

Lesson 8 Death of David and Solomon Begins His Reign
1 Kings 1-4, 1 Chronicles 28, 29
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Lesson Facts:

David gave Solomon detailed plans for the temple.

David informed the people about Solomon, the temple, and the donations. He praised God. They offered a lot of sacrifices.

David was getting old. His son, Adonijah, decided he should be the next king. Joab sided with him. Nathan and Bathsheba reminded David that Solomon was to be king. David had Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint Solomon as king that very day. Adonijah was afraid of Solomon. Solomon told Adonijah if he was a man of character he would be fine.

Before dying, David told Solomon to be strong and courageous and to obey God and the throne would last. (2:2-4) He gave him other instructions. David was king for 40 years and then died. Adonijah turned out to not be a man of character, so he was killed. Joab was also killed.

One night, God asked Solomon what He could give him. Solomon asked to have an obedient heart to judge His people wisely. God was pleased with the request. God said he would be the wisest man and he would give him riches and honor. If he obeyed, he would have a long life. One wise decision was deciding who was the mother of the living child.

Under Solomon, they had a large, prosperous kingdom. He was very wise and wrote a lot.

Principles: Wisdom is greater than money.

Application: Study the Bible to know what is right.

Visuals/Resources: crown

Songs: Be Strong and Courageous, The B I B L E

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PRAYER

Sometimes we like to imagine things. What would you do if a king asked you what you would like to have?

Read or summarize the scripture. (also Bedtime story book pages 123)

Emphasize 1 Chronicles 28:20(do the work, God is with you)

Talk about the majesty and riches of the temple, the praises and sacrifices.

(List from 1 Chron. 29)

Earlier we pretended about what we would say if a king asked us what we wanted. God asked Solomon! God can do anything. Ask, "What would you have asked for?" Let's read what Solomon said. Read page 124. Wow! He was already smart to ask for wisdom.

If you were going to become king and could ask for anything, what would you ask for? What would you do if you were king? (Maybe let each one wear crown as they talk.) Discuss Solomon's request for wisdom. What is wisdom? Why was this good? Why better than riches? Is it good for a ruler to be wise? What did he get besides wisdom?

Read page 125.

How did Solomon know whose baby was really alive?

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Memory verse. Philippians 2:3,4

“Don’t do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility think of others as better than yourselves. Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others.”

Discuss meaning of memory verse.

Thinking of others: Don’t make fun of them. Don’t make them feel bad by bragging. Let them choose first, etc.

Songs: Be Strong and Courageous

Attendance sticker

Activity: Sort what David told Solomon. True/false statements.

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Lesson Facts:

Solomon knew God promised David He would put David's son on his throne and that he would build God's temple. He brought in wood from Lebanon. God gave Solomon wisdom as he had promised. Solomon had lots of workers!

God told Solomon if he obeyed, He would keep the promises made to David and Solomon. 1 Kings 6:38 the temple was built in every detail in 7 years.

He also built his palace. It was fancy and costly!

Finally, the ark was brought to the temple. There was great praise and celebration. The glory of the Lord filled the temple. Solomon prayed, giving Him praise and naming some fulfilled promises. A great number of sacrifices were made.

God again talked to Solomon. He promised to be with them if they obeyed. As magnificent the temple was, He warned them that if they turned away from His commands, they would fall and the temple would be in sad ruins. It took 20 years to build the temple and his palace.

Principles: God keeps His promises. There are rewards/consequences to our actions.

Application: We can trust God. We must obey.

Visuals/Resources:

Songs: Standing on the Promises

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PRAYER

Learning Activity #1: Melt or freeze activity (From Gospel Project activities for this lesson) As an introduction to the lesson guide the students to stand up and have enough room to move without hitting other students. Explain that you are going to name something that will last forever (permanent) and something that can be destroyed (temporary). If the item is permanent they freeze in a pose like a statue. If it is temporary they will 'melt' (slide down to the ground).

(Ice cream, car, rock, toys, God's Word, God's forgiveness, happiness, money, friendship, Jesus) If the students provide different responses allow them to explain why they made their choice. If time permits choose a student to name an item and the class decides if it's permanent or temporary.)

Read or summarize the scripture.

Building the temple took seven years. After the temple was complete all the holy furniture used to offer sacrifices and worship God was put in place.

