

LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

There is only one God.

OBJECTIVE:

In this lesson kids will learn that there is only one God and we should worship him.

KEY PASSAGE:

1 Kings 18:18-39, Elijah on Mount Carmel

MEMORY VERSE:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love him with all your strength." Deuteronomy 6:5 (NirV)

SUMMARY:

In Elijah's time, lots of people stopped believing in God. They started believing that statues they made were gods and they worshiped the statues instead of worshiping God. Elijah was one of the only people who still worshiped God and believed in Him. Elijah asked many of the people who were worshiping the statues to meet him on Mount Carmel. He challenged them to a contest to prove that God is the only God there is.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

There is only one God, and we worship you only.

Amen

MEMORY VERSE

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love him with all your strength.” Deuteronomy 6:5 (NirV)

LARGE GROUP MV ACTIVITY:

Teach the kids the verse, using the following hand motions:

“Love the Lord your God”

[Cross arms over heart and hug yourself]

“with all your heart”

[Move your hands in a large circle]

“and with all your soul.”

[Move your hands in another large circle]

“Love him with all your strength.”

[Flex your biceps]

SMALL GROUP MV ACTIVITY:

Have kids say the verse together in a variety of positions: standing, sitting, bowing, standing on one foot, jumping, etc.

SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW

TITLE: The Only God

ITEMS NEEDED: Puzzle

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN: 2 Men

CHARACTERS: Jazz, Razz

Razz is putting together a puzzle when Jazz enters.

JAZZ: Hey Razz.

RAZZ: Oh hey, Jazz.

JAZZ: What ya doing?

RAZZ: Putting together a puzzle. I just love puzzles.

JAZZ: Neat. Can I help?

RAZZ: Absolutely.

Jazz joins Razz in putting the puzzle together.

JAZZ: What is the picture supposed to be? That part there looks like fire.

RAZZ: It's the story of Elijah on Mount Carmel.

JAZZ: And there was a fire on the mountain?

RAZZ: You don't know the story? Let me tell you. Elijah knew there is only one God.

JAZZ: Everybody knows that.

RAZZ: The people around Elijah didn't know that. They built images of wood and stone and pretended those were gods.

JAZZ: That seems silly.

SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW

RAZZ: Elijah wanted to show the people there is only one God. So he challenged them to a contest to see who could bring fire down from the sky. All day long, the people prayed to their false gods and begged for fire.

JAZZ: Let me guess. Nothing happened.

RAZZ: Exactly. Because those false gods were only pretend. But then Elijah prayed a simple prayer to God. And he sent fire down from heaven.

JAZZ: Proving that he is the one true God.

RAZZ: There is no one like God. He's one of a kind.

JAZZ: I think that piece goes there.

RAZZ: Thanks.

End.

SNACK

ITEMS NEEDED:

Cheetos, ice cream cones

ADVANCED PREPARATION:

Fill the ice cream cones with Cheetos. The Cheetos peeking out of the cone will look a bit like flames.

Post a sign outside the preschool area that says: "Today's snack is 'Fire pits' made from Cheetos and ice cream cones. Please let your child's teacher know if it is not ok for your child to have this snack."

CONNECTION:

When Elijah asked God to show himself to the people, God sent down fire from heaven that burned up the altar that Elijah had made. If we seek God, he will show us that he is the one true God.

CRAFT

ITEMS NEEDED:

Finger paints, smocks, heavy white paper

ADVANCED PREPARATION:

Cover tables with a tarp or craft paper as needed to protect surfaces.

DIRECTIONS:

Give each kid a piece of paper. On each paper, squirt a dollop of red, orange and yellow paints. Encourage kids to use all the colors to paint a fire. Talk about the role that fire played in Elijah showing the people that there is only one true God.

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

ITEMS NEEDED:

Fiery altar puzzle

ADVANCED PREPARATION:

Create the puzzle: On a large piece of cardboard, draw a picture of an altar being consumed by fire (from today's story). Cut the image into large, differently shaped puzzle pieces. (If you have a large group, you may need to create more than one puzzle.)

