FREEDOM KIDS

NOV WEEK 5 -Ages 3,4,5

Elijah: God Sends Fire 1 Kings 18:20-39

Memory Verse: Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done." Philippians 4:6 NLT



Make a Mountain: Parchute Play

Invite kids stand around the parachute & hold the edges. Everyone lifts parachute high into the air to make a big mountain, slowly lower it to the ground. Repeat & how tall you can make your mountain? Options: call out one child to run under mountain when it's held high. Call out a child to walk on the parachute when down low & tap the center. Invite children to hold the parachute while walking in a circle held high and then low.



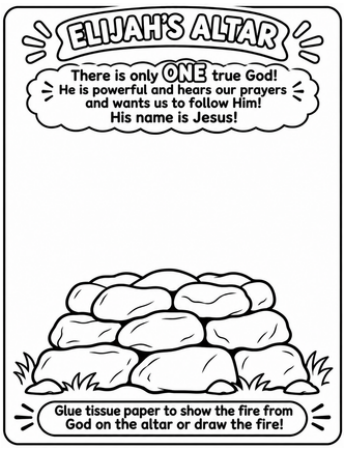
Worship & Bible Story

The Prophet Elijah: God Sends Fire
1 Kings 18:20-39



Keepy-Uppy Balloon Game

1. Invite kids into open area.
2. Hand out inflated balloons.
3. Work together or individually to see how long kids can keep balloons from touching the floor.
4. Option call "freeze!" Have the kids hold balloons and start again.



Coloring Page Snack & Prayer

Dear God, Thank you for our snacks, friends & family.
We are so glad we can always pray to you when we need help and you always hear us.
We know that you are the real true God who loves us.
We love you, In Jesus name, Amen!

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Last week we learned about David the King of Isreal, he loved God with all of his heart. This week we will hear how God helped the prophet Elijah & showed everyone that He is the ONE TRUE GOD.
This is going to be sooooo amazing!.....



Image 1 Elijah the prophet meets with bad King Ahab & the queen
After the good King David, there came other good kings and some bad kings that didn't love the real God. God had a plan to show how much He loved them, He sent a prophet, (a prophet hears from God and shares what God says with others.) God sent the prophet Elijah to help the people to know that He loved them & to show His power.
One way God showed His power by stopping the rain, but the people still didn't want to call on God to help them.
God told Elijah to go see the mean King Ahab and tell him, "God says you have not obeyed and you have not asked Me for help but you called for help from Baal (the fake god.) Let's have a contest (means one will lose and one will win,) your fake god against the real God of heaven & earth."
Mean King Ahab said "OK."



Image 2 The king, Elijah and all the people go up to Mount Carmel
Lots of people went up to see the contest at Mount Carmel, because they couldn't decide which god was real. Elijah called out to every one
"You choose today if Baal is god and follow him or if the LORD God is real then love Him forever!



Image 3 King Ahab's helpers call for fire.
Elijah says "Here is the rules for the contest, King Ahab's helpers call on their god and see if he can make fire fall down from the sky, then I will pray to God and ask Him to send fire from heaven."(Wow, it's a really hard contest!)
The bad kings helpers piled up some wood, they yelled "Hey Baal send us some fire & jumped up and down for a really long time but NOTHING happened, no fire, but they sure got tired and finally they gave up.



Image 4 Elijah Prays to GOD
Then Elijah God's prophet got rocks piled up, let's see how many 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12 , that's the number of the families God had made promises to, then he had them pour 3 buckets of water, so it was all soaked. Wait, is water going to make it harder to start a fire? The other guys didn't pour any water & they couldn't get a fire started. What is going to happen? Then Elijah said one quiet prayer, " Oh Lord, God of the Israelites, show these people you love, you are the REAL TRUE GOD, so that they will choose to love YOU with all their hearts. All of a sudden fire came down from Heaven, right out of the sky, Whoosh! God sent the huge fire and licked up all the water. Yea, God showed them He is REAL, powerful & hears us when we pray.

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Image 5 God's people on ground worshiping & rain beginning to fall.
God's people got down on the ground, and showed God they loved Him. They chose God because He proved He is real, powerful and showed them He cares about them.
The people shouted " THE LORD HE IS GOD, THE LORD HE IS GOD!"
Then GOD sent rain from heaven and answered their prayers.

Closing: GOD proved He was the real true God by sending fire and rain from heaven when Elijah prayed. God shows us HIs love and care by sending Jesus, we can also choose to love God today.
If you'd like to tell God, "I believe you are the real God, thank you for sending Jesus to show us your love," then raise your hand with me 👋🏽

Let's Pray

Dear Lord, you see the hands that are raised today just like you saw the people in the Bible choose you & decide to always believe in you. Thank you Lord that you show us you are the real true God of heaven and earth. Thank you for our pastors & mentors that share the Bible with us and help us to learn about your great love and power and for all of our friends in church today.
Help us to always pray when we need help, and to choose to love you.
In Jesus name, Amen

Let's do our memory verse with motions:



ELIJAH'S ALTAR

There is only ONE true God!
He is powerful and hears our prayers
and wants us to follow Him!
His name is Jesus!



Glue tissue paper to show the fire from
God on the altar or draw the fire!