One final important piece of furniture needed to be placed in the temple. Let's open our Bibles to 1 Kings 8. **Read verse 1.** What still needed to be placed in the temple? (The ark of the Lord's covenant) What do you know about this ark? (Allow responses)

Only the priests could be in charge of the Ark of the Covenant and they had to carry it on poles. If anyone touched the box they would die. (2 Samuel 6:6-7) They placed the ark in the Holy Place. Let's read **1 Kings 8:10-11.** Why couldn't the priests continue to serve in the temple? (God's presence in the form of a cloud filled His temple) LV. 16:2

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Solomon praised God before all His people reminding them of God's promises to his father David regarding building a temple and how God had fulfilled those promises by allowing Solomon to build that temple. **Print out scriptures, Go through highlighting "promise"**

Read 1 Kings 8:22-23. Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord and spread out his hands toward heaven. He began to pray to God before all of God's people. From Solomon's prayer we can learn some truths about God's character.

All present-Omnipresent: Let's see what we can learn about God from verse 27. What does this verse say about God? He can't be contained. He is Spirit is all present...meaning He is everywhere. So.....

Hears and answers prayer: 1 Kings 8:28-30 How many times does Solomon ask God to hear? (5-6 times depending on if you determine give attention as a phrase asking God to hear)

Forgives sin: 1 Kings 8:33-34 When God's people confess their sin and turn from that sin God forgives.

All knowing-Omniscient: 1 Kings 8:39 God knows the hearts of all people.

Let's read 1 Kings 8:56-61. God does keep all His promises! He promised He would not abandon His people. Unfortunately God's people were sinful and abandoned God. God sent many prophets warning His people to turn away from their sin and turn back to Him or they would face punishment. They didn't obey God and this beautiful temple was destroyed by God's enemies. (2 Chronicles 36:15-19) So sad!

God promised David that someone from his family would reign forever. Who is the King who will reign forever? (Jesus)

1. How long did it take for the temple to be built?
2. Name an item that was in or at the temple. (Altar, curtain, ark of the covenant, water basins, lamp stands)
3. What are some things you learned about God's character from Solomon's prayer?
4. Where is God's temple now? (In the lives of followers of Jesus/believers) 1 Cor. 3:16-17
5. What was new to you from our Bible lesson? How can it help you as you walk with Jesus this week?
6. Who was Solomon? (David's son)
7. Who was fighting Israel when Solomon was king? (No one)
8. Where did the cedar logs come from that Solomon used for the temple? (from Hiram, king of Tyre)
9. How did they get the logs to Jerusalem? (They made them into rafts and sent them down the coast of the Mediterranean Sea)
10. What did Hiram, the king of Tyre ask for in exchange for the cedar logs? (for Solomon to send food to Tyre)
11. Who did the bronze work for the temple? (Hiram, also from Tyre)
12. What was the Most Holy Room? (the room that contained the Ark of the Covenant)
13. What was hiding the Ark of the Covenant in the Most Holy Room? (angels, whose wings spanned 30 feet)
14. How long did it take to build the temple? (7 years)
15. What happened when the priests brought the Ark of the Covenant into the Most Holy Room for the first time? (God's presence filled the room with smoke)
16. What else was Solomon known for? (for being one of the wisest people in history)

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Songs: Standing on the Promises

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Take Home: Worksheets

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Lesson Facts:

The queen of Sheba heard about Solomon's fame. She went to Jerusalem to test him. She was impressed when she saw his wealth and wisdom. It was even better than she had heard! She said God should be praised! She noted even the servants were happy. She lavished great gifts to him. Solomon gave her great gifts. Solomon surpassed all the kings of the world in riches and wisdom. Everyone wanted to hear his wisdom from God. Silver was as common as stones!

God had said not to marry women foreign women because they would turn their hearts away from God. But Solomon did what he wanted to do! He married Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonion, and Hittite women! He had 1000 women! They turned his heart away from God. They encouraged him to follow idols. He even built places for sacrifices to be made to the other gods! God told him since he did not keep His commands, the kingdom would be taken away. Through Ahijah the prophet, God told Jeroboam that he would be given 10 tribes. He also was told if he obeyed, God would be with him. Solomon tried to kill Jeroboam! Solomon ruled for 40 years and then died.

