

Calvary Kids

September 19th and 20th 2020

God showed that He is the one true God.

Bible Passage: 1 Kings 18-19



MEMORY VERSE

"I am the Lord ... I will not give
my glory to another."

Isaiah 42:8

**Thank you so much for watching our Calvary Kids online message today!!
Here are some fun ways to dig deeper into today's lesson with the entire family.**

1. TODAY'S BIBLE LESSON SUMMARY

No rain fell in Israel for three years. God was punishing the people for worshipping false gods. Without rain, lakes and rivers dried up and no one could grow food to eat. Finally, God was ready to send rain. King Ahab led Israel to worship a statue called Baal. Elijah said to the king, "Meet me at Mount Carmel. Bring the people and the prophets who worship the false god Baal." Many people came to watch what Elijah would do. Elijah said, "Make up your minds! If you believe the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him." Elijah made a challenge to show who is the one true God. The prophets of Baal set up altar and placed a bull on it. Elijah told the prophets of Baal to make an offering with no fire. Elijah said, "You call on Baal, and I will call on the Lord. The one who answers is the true God." Baal's prophets sang and danced and cried and shouted, but nothing happened. "Shout loudly!" Elijah taunted them. "Maybe he is sleeping!" Still there was no answer. When it was his turn, the people gathered around Elijah. Elijah dug a trench around the altar and poured water on it, he made it harder to burn. Then he prayed, "Lord, answer me and let it be known that You are God!" God sent fire from heaven, and Elijah's offering, the altar, the stones, and the dust burned up! The water in the trench dried up. The people shouted, "The Lord, He is God! The Lord, He is God!" Elijah had all of the prophets who worshipped Baal killed. The sky grew dark and God sent a great rain. King Ahab returned home and told Queen Jezebel everything that happened on Mount Carmel and what Elijah had done. Jezebel was so angry, and she wanted Elijah killed. Elijah fled to the wilderness, to Mount Horeb. God spoke to Elijah and encouraged him to not give up.

2. EXPERIENCE THE STORY

- **Family Activity (Do the following activity together as a family to reinforce the Bible Lesson and spend time together.)**
- For a fun family activity, play a game of, "This or That?" Explain that one family member will call out some different options. Each person will choose which option they prefer. Have each person explain their choice. Here are some sample options: Chocolate or vanilla; winter or summer; apples or oranges; baseball or football; cats or dogs; beach or forest or any others options you would like to add. Discuss how Elijah told God's people to make up their minds. They needed to choose whom they would worship. The people needed to know that God, and no one else is in control of all things. We need to remember that God loves us so much, that He sent Jesus to save us from our sins.

3. FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (Have a family discussion about the Bible Lesson and ask the following questions. Retell the story if needed by reading the Bible Passages from our lesson.)

1. **What happened when the prophets called out to Baal?** (There was no answer, no response.)
2. **What happened when Elijah prayed?** (God sent fire from the sky and answered Elijah's prayers.)
3. **What did God's fire burn up?** (God's fire burned up everything—the offering, wood, altar and the all water.)
4. **What happened after Elijah's altar was set on fire by God?** (God made it rain.)
5. **Why do we put other things before God?** (We are born sinners and have sin in our hearts. We naturally want to do things are own way, to have control. When often doubt God's goodness and wonder if God is really doing what is best for us. We tend to think we know better than God and choose to put other things before Him.)

4. PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 42:8 (Help kids memorize and understand their Bible Verse.)

“I am the Lord... I will not give my glory to another.”

SAY: Our memory verse tells us that God does not share His glory with anyone. God would not share His glory with the false gods or idols, like Baal. These false gods or idols do not deserve worship, only God does. God showed that He is the only true God by sending fire to Elijah’s altar.

5. FAMILY REFLECTION AND PRAYER: (Time to reflect on the over arching theme of our Bible Lesson and spend time in Prayer.)

SAY: In today’s lesson, the people who worshiped the false god Baal, danced and cried out for hours to show that they loved Baal. Baal was not real. There was only silence. God is not like false gods; we do not need to work hard to show God we love Him. Instead, God loves us so much, He sent His Son, Jesus to saves us from our sins. The Bible teaches us that we love because God loves us first. When we believe the truth about Jesus, God forgives our sin and makes us new. God gives us the power to love and obey Jesus more.

For some additional activities and discussion questions, please check out the Family Experience Page below.

FAMILY EXPERIENCE

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“The Church Has Left The Building”

Parents remember: “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6

We miss you!!!

MAIN POINT: 1 Kings 18–19

God showed that He is the one true God.

FAMILY TIME QUESTIONS

- How did God show that He is the one true God?
- What are some things people put before God?
- How is the one true God different from false Gods?
- How did God show His love for us?

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Spend time together as a family.

- For a fun family activity, have everyone draw or describe their own imaginary pet. Everyone can start with an outline of their favorite real animal or make up their own shape. Then have them add to their imaginary pet, things like, legs, horns, tails, scales, feathers, hair, to make it their own. What color should it be? What would you call it? Is it real? Discuss how in the lesson some people worshipped a god that they made up. Their god did not send fire to the altar, because he was not real. God showed that He is the one true God. God sent fire for Elijah!

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