

# Old Testament

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## One Year Plan



GOD'S WORD

Created for use with young, unchurched learners Adaptable for all ages.

ELIJAH FED BY RAVENS



I KINGS 16:29-17:7

**Memory Verse:**  
And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.  
Philippians 4:19

**Lesson Goals**

1. Understand that Ahab was a bad king.
2. Learn that Elijah was God's messenger.
3. Recognize that Elijah's life was in danger.
4. Understand that God provided for Elijah's needs.

**Prayer Time**

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to deliver us from sin.
3. Ask God to help you follow Him.
4. Pray for friends and family members who need to be delivered from sin.

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**Read I Kings 17:1-6. (Hold your Bible throughout the story.)**

**Do You Know Jesus?**

God sent Jesus to provide for our need, a Savior. Jesus died on the cross for us. If we ask Jesus to come be a part of our lives, He will. If we confess our sins, He will forgive us. (I John 1:9) Would you like to ask Jesus to be your Savior?

**Application**

Elijah obeyed God, even when it wasn't easy. He spoke God's words to an evil king. God wants us to share His message of salvation with all people. He wants us to know that He loves us and will take care of all our needs. We can trust him, just like Elijah did.

**Begin With Prayer**

Last week we learned that David made the plans to build a temple for the Lord. But God chose David's son, Solomon, to build it. Solomon listened to God and did exactly what the Lord commanded. When the temple was dedicated, God's presence filled the temple.

Years went by, and God's people began to turn away from Him. Some of the people began worshipping idols, false gods. God was not pleased with His people. Later, a man named Ahab became king. Ahab was an especially evil king. The Bible says, "He did more things to disobey the Lord than any king before him." (I Kings 16:30) He even married a foreign woman named Jezebel and began worshipping an idol called Baal.

God sent Elijah to give King Ahab a message. Elijah was a prophet, which means he was a messenger for God. He told people what God said. Elijah told King Ahab that God said that the land would not have dew or rain for a long time. It would only rain if Elijah prayed and asked God to make it rain. (I Kings 17:1)

All the water in the rivers and lakes dried up. It was like a desert in the country. God knew the king would be angry with Elijah for letting this happen. Elijah knew that if the king's people found him, they would try to kill him because there was no water in the land.

So God told Elijah to go across the Jordan River, near Cherith Creek. God told Elijah He would provide for him there. God said, "You can drink water from the creek, and eat the food I've told the ravens to bring you." (I Kings 17:4) So Elijah obeyed God and went to live near Cherith Creek.

God provided for Elijah in an unusual way. Elijah did not go out and get food while he was hiding. Instead, God had some ravens (black birds) bring food to Elijah to eat. Every morning and evening the ravens brought Elijah meat and bread to eat. He drank water from the creek. God provided for Elijah's needs and took care of him during that time.

In the New Testament, Jesus talked about how God provides for His people. Jesus said that we should look at the birds that don't plant or gather crops, but God feeds them. We are worth more than they are. Jesus also said to look at the lilies. They don't work or make clothing, but God dresses them more gloriously than King Solomon. We don't have to worry because our heavenly Father knows that we need those things. (Matthew 6:26-32)

God provided for Elijah in a miraculous way. He will provide for us, too. Think of all the ways that God takes care of you—a place to live, clothes to wear, food to eat, etc. We may not have everything we want, but God will give us what we need. Let's not forget to thank Him for blessing us and taking care of us.

**Review Questions**

1. Why was God not pleased with King Ahab? (He worshipped idols.)
2. What did God tell Elijah to say to King Ahab? (That it would not rain until he said so.)
3. How did God take care of Elijah? (He told him to go hide near a creek and sent ravens to give him food.)

## Memory Verse

And my God will meet all your  
needs according to his glorious  
riches in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19

# Preschool Lesson

Read I Kings 17:1-6. (Hold your Bible throughout the story.)

Memory verse for younger children:

And my God will meet all your needs. Philippians 4:19

**Teacher:** Make beaks out of construction paper. Use yarn to tie them on the children's faces.

## Begin With Prayer

A long time ago, there lived a man named Elijah who loved God. Elijah gave people messages from God. At that time, there was a mean king named Ahab who ruled the country. He told the people to worship other things and not worship God. This made God very sad. (Make a sad face.)

Elijah told the wicked king that God would not let it rain in this land until Elijah prayed for it to rain again. It did not rain for a long, long time. All the rivers and lakes dried up, and there was no water for the plants to grow. Everything dried up (pretend like you are a leaf drying up).

All of the rivers dried up and the whole land turned brown. The people began to get very thirsty. (Make a sound like you are panting for water.)

God told Elijah to walk to a valley to hide from the king. So, Elijah walked and walked until he found the valley and a little river of water! The water tasted so delicious! (Make slurping sounds.)

Elijah was all alone in the middle of the desert with no food to eat. Soon, his tummy started to rumble and growl.

