

Q8

BIBLE STORYLINE

## Elijah

[PursueGODkids.org](http://PursueGODkids.org)**Slide: Welcome**

*(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)*

**Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.**

**Slide: Series Intro**

**Leader Tip:** Dress up in a robe and wear a long beard and introduce yourself to the kids as Elijah. Tell them that you're a prophet of God. Tell the kids that you're famous for challenging some other prophets to a competition.

**Before we jump into our lesson this week, I have a question for you. Have you ever competed in something and won? (allow kids to share). Awesome! Some of you may be really good at spelling or maybe you're a great artist. Maybe others of you are really good at running. And, it's always fun to win, right?**

**Well in today's lesson, we are going to learn about the prophet Elijah. Remember, prophets were God's messengers who would speak to the people for God. In Elijah's day, a lot of people forgot about the real God and starting worshipping false gods. God had a plan to prove his power and it involved a competition.**

**But, before we get into that, let's stand and sing.**

**Song**

*Song #1*

**Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.**

**Slide: Big Idea**

*All together:* You have to decide to follow the real God. **(Repeat)**

**Video**

*Play lesson video.*

**Slide: Recap**

**So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...**

- What did Elijah challenge some other prophets to in the story? (a competition to see who's God was real)
- What did each side have to do? (Build an altar and cry out to their god to light the fire)
- True or False: Elijah proved that his God was real. (T)

It would've been so cool to be there that day. Imagine how intense the scene must've been as the prophets were put to the test to see if the god they followed was the real one or not. Elijah knew that he followed the real God so he wasn't scared. The other prophets went first. They built their altar and then cried out to their god. No answer. They cried out again! No answer. Elijah started teasing them a little bit saying maybe their god was in the bathroom or taking a nap. Well, their god never showed up and their fire was never lit. Then it was Elijah's turn. He got the altar all ready to go and then he did something super crazy. He told the people to pour water all over the altar. Now, if you know anything about fire, wet wood won't light but Elijah knew that God was big enough to set even wet wood on fire. When Elijah cried out to God, he showed up! Fire came down from heaven and lit the whole thing on fire. The people were totally amazed.

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

### **Slide: Memory Verse**

"How much longer (point to watch on wrist) will you waver, hobbling ( balance on one foot) between two opinions? If the Lord (point up) is God, follow him (march in place)!" 1 Kings 18:21(Repeat)

This is Elijah speaking to the people before the competition. He knew that his God, the real God, was going to show up and the fake gods wouldn't. But, he wanted the people to understand that they had to make a choice. Once all the people saw God win the competition there was no doubt in their minds who the real God was and they decided to follow him.

So kids, remember that there is only one God-the God of the Bible! Be brave and choose to follow him every day!

Now, let's all stand and sing one last song together.

### **Song**

Song #2

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

### **Slide: Big Idea**

You have to decide to follow the real God. (Repeat)

### **Slide: Let's Pray**

Pray and release the kids to small group.