

Toddling Through God's Word: Elijah

"This Old Man: Elijah" to the tune of "This Old Man"

This old man: He trusted God.

Was fed by ravens; Ain't that odd?

He prayed to God, not once but times seven.

This old man went up to heaven!

Activity 1: Fed by Ravens (1 King 17:1-7)

You Need:

- Black paper
- Pencils
- Chalk
- Scissors
- Glue

Say: "God told Elijah to go into the wilderness. Are there stores or restaurants in the wilderness? No. It would be hard to find food in the wilderness, but Elijah obeyed God. Birds, called ravens, brought food to Elijah each morning and evening."

1. Help your child create the raven picture to the right. The head is a circle, and the body is a larger circle. The wings and tail feathers are traced and cut-out hands. We used chalk to draw the eyes and beak.



Activity 2: The widow feeds Elijah. (1 King 17:8-16)

Ingredients:

- 3 cups self-rising flour
- 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cups milk
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup oil

Say: "Elijah had been drinking water from a brook, but the brook dried up. There was no more water, so God told Elijah to go to a stranger's house. Elijah asked the stranger for some water and bread, but the stranger told him that she only had enough for one more meal. God performed a miracle. The stranger

made bread, but did not run out of ingredients! She made bread, and more bread, and more bread!"

1. Assist your child in mixing all of the ingredients together in a bowl until just combined.
2. Drop spoonfuls onto a lightly greased pan.
3. Bake at 425 degrees fahrenheit for 15 to 17 minutes.
4. Enjoy the biscuit bread with your child!

Activity 3: Elijah prays for rain. (1 King 18:41-46)

You Need:

- Needs or Wants Worksheet at the end of this PDF
- Pencil or crayon

Say: "It had not rained for a long time. People need rain, so they can drink and bathe. Ahab, one of the king's servants, asked Elijah when it would rain. Elijah prayed to God seven times. A rain cloud appeared!"

1. Assist your child in completing the Needs and Wants Worksheet at the end of this PDF.

Activity 4: Contest at Mt. Carmel (1 King 18:1-40)

You Need:

- Candle
- Small amount of water
- 2 matches

Say: "Some men did not believe in God. They believed in a pretend god called Baal. Those people had a contest with Elijah. Both would ask their God to light a fire on an altar. God lit the fire after Elijah poured water on the altar. Baal could not light a fire. "

Use caution with the following activity! Matches should only be used by adults. Watch children closely around the candles.

1. Show your child how water prevents a fire. Have an adult light a candle. Warn your child to not touch the candle, and to not touch the matches.
2. Next pour water over the candle. Did the fire go out? Yes.
3. Try to candle again. Will it light now that it is wet?

4. Say: "Elijah made the contest more difficult because his altar was wet, but it still lit. Nothing is impossible with God."



Activity 5: Elijah is taken to heaven. (2 King 2:1-18)

You Need:

- 2 empty soda bottles
- Duck tape
- Scissors
- Water
- Optional: Food coloring

Say: "God took Elijah to heaven in a whirlwind. Now Elijah is in heaven with God!"

1. Create a whirlwind in 2 empty soda bottles. Fill 1 empty bottle almost completely full with water. Add food coloring to the water if desired.

2. Tape the empty bottle on top of the bottle with water so that the spouts connect. Use extra

tape to avoid leaks.

3. Make the whirlwind by turning the bottles upside down and shaking it in a circular motion. Set the bottle down and watch the whirlwind with your child.
4. Say: "God determines how His believers get to heaven. Elijah went to heaven in an unusual way. That reminds us that anything is possible with God."



Name: _____

Need or Want?

You need food, water, shelter, clothes, and love to stay alive. We do not need soda, video games, or a cookie to stay alive, but we might want those! Circle the items below that are needed.



It is okay to want a soda or a cake or something else, even though you don't need it. It is also okay if you do not get everything you want. You will be okay.

We can pray to God for things that we need and things that we want.