Suddenly, some black birds called ravens brought Elijah meat and bread in their beaks. They flew down by the river and landed next to Elijah. Then, they opened their beaks and gave Elijah the bread and meat. Elijah told God thank you for sending the birds with food.

Every morning and evening, the birds came with food for Elijah. God took care of Elijah and helped him with his needs.

God gave Elijah what he needed, and he'll give us what we need, too. Let's pray and thank God for taking care of us.

**Preschool Memory Verse**

And my God will  
meet all your needs.  
Philippians 4:18



# Learning Activities

•**Memory verse activity** — Make a raven using a paper bag and handprints. Write the memory verse on the raven. Make some for those who are not in class.

**Test your memory** — Bring a black jacket with a hood. Have someone put on the jacket and a bird beak and pretend to be a raven. Bring a robe. Have someone wear the robe and pretend to be Elijah. Bring a blue plastic table cloth to represent the brook from which Elijah drank. Use these items as you tell the story.

**Taste activity** — Bring gummies in the shape of insects for a snack.

Bring wheat toast for a snack. Tell the kids ravens eat grains. The ravens brought bread to Elijah.

**Think about it** — Elijah obeyed God. His life was in danger as a result of his obedience. Talk about what it means to obey God.

•**Touch activity** — Make bird beaks out of construction paper. Use yarn to tie them on the children's faces.

•**Listen** — As the children take time for silence, remind them that God wants us to trust Him for all our needs.

•**Sing** — Sing “Seek Ye First,” “Jehovah Jirah,” or another song related to the story.

•**Reach out** — During class, pray (by name) for kids that did not come today. Ask the children to go with you to deliver the handouts to those who were absent. Take the paper bag ravens with the memory verse to them. Encourage them to read the story in the Bible.

# Rooted and Grounded



## Pray

Praise God for all He has done, and thank Him for the many ways He takes care of us. Thank God for sending Jesus to die in our place. Pray for those who don't know Jesus.

## Read the Bible Daily

This week, read I Kings 16:29–17:7. Also, read a chapter out of Psalms and Proverbs each day.

## Think About It

In James 5:16-17, it says, "When a believing person prays, great things happen. Elijah was a human being just like us. He prayed that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years!" God answered Elijah's prayer because he had faith. Do we believe that God can hear and answer our prayers as He did for Elijah?

## Do It

King Ahab worshipped idols. An idol is anything you put before God. God is not pleased when we put anything before Him. If you have turned away from God to pursue other things, confess your sin to God and turn back to Him. He is a loving and a forgiving God.

## Tell About It

Share the Bible story with a friend. Talk about how we can trust God to meet all of our needs.

## Change it

Do you talk to God about your worries and your needs? It is easy to get so busy with life that we forget to pray. But God wants to hear from us. Make time each day to pray, and expect God to hear and answer according to His will.



Word Art

Trace the letters.

