



K - 2ND

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:

Do you think God hears us when we pray to Him? Why?



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 STORY REVIEW

Distribute Bibles and guide kids to find 1 Kings 19. Read 1 Kings 19:18 aloud.

Why did Elijah run away?

Elijah ran away because Jezebel wanted to kill him. God protected Elijah from Jezebel and Ahab. Then God spoke with Elijah and reminded him God would be faithful to the people who still followed Him. God encouraged Elijah to continue serving Him as His prophet.

Who is greater than all kings and queens?

God is greater than all kings and queens. He is the one true God.



DISCUSSION

How can we know God will hear us when we pray? The Bible teaches us God hears us when we pray. He is alive and active; not only does He hear us when we pray, but He also responds and acts. God always answers our prayers, but not always in the way we think or even the way we want. He knows what is best. He will answer our prayers in a way that brings Him glory and is for our good.

Elijah was bold and reminded the people that there is only one true God. How can we tell others about the one true God? Answers will vary. God wants believers to tell others about Him and His Son, Jesus. We can share stories from the Bible with others. We can tell people how God has answered our prayers. We can share the gospel; and we can help others understand God alone is worthy of worship.

Elijah stood up for what was right, and Jezebel wanted to hurt him. How did God encourage Elijah? God came near to Elijah and reminded Elijah of His faithfulness. God promised to save those who did not bow down to Baal. When we face rejection from others for following Jesus, we can trust God will be faithful to us. God will be with us, and through His Spirit and the Bible, we can find encouragement. God also provides us with other believers who can pray for us and encourage us to keep following God no matter what.



PICTURE IT

Choose one kid from your group to go first. Invite him to draw an image from the Bible story such as Elijah, fire, altar, idol, Jezebel, Mount Carmel, etc. As the kid draws the item, have the other kids guess what is being drawn. Allow 30 seconds for kids to draw. Award a point to the one who guessed correctly. Play as time allows and announce the kid with the most points as the winner.

Our Bible story is a great reminder that no matter what, God is God. He hears our prayers, saves His people, is all-powerful, is faithful to His people, and encourages His people to continue following Him. There is one true God who alone deserves worship.



As time allows, pass out crayons and pencils for kids to work on the activity sheet.



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.