Principles: We can be influenced by those we are around.

Application: Be closest to friends who will help us see God.

Visuals/Resources: Material to tear into 12 pieces (I used part of an old sheet, wearing it as a shawl until time to tear.) **"wheel" paper, warning sign paper**

Songs: The Wise Man

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PRAYER

Ask each child to think of a hard question. Let them ask teachers and each other 'hard' questions. Were we able to answer them all? Can any of us answer everything? Remember Solomon asked to be wise. People from all over heard of his wisdom. One day, a queen came to test him. (Read or summarize the Queen of Sheba's visit)

The queen of Sheba heard about Solomon's fame. She went to Jerusalem to test him. She was impressed when she saw his wealth and wisdom. She saw his glorious palace, his large ivory throne covered in gold, his servants, lots of food, and so many riches! Read I Kings 10:18-22. It was even better than she had heard! She said God should be praised! She noted even the servants were happy. She lavished great gifts to him. Solomon gave her great gifts. Solomon surpassed all the kings of the world in riches and wisdom. Everyone wanted to hear his wisdom from God. Silver was as common as stones! It sounds like a great time! Sometimes when everything is going great in our lives, we don't think as much about God. Solomon was wise, but even wise people are not as smart as God!

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Solomon's wives influenced him. People we are around influence us. Talk about how you act around certain people. Is it easier to be kind around some? Do you know people who act one way around some people and differently around another? The people we are around influence us.

Talk about how we are influenced. (Friends, commercials, sports stars, celebrities, etc) How do we spend our time? Is there anyone we want to be like?

Stand up and tear your "shawl" into 12 pieces. (The kids in my class were shocked!)

Ahijah talks to Jeroboam 11:28-39 Discuss

Why did he tear the garment?

Introduce memory verse: 2 Chronicles 12:14

He did evil because he did not set his heart to seek the LORD.

Discuss meaning. Apply to us.

Songs: The Wise Man

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Students stand up. Tell them to follow directions as soon as you say them. Go left, right, right, left etc, faster and faster. Discuss how you can't go 2 directions at once. You also can't serve God and idols.

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When a man of God told Jeroboam something he didn't want to hear, Jeroboam reached his hand toward him and said to arrest him. His hand withered and he couldn't pull it back. He asked the man of God to plead with God to heal it. He wanted the man to go home with him, but the man said God had told him to not eat or drink or to go back the way he had come. Later, the man listened to another prophet instead of God and God had a lion kill him. After all this, Jeroboam did not repent.

Jeroboam tried to trick a prophet by sending his wife disguised. The prophet told her that Jeroboam had not been like David. Because he had made other gods, God was going to bring disaster. Under Rehoboam, Israel also had idols. Egypt went in and took the treasures from the temple and Solomon's palace.

Principles: God punishes disobedience.

Application: Know God's Word and obey.

Visuals/Resources:

Songs: Rehoboam/Jeroboam

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Rehoboam, Solomon's son 12:1-24 Became king

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1 Kings 14:21-31 Rehoboam was 41 when he became king Reigned 17 years 23—idolatry 2 Chronicles 12:1 forsook the law 12:12 not completely destroyed 2 Chronicles 12:14 "HE DID EVIL BECAUSE HE DID NOT PREPARE HIS HEART TO SEEK THE LORD"

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Read 1 Kings 12:25-33 Discuss reasoning and compare to today.

Read 13:1-6 Discuss Act out

Read 13:7-10 Discuss

What is the problem with idolatry?

Memorize 2 Chronicles 12:14

He did evil because he did not set his heart to seek the LORD.

Read 1 Kings 13:7-10

Read 1 Kings 13: 11-32 Discuss

Read 1 Kings 33-34

Was it fair for the man of God to be killed when a prophet had told him it was okay?

Make application to today. (Where do we get our authority? What if someone tells us the wrong thing, or tries to get us to do something the Bible doesn't say?)

Jeroboam's Son Is Ill

1 Kings 14:1-20

Prayer

Review:

What was the kingdom like during Solomon's life?

What was Solomon's down fall?

What happened after Solomon died?

What happened when Jerobaom met Ahijah?

Why was the garment torn into 12 pieces?