DIRECTIONS:

Pass out the puzzle pieces and encourage kids to work together to put the image together. Once the picture is put together, have kids retell the story of Elijah on Mount Carmel to you.

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WORSHIP TIME:

Prior to the lesson, sing one or two songs with the kids. Use CDs or live lyrics of songs that the kids are familiar with.

LESSON:

Today's story comes to us from the Bible. (*Hold up a Bible.*) The Bible is God's word to us, so we know that everything it says is true. (*Open the Bible and set it down in front of you as you give the lesson.*)

The Bible tells us that there is only one God. Some people believe there are many gods, but that is not true.

Elijah believed in the one true God. The people around him did not. They carved images out of stone and wood and pretended that those were gods. They did not worship the one true God.

Elijah wanted to show the people that there was only one God. So he challenged the people to a contest. They went up onto a mountain and asked their gods to bring down fire from heaven.

The people who did not worship the one true God went first. They called out to their images made of stone and wood to bring down fire from heaven. But nothing happened. These images were not gods; they were made up.

Then it was Elijah's turn. He built an altar to God and covered it with water. That would make a fire really hard to start. He prayed to the one true God, "Send down fire from heaven, so that everyone can see that you are the one true God."

And guess what? Fire came down from heaven, and the water was dried up, and the altar caught on fire. Then the people knew once and for all: There is only one God!

MAIN LESSON

SIMPLE PRAYER:

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MAIN LESSON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WIGGLE TAMER:

Have a little dance party. While the music is playing, kids can jump and dance around the space. When the music stops, kids must freeze in place. Stop the music several times unexpectedly.

SMALL GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

Have kids say the verse together in a variety of positions: standing, sitting, bowing, standing on one foot, jumping, etc.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Did Elijah worship the one true God?

What did the other people worship?

What happened when Elijah asked God to send down fire?

How can we show God that we love him and know he is the one true God?

SMALL GROUP GAME OR ACTIVITY:

Play a few rounds of "Red Light, Green Light". Remind kids that we can follow God when he calls, knowing that He is the only one true God.

SPECIAL 1 PAGE LESSON FOR 1 & 2 YEAR OLDS

PLAY TIME:

Spend the first 15 minutes on the floor playing with the kids. Cars, dolls, blocks, and simple puzzles are great for this time.

BIBLE TIME:

Seat the kids in the place they will be having snack. Hold up a Bible or Illustrated Kids' Bible and say, "This is the Bible. God wrote the Bible. Everything in the Bible is true." Then allow each child to pat the Bible with his hand.

LESSON:

Elijah said, "There is only one God."

The people did not understand.

Elijah said, "God, show the people that you are real."

God sent fire down from heaven.

The people understood. There is only one God.

MAKE IT REAL:

After the lesson say, "God loves you, and he wants you to love him too." Then point to each child and say, "God loves you (child's name)."

PRAYER TIME:

Ask the children to fold their hands and bow their heads. Say, "Let's pray before our snack. Thank you God for our mommies and our daddies. Thank you for loving me. Thank you for this snack we get to eat. Amen."

SNACK TIME:

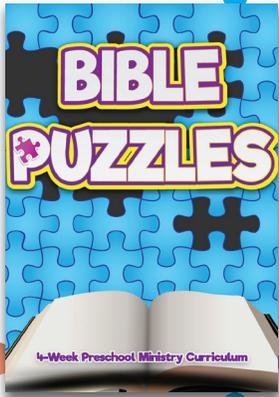
Wash each child's hand with a wet wipe and then serve the snack. At this age crackers or goldfish with water are generally best, but you always want to be mindful of any food allergies.

POTTY BREAK:

After snack is a great time to ask those who are potty trained if they need to use the bathroom, or change diapers of those who are not yet potty trained.

PLAY TIME:

Finish the day with more playtime until it's time for dismissal.



MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

Bible Puzzles Lesson 1

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: THE ONLY GOD



DRIVING:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

As you drive around, be on the lookout for “unique” things: out of state license plates, unusual colors of cars, etc. Talk about how God is unique; there is no one like the one true God.



