijah throws the pretend fire (crepe paper) on the table.

(Option: light flash paper and throw it into the air. This must be practiced ahead of time so it can be done safely.)

**PRESENTER:**

**Look at that fire! Point to the altar. It is burning the altar, the wood and even the water! Now we know that the Lord God is the one true God. He has won the contest at Mount Carmel! Children of Israel, let's bow down to the one true God.**

Lead the children in a bow. Actors leave stage.

**Let's practice the take home point together. \*GOD IS POWERFUL...  
*Pray to God for help.***

**Let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.**

**Dear God,  
We love you.  
You are powerful.  
We pray for your help.  
Thank you, thank you, thank you.  
In Jesus' name.  
Amen.**

**Song:**

**Let's sing our song of the week.** (To the tune of *Farmer in the Dell*)

Capitalized letters indicate emphasis on that syllable when the rhyme is sung.

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# Small Group Application (30 minutes)

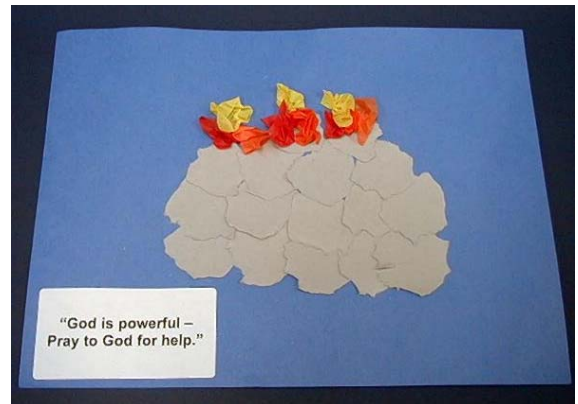


**Purpose:** Children will break into small groups. Smaller groups enable children to develop closer relationships with adults and peers in the church. In your small groups you will reinforce the take home point with a fun hands-on activity and discuss the Bible event. Review questions help kids apply the take home point to their daily lives.

## Activity 1: Craft: Altar Picture

**Supplies:** Gray or light brown construction paper, half piece per child; blue construction paper, one piece per child; glue sticks; pieces of red, orange and yellow tissue paper, torn or cut into 2" squares; optional: flat toothpicks

Today we are going to make an altar to remind us of the contest between Elijah and King Ahab. Give each child the half piece of gray or light brown construction paper. **Tear your paper into rock shaped pieces.** When you are finished, glue them in an altar shape to this piece of blue paper (give each child blue paper). If using the option of flat toothpicks, have them glue them on top of the altar now. When finished, give each child three or four pieces of each color tissue paper for fire. **Now take this pretend fire and crumple them up and then glue them on top of the altar.** Put label with take home point on picture or write it on.



Review the Bible Event.

**Why did Elijah want to have a contest?**

*(To prove that our God is the one true God and Baal is a false god.)*

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## **Activity 2: Snack:** Elijah's Altar

*Supplies: one large marshmallow per child; 4 straight pretzels per child, (optional: 2 candy corn per child) napkins, cups, water.*

**\*\*\*CAUTION:** *Be aware of food allergies children may have. before you give them anything to eat.*

Before we eat our snack, let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

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We love you.  
You are powerful.  
We pray for your help.  
Thank you, thank you, thank you.  
In Jesus' name.  
Amen.

Boys and girls, today we are going to make and eat a pretend altar. Hand out a napkin and one marshmallow to each child. The marshmallow is the altar and these pretzel sticks are the pretend wood. Put them on top of the marshmallow. If using the option of candy corn, give two to each child. These candy corn are the colors of fire. Put them on top of your sticks. In our Bible Event, they poured water on the altar. This would help to prove that God is powerful because fire does not burn in water. We won't pour water on our snack, but you can drink it while you eat your snack.





Review the Bible event.

**What happened during the contest?**

*(King Ahab's altar did not burn; Elisha's did burn.)*

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### **Activity 3: Game:** Who is More Powerful?

*Supplies: None*

**Boys and girls, today we are going to play a game to see who is more powerful. Let's sit on the floor in a big circle. I am going to name something that is powerful and you will act like the thing I name. Then I will ask you a question. Let's go.**

**A big mean dog. Stay in your spot and growl like a big mean dog that wants to chase you and bite you. Are you powerful?** Children answer, "Yes!" **Is God more powerful than a big mean dog?** Children answer, "Yes!"

**A storm. Let's stand up and make our bodies move like the wind is blowing us over. Now make some thunder sounds. Are you powerful?** Children answer, "Yes!" **Is God more powerful than a storm?** Children answer: Yes!

**A bully. Puff up your chest and make a mean face. Shake your fist in the air. Are you powerful?** Children answer, "Yes!" **Is God more powerful than a mean bully?** Children answer, "Yes!"

**A lion. Growl like a hungry lion. Paw the ground. Are you powerful?** Children answer, "Yes!" **Is God more powerful than a lion?** Children answer, "Yes!"

Review the Bible event.

**Is God powerful enough to help keep you safe?** (Children answer "yes".) **Is God powerful enough to answer your prayers?** (Children answer "yes".)

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### **Prayer Time:**

We often finish our prayers "in Jesus' name". God sent his son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. This gives us the power to ask God for his help with our problems.

Ask children for prayer requests and pray as a group for child's request.

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# Large Group Wrap-Up (10 minutes)



**Purpose:** *The crazy bird puppet, Albie, struggles with learning the take home point. We try to teach him the take home point, but each time he confuses words or concepts. After three attempts, he finally gets it right.*

**Singing:** (Optional, two or three songs, as time allows)

**Supplies:** *Albie the puppet, sample of today's craft and snack.*

## Lesson Review with Puppet Skit

Presenter shows Albie an example of each of the Activities done in small group. Then the kids attempt to teach Albie the take home point.

**Presenter:** We want to welcome all our guests today and thank them for coming. (If you give guests a gift for coming, do it now.)

**Presenter:** Albie, look at the craft the children made today. It is an altar like the one in our Bible event. The children are going to teach you our take home point. Listen carefully.

**Presenter:** (says to kids):

**\*GOD IS POWERFUL...**

Kids say:

...Pray to God for help.

**Presenter:** (says to Albie):

**\*GOD IS POWERFUL...**

Albie says:

*Say, do you think I should dye my hair gray?*



**Presenter:** Albie, look at the snack we ate. It looks like an altar. Now listen carefully to the take home point.

**Presenter:** (says to kids):

**\*GOD IS POWERFUL...**

Kids say:

...Pray to God for help.

**Presenter:** (says to Albie):

**\*GOD IS POWERFUL...**

Albie says:

*Day after day I wish I could be in a ballet!*

**Presenter:** Albie, today we played a game called *Who is More Powerful?* Now, please listen closely to the take home point.

**Presenter:** (says to kids):

**\*GOD IS POWERFUL...**

Kids say:

...Pray to God for help.

**Presenter:** (says to Albie):

**\*GOD IS POWERFUL...**

Albie says:

*Hey, mean dogs rub me the wrong way!*

**Presenter says:**

**"Albie, listen one last time.**

Kids response:

**\*GOD IS POWERFUL...**

...Pray to God for help.

**Presenter:** (says to Albie):           **\*GOD IS POWERFUL...**

*Albie's response:*                           (Warms up his singing voice with “*Mee, mee, mee, mee...*” and sings in a silly dramatic opera-like voice)  
**\*GOD IS POWERFUL...Pray to God for help.**

**Presenter says to Albie: Good job, Albie!**

Albie can leave stage or join in the prayer and song.

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**Goodbye boys and girls. Remember that God loves you and he wants us to pray to him for help.**