Who were Jeroboam and Rehoboam?

What were their kingdoms? (Find on the map.)

Why did Jeroboam set up the golden calves?

Where did he put them?

What did the man of God tell Jeroboam?

What happened to Jeroboam's hand?

Why did the man of God not go and eat with Jeroboam?

Why did the man of God eat with the old prophet?

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What happened to the man of God?

Read 1 Kings 14:1-20 and discuss.

Read results in 1 Kings 15:25-30

List what we know about Jeroboam and Rehoboam. Do Venn diagram.
Do fill in the blank worksheet.

Memory Verse: 2 Chronicles 12:14

Songs: Trust and Obey, The B-i-b-l-e

Attendance sticker

Take Home: Worksheets

Lesson 12 Elijah Survives the Drought and Raises a Widow's Son
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Lesson Facts:

Elijah was a prophet. He told King Ahab that it would not rain until Elijah said it would. Even though there was no rain, God took care of Elijah. Ravens brought him meat and bread. When the river dried up, God sent him to a widow. When Elijah asked her, she said she was preparing for her and her son to die because they had very little. Elijah told her to feed him and she would have plenty. Her flour jug did not become empty and the oil jug did not run dry. Later, her son died, but Elijah raised him.

Principles: Trust God

Application: Pray and trust

Visuals/Resources: One of the magically refilling bottles, adult and child doll, Character list on board (Elijah, Ahab, Baal, Widow and son,

Songs: Count Your Blessings, Trust and Obey chorus

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What did the prophet Ahijah tell Jeereboam and how did he demonstrate it?

PRAYER

There have now been several kings since Solomon

The kings of the Northern Kingdom of Israel were evil. The people were worshipping Baal. God was not happy about this, and wanted to bring His people back to him.

He sent Elijah to King Ahab:

"The Lord God of Israel is living. I serve Him.

There will be neither dew or rain until I say so." Elijah left. It didn't rain that day,

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the next day, the next month, the next year, or even the year after that. Isn't it funny that the false "god" Ahab worshipped was supposed to be able to make it rain, yet, not a drop came out of the sky for Ahab?

During this drought, God sent Elijah to the Brook Cherith. God said, "You will drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there." To you and me that sounds pretty crazy. Birds don't bring people food, but Elijah trusted that God would take care of him and he did. Sing chorus of Trust and Obey. What does it mean to trust? So, every morning and evening, the ravens brought Elijah meat and bread. Elijah trusted God and God took care of him.

After a while, the brook dried up and God told Elijah, "Go, live in Zarephath. I've told a widow there to feed you." Elijah obeyed. There he found the widow near the gate gathering firewood.

If I came to your door and asked you for a piece of bread what would you do? Yes, you would just go to the kitchen, open up the bread bag and give me a piece. A long time ago, people could not just go to the store and buy bread! How do you think they got bread? How would they make it? (Talk about getting the flour, gathering sticks to make a fire, etc) Not so easy then! Now think about what it would be like when there was a famine and not much flour! Would it be hard to give to someone else? Let's see what happened.

"Bring me a little water in a cup," he asked her. As the widow went for water Elijah called to her again. "Bring me a bit of bread as well."

The widow answered,

"I have only enough flour and oil to make one last meal for myself and my son. It's all the food we have left. After this we will die."

"Do not fear," Elijah said, "First, make bread for me, and then make some for yourself and your son. God promised that there will be enough food for all of us until it rains again."

The widow believed him. She made bread for Elijah then went to make bread for her son and herself

—there was more flour and more oil! In fact, there was enough flour and oil to make all the bread they needed each day! The bin that held her flour was never empty, and the jar of oil didn't run out, just like Elijah said God had said it would be.

They trusted God and He took care of them.

Read 17:17-26 Discuss. (Use dolls to act out.)

Things were going along well but then disaster struck. The widow's son got very sick. He stopped breathing and died. She blamed Elijah. "Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?" she cried.

Elijah took her son to the upper room where he was staying and laid him on his own bed. He stretched himself over the boy three times and prayed,

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“O Lord my God, I pray, let this child’s soul come back to him.” The Lord heard Elijah and healed the child. Elijah brought him back to his mother and she said, “Now by this I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is the truth.”

We know God ALWAYS keeps His promises!

