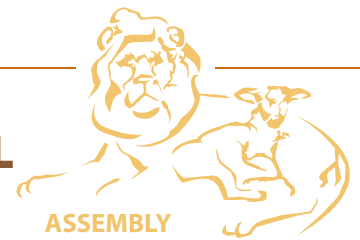


ELIJAH AND THE PROPHETS OF BAAL

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: I KINGS 18:16-38



The story can be found in I Kings 18:16-39. Tell the story to the children in your own words using the flannel board frequently asking them “What happened next?” The following are some ideas for creative ways that you can present this material.

LESSON IDEAS

LIGHT THE CANDLE

Supplies:

- two votive candles, each glued to the bottom of a jar
- long fireplace matches
- water to cover one candle

This demonstration is to help the children understand how amazing it was for God to consume the sacrifice after water was poured over it.

Do the following: pour water over the one candle three times until the water level is over the wick. Take a large fireplace match and light the dry candle. Then interview the class to see if you will be able to light the candle in the water. Ask the class to be very quiet. Light another match and try to light the candle in the water. Move slowly. The water should snuff the fire out as soon as it comes in contact with the match. Help the children to see that only God could have consumed the water soaked sacrifice on the mountain that day. (Do this activity on a table with ample space between you and the children.)

HAVE A STORY BEE

Supplies:

- two votive candles, each glued to the bottom of a jar
- long fireplace matches
- water to cover one candle

Have all the children line up. If they answer a question correctly they remain standing. If they miss the question they must sit down. The following is a list of questions you can ask. If a person misses a question keep going till someone answers correctly. You can play more than one time.

- What was the prophet's name in this story? (Elijah)
- What did Elijah build and ask God to burn up with fire? (An altar)
- Where did Elijah build the altar? (On a mountain, Mount Carmel.)
- Who else built an altar? (The priests of Baal and the prophets of Asherah)
- Who did the priests of Baal build their altar to? (Baal)
- How many stones did Elijah use to build his altar? (Twelve)
- What did Elijah want poured on his altar? (Water)
- How many times did he ask them to pour water on his altar? (Three)
- What came out of the sky? (Fire)

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Where Is Jesus?

Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.

On mount Carmel God revealed Himself through consuming the sacrifice offered to Him by Elijah. This was an expression of His grace. Even though the people of Israel rejected Him, He showed Himself by accepting Elijah's sacrifice.

The sacrifice of the bull was another reminder before God that one day a sacrifice would be made to atone for all the sins of His people. Knowing Jesus' sacrifice would come; God poured out mercy and accepted Elijah's sacrifice that day.

When Jesus hung on the cross the people mocked Him saying, "Let's see if Elijah comes to save him?" (see Matthew 27:49). Little did the people know that all of Elijah's wonders were meant to point to Jesus.