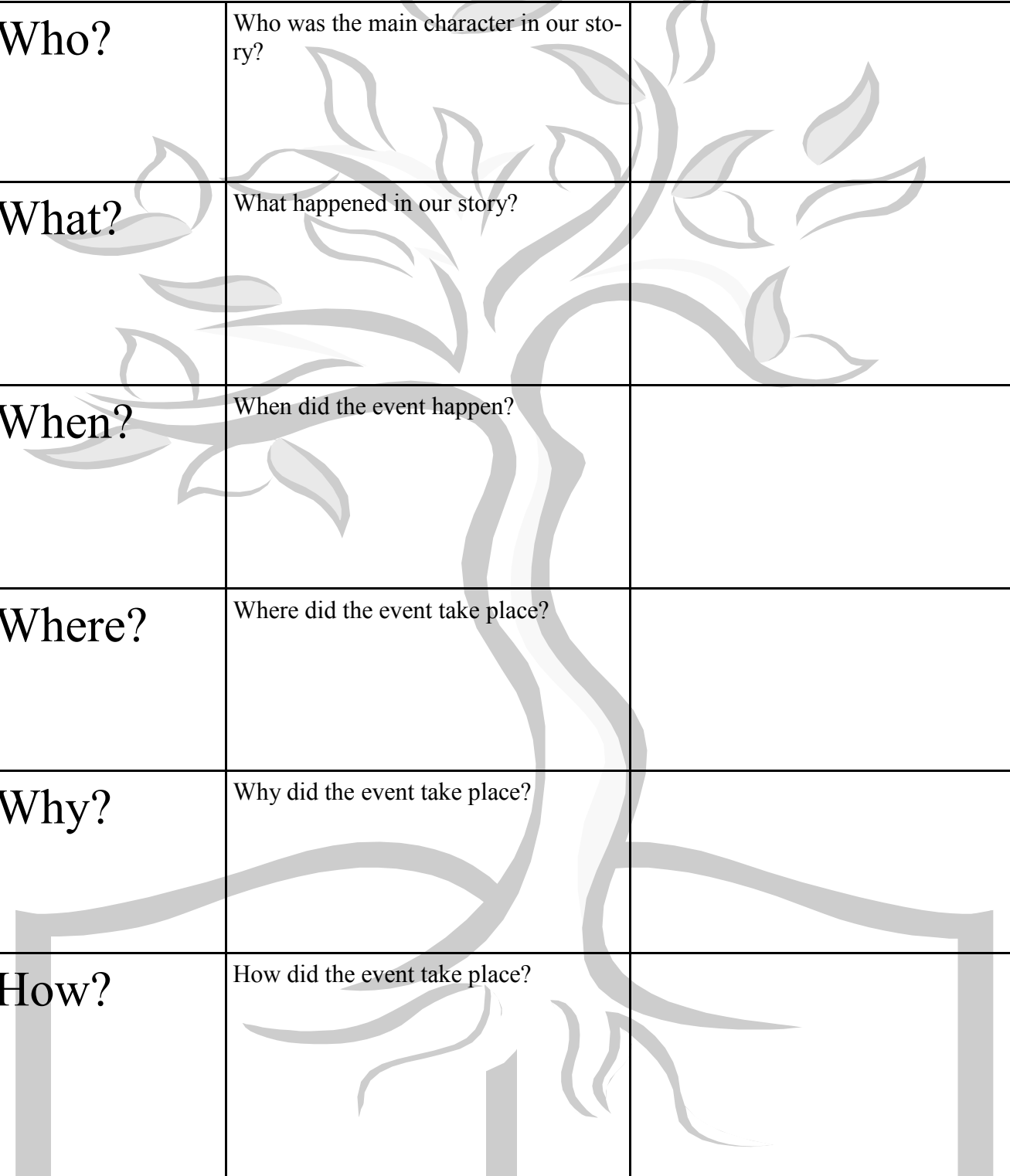
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# Learning the Facts



Who?	Who was the main character in our story?	
What?	What happened in our story?	
When?	When did the event happen?	
Where?	Where did the event take place?	
Why?	Why did the event take place?	
How?	How did the event take place?	

# Word Search

N S B D H I S E L O M O N F D M L B  
E S V B D N K U C M D P F R B K L S  
V K R L K D R L I V D A E R B L J E  
O K N B L R A B R B A H A S P T G I  
C B S K S V U T N I A R R K I N H L  
E K H D F R M A R E T A W P N W E O  
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T B S H L S P M E Y H T I R E K N F  
F E C E C P D E V A C A T E T P M O  
O M B L K K O F A R C K M C N B S Y  
K J U K D L N R R P B D A R R O T L

ELIJAH

AHAB

PRAY

RAIN

WATER

KERITH

RAVEN

BREAD

MEAT

# Word Search Solution

N S B D H I S E L O M O N F D M L B  
 E S V B D N K U C M D P F R B K L S  
 V K R L K D R L I V D A E R B L J E  
 O K N B L R A B R B A H A S P T G I  
 C B S K S V U T N I A R R K I N H L  
 E K H D F R M A R E T A W P N W E O  
 H S T T E P E E N H A J I L E L J H  
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 F E C E C P D E V A C A T E T P M O  
 O M B L K K O F A R C K M C N B S Y  
 K J U K D L N R R P B D A R R O T L

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# Preschool Word Search

R A V E N G K T B N L J  
S A H A B D W C S D P M  
P R G F K S B L G M K N  
S B M S P R A Y F G K D  
J R V D M E A T C N F H  
J F G G M L D N B P M R  
H P N E E L I J A H C M  
D R K P B R E A D F G L  
S M V Y G P R S V L D F  
N R K T D M P L M B J S  
F G P R M S V N C P C D  
V L D B R F G H B S W S

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R	A	V	E	N	G	K	T	B	N	L	J
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P	R	G	F	K	S	B	L	G	M	K	N
S	B	M	S	P	R	A	Y	F	G	K	D
J	R	V	D	M	E	A	T	C	N	F	H
J	F	G	G	M	L	D	N	B	P	M	R
H	P	N	E	E	L	I	J	A	H	C	M
D	R	K	P	B	R	E	A	D	F	G	L
S	M	V	Y	G	P	R	S	V	L	D	F
N	R	K	T	D	M	P	L	M	B	J	S
F	G	P	R	M	S	V	N	C	P	C	D
V	L	D	B	R	F	G	H	B	S	W	S

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**Anagram**

AEIHJL

EEEGMNSSR

AABH

GIKN

ABD

AEDPRY

AINR

EIHKRT

OOKRB

GOD'S WORD

## Anagram Solution

ELIJAH

MESSENGER

AHAB

KING

BAD

PRAYED

RAIN

KERITH

BROOK

GOD'S WORD