1. Where did God tell Elijah to go? To the Kerith Ravine east of the Jordan River.
2. How did God tell Elijah that he would get food? Ravens would bring him food and he would drink from the brook.
3. Who did God say would provide food for Elijah next? The Widow.
4. Why didn’t the widow want to make food for Elijah? She only had enough flour and oil to make one more cake of bread. After that she thought her and her son would die.
5. What did God do so that they would all have food to eat? God did not let the oil or flour run out until it rained again.
6. Did God provide for the widow, her son, and Elijah? Yes. He kept them all feed during the drought.

Activities:

Wants and needs Activity

Instruct the kids to stand in a circle. Say the names of different objects that kids might want or need. Instruct the kids to pat their heads if the item is a want and rub their bellies if it’s a need. Some items may be both a want and a need. Allow kids to explain their reasoning.

Suggested items: TV, food, oxygen, love, video games, Jesus, a new bike, the Bible, the church

SAY: In our story today, the widow and her son did not have the food they needed. God provided in miraculous ways. God provides for all of us because He loves us. Jesus provides salvation for us in a miraculous way. Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins and rose again on the third day so we can go to heaven.

The Bible tells us that in addition to needing Jesus, we can find joy in Him. That means that Jesus is more than our greatest need, He’s our greatest “want” too!

- Visual with oil and flour: (have a box/ “cupboard” with 3 alike jars of oil hidden inside)

Ask: Did the Lord keep His promise? Yes! Say: God promised to provide for Elijah, the widow, and her son. God ALWAYS keeps His promises! Each day, the woman would go to her cupboard, get her bottle of oil and make bread.

Teacher: Show your jar of flour. Pour some flour into the bowl. Take out one bottle of oil. Pour out ALL the oil into the bowl. Place the bottle back into the box. Say: No matter how many times the widow went to get oil and flour, it NEVER ran out. Reach back into the box, get another bottle (the students should think it is the same bottle), and pour the contents into the bowl. Then place it back in the box. The next day, guess what? It was full of oil again! Take the third bottle out & pour the oil into the bowl. As often as she needed oil, it just kept pouring! She could never use up what God provided. One of God’s names in the Bible is “The

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Will Provide." (Genesis 22:14) He provides all of our needs to overflowing! We can never use up what He provides.

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Hangman (Trust God, Elijah, prayer, drought)

Activity: Matching Cards

Lesson 13 Elijah Victorious on Mt. Carmel and Fear Before Jezebel
1 Kings 18-19:8
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Lesson Facts:

Elijah told Obadiah to tell King Ahab “Elijah is here,” because Ahab had been searching for Elijah, Obadiah was afraid he would disappear and then Ahab would kill Obadiah. Obadiah told Elijah how he had hidden other prophets. Elijah reassured him and he went to tell Ahab. Elijah had Ahab 850 false prophets to Mount Caramel. Elijah made a challenge to prove who was the real God. God won. The prophets of Baal were killed by the people. It rained. When Jezebel heard what happened, she vowed to kill Elijah. Elijah ran. He walked 40 days and 40 nights on the strength of a loaf of bread and a jug of water.

Principles: Trust God

Application: Pray and trust

Visuals/Resources: For altar, I used an upside down bread pan in an oven roasting pan. 12 small rocks (I had some from the Dollar Store), shis kabob skewers cut into small pieces for wood, pitcher of water, 4 small containers for water

Songs: Whose Side Are You Servin’ On

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Opening: Chit-chat about week

Ask:

How does God talk to us?

How many main parts to the Bible? What is the difference? Which one are we under?

How many books in OT? NT? Say books of the Bible.

How do we talk to God?

How long did David reign?

How can we follow David’s example? **Be kind**

Why did Uzzah die?

Was David able to hide sin from God?

What made David realize he had sinned?

How were you at honoring your parents last week?

How were you at not being selfish?

Why is it important to obey parents?

Should we decide what to do based on majority rule?

Describe Solomon’s kingdom.

What should the person we marry be like?

Why was the temple looted?

How did God tell Elijah that he would get food?

Who did God say He would have provide food for Elijah next?

What did God do so that they would all have food to eat?

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PRAYER

Memory Verse: 2 Chronicles 12:14

He did evil because he did not set his heart to seek the LORD.

