



3RD - 5TH

13.3
Elijah Confronted Ahab



CONNECT TIME

Greet kids by name and play table games as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families. Ask kids:

When has God answered your prayers? Tell me about it.



ANSWER ME

Start by 9:20/10:45

Lead kids in some call and response phrases. Share the following calls and responses with the kids, allowing them some time to practice:

Call Out	Kids Response
One, two, three	> eyes on me!
Ready, set?	> You bet!
Peanut butter	> Jelly time
Goodness gracious	> that's outrageous

Mix up the phrases you call out, inviting kids to answer you with the appropriate response. Consider saying the phrases faster each round and inviting kids to be the caller. **When I called out a phrase, you answered. Today, we will learn how a prophet of the Lord named Elijah told the prophets of a false god to pray to their false god. But when they called out, they received no answer. However, we'll see how God heard Elijah's prayer and answered him, proving He alone is the one true God.**

START BY
9:30/10:55

REVIEW **3** BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



LARGE GROUP

SMALL GROUP



BIBLE REVIEW

Distribute Bibles and guide kids to open their Bibles to 1 Kings 18. **Throughout the books of 1 and 2 Kings we are introduced to several prophets, like Elijah, who God sent to warn people of their sin.** Choose a volunteer to read aloud 1 Kings 18:37 or ask the kids to follow along as you read the verse aloud.

What did Elijah pray for, and why?

Elijah prayed that God would show the people His greatness. He prayed with faith and boldness because he wanted the people to know that the Lord alone is God.

How can we pray like Elijah?

We can pray with faith and ask God to be glorified. We can pray for others to turn from sin, trust in Jesus, and know that God alone is God.



DISCUSSION

Elijah had men pour water on the altar three times. Why do you think he did that? Elijah was confident God would respond to his prayer because his prayer was for God's glory. The water only served to show how great and powerful God is—not even water could keep the altar from burning up. God is all-powerful, all-knowing, and holy. (Option: Read Isaiah 42:8)

The people wavered between following God and following a false god. Do people do that today? How? People divide their life into “church stuff” and “other stuff.” We can think we are following God because we go to church, but then throughout the week, we don't live for God or even think about Him. Remember God is worthy of every part of our lives. (Option: Read 1 Kings 18:21)

Jezebel hated Elijah because he stood against her wicked ways. Why do some people hate Christians? Why is the world against the good news of Jesus? Evil hates Jesus because Jesus is like a light that shows what is wrong. Evil wants to stay in the darkness so people cannot see their sins. But Jesus came to save people from sin and forgive them. When we trust in Jesus, He brings us into the light and makes us right with God. Just like God comforted Elijah when he was afraid, God will never leave Christians. No matter what happens, the Holy Spirit helps us, prays for us, and gives us strength. (Option: Read John 3:17-21.)



PRAYER PROMPT

Provide kids with an index card. Display the sample page on the board and invite kids to title their card, **Prayer Prompt**. Then invite kids to write the letters P, R, A, and Y along the side of the card. Have kids copy the sample page adjusting the space as needed. Tell kids this acronym helps us remember how we can pray to God. Consider inviting kids to write a Bible reference next to each letter to demonstrate each part of the prayer. Suggestions: Psalm 30:4; Isaiah 55:7; 1 Peter 5:7; and Matthew 6:10. Encourage kids to use their card to help them remember ways they can pray to God.

God heard and answered Elijah's prayer. God hears and will answer our prayers in His timing and for His purposes. God wants us to talk with Him, and He is happy when we depend on Him through prayer. He is all-powerful and uses prayer to change our hearts and help us live for Him.



Take prayer requests and allow kids to pray.



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.
Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.