PLAYING:

Make this week's lesson real:

Play a little Follow the Leader. Afterward, talk about how we follow God because he created us. There is no one else like him. There is only one God.



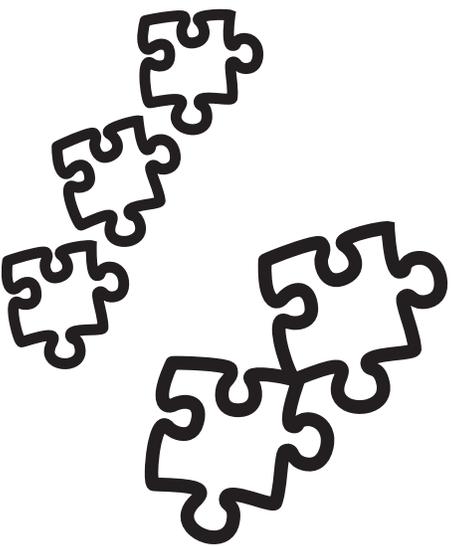
EATING:

Build a little campfire and supervise your kids as you make S'mores together. Talk about the fire that Elijah called down from heaven to show the people that there is only one true God.



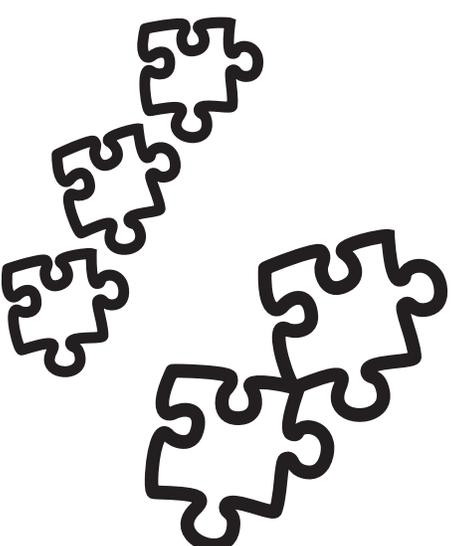
SNUGGLING:

Snuggle up together and read the memory verse together: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love him with all your strength.” Deuteronomy 6:5 (NirV). Talk about how we should love God because there is no one else like him. There is only one God!



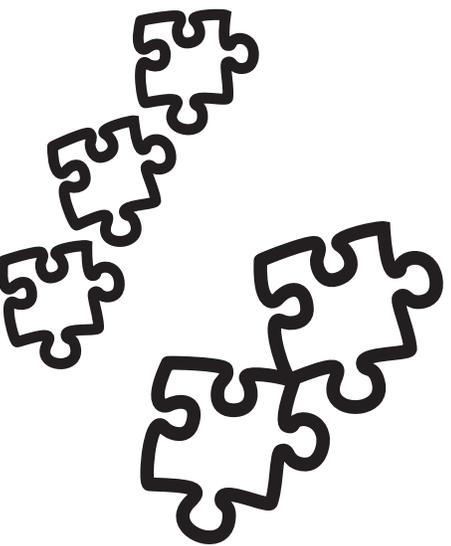
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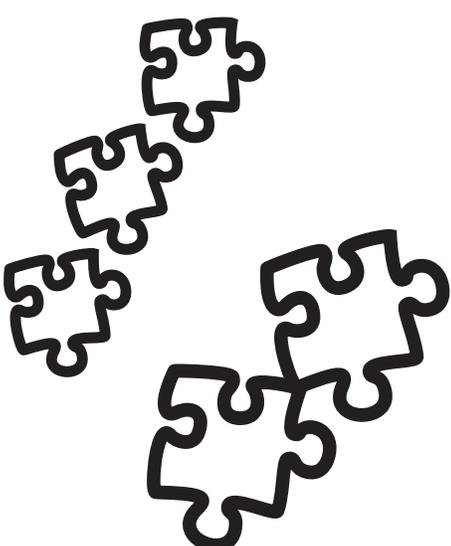
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