1 Kings 18:1-40

After 3 years, God told Elijah to go see Ahab. God also told Elijah that there would be rain again. King Ahab saw Elijah and said Elijah is trouble in Israel, but Elijah replied that King Ahab was the one causing trouble! He and his father had been worshipping Baal, and not God!

Elijah told King Ahab to pick either God or Baal to worship. He couldn't worship both. Elijah said "I am the only prophet for God, but Baal has 450 prophets. Elijah told King Ahab to gather all the people of Israel and meet at Mount Carmel. Elijah told King Ahab to bring the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah. (Another idol)

Elijah asked the people, "How long are you going to be undecided? You can't worship God and Baal! You have to pick who you will worship!" But, the people wouldn't answer Elijah. Elijah said he was the only prophet for God and Baal had 450 prophets. Elijah suggested that they each take a bull, cut it up into pieces and lay it on the wood, without a fire under it. You can call your gods to light the fire and then I will call my God.

King Ahab did what Elijah suggested and Elijah told them to go first. They prepared the bull on the wood, but didn't start the fire. They called out to Baal from morning until noon. No answer! No fire! Elijah mocked them and told them "Maybe your god is sleeping or busy or something. Shout out louder!" They called louder for Baal to start the fire and they cut themselves. They kept calling for Baal to start the fire until the evening, but still no fire. Nothing happened!

Finally, Elijah told the people to come stand by him. Elijah took 12 stones, to represent the 12 Tribes and built an altar. (Pile up the 12 rocks.)

Elijah made a trench around the altar, added the wood and put the cut up bull on it. (Put the wood and bull on the rocks.) (Fill 4 small containers with water. Have 4 students pour on 'altar'. Repeat 3 times.) Elijah said to fill four water pots full of water and to pour it on the sacrifice and on the wood. Elijah had them pour four pots of water on it three times. Water ran down all over the altar and filled the trench!

Elijah called to God and said "Let it be known to the people today that **You** are the God in Israel and that I am **Your prophet!** Hear me, God and let the people know that **You are the Lord God that they need to worship!**" When

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Elijah called to God to start the fire, the fire burned up the sacrifice along with the wood, the stones and even the water in the trench! God sent fire and it burned up everything! So, the people believed in God. They fell on their faces and said "The Lord, He is God!"

Elijah told Ahab to go eat and drink, because rain was on its way. Elijah climbed to the top of Mount Carmel. He bent down low and prayed to the Lord. He sent his servant to look out over the sea. His servant returned saying, "I don't see anything." (Have one student go, look, and come back and say "I don't see anything." Repeat 6 times.) Elijah sent him back six more times. Finally, the servant returned and reported to Elijah that he could see a tiny cloud the size of a man's hand. Elijah knew what this meant. He sent word to Ahab that the rain was coming.

In a little while, the sky grew dark with clouds and wind. There was a downpour! (1 Kings 18:42-46)

Ahab left and went to Jezreel after Elijah told him rain was coming to end the drought. When Ahab told Jezebel about the altar and the Baal prophets being killed, she was angry. She sent a message to Elijah that she would have him killed by the next day. Elijah left and went to Beersheba.

After the fire and the storm do you think King Ahab learned a lesson? No, he still did not obey the real God. He would rather worship made-up gods. When King Ahab told Queen Jezebel about that she was very angry. The King and Queen hated Elijah and the prophets of God. As long as she lived Queen Jezebel kept sending soldiers to try to kill Elijah. (Read 1 Kings 19:1-8 and discuss.)

Remember Elijah told the people to pick who they would worship? Each day, we choose who we will worship.

Sing 'Whose Side Are You Servin' On'

Review verse: **2 Chronicles 12:14**

He did evil because he did not set his heart to seek the LORD. (We **choose** to set our heart on Him.)

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Rain Game

Kids stand up and raise their hands above their heads. If statement honors God, sprinkle like rain; if not, they shrivel up and melt into a sitting, dying plant position.

Worship the Lord, God of Israel

Honor your father and mother

Worship Baal

Listen to God's Word

Sing praises to God

Obey you mom and dad

Build an idol to worship

Be mean to people

Share

Stop worshipping God

Pray

Pass out attendance papers and add last sticker. Review what each sticker stands for.