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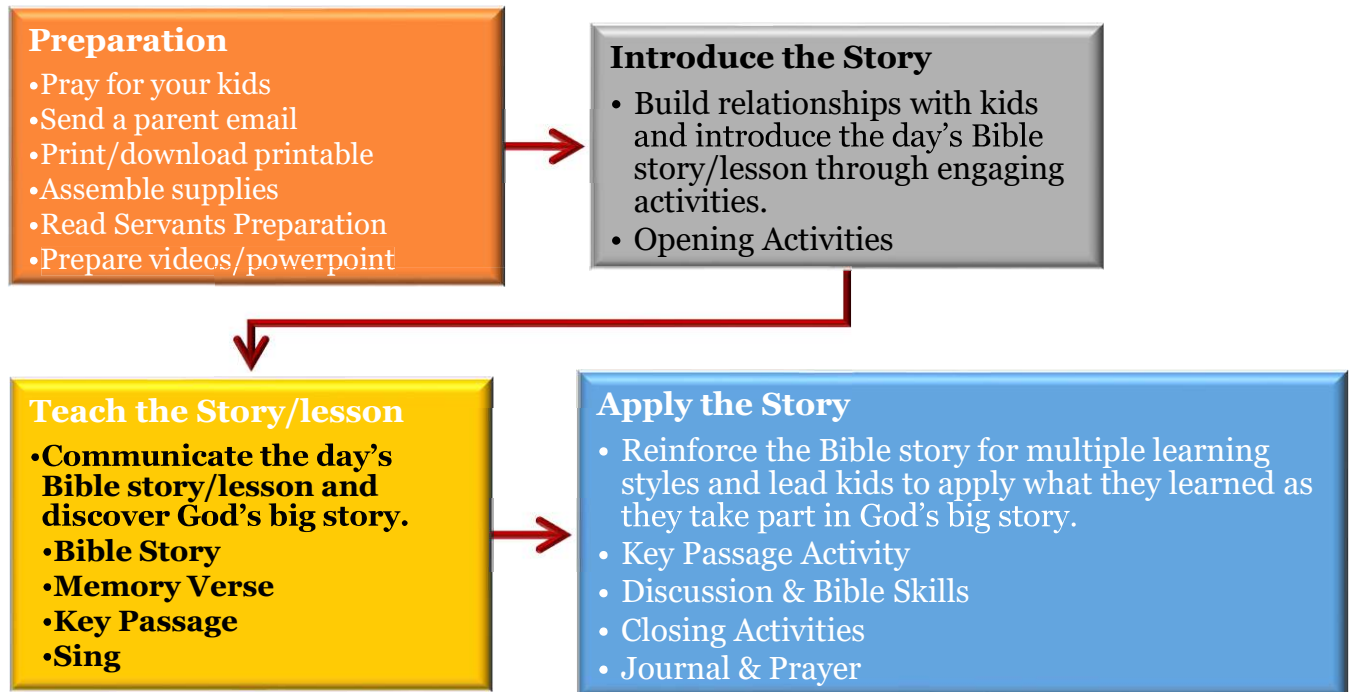
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PRE-LESSON PLAN:



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Pre-class reading and assignment (add)

Class session

Opening hook – (add), i.e., a question(s) opening activity.

Short intro (add): review application of last session, and homework.

Chapters in the plan, the story- by chapter,

Learning Goals – Application

Activities (add): (in beginning or end)- linguistic questions, verse memorization activity, true/false questions, emotional questions, fact questions,

Memory Verse (add) - ways of memorization.

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Add: linguistic questions, true/false questions, emotional questions, fact questions, Memory Verse- verse memorization activity, ways of memorization (add)

Homework – or after class maybe

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WEEK #10: CHAPTER 16:29-19, ELIJAH, AHAB'S EVIL REIGN IN ISRAEL,

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Pre-class reading and assignment.

Class session:

Opening hook – (add), i.e., a question(s)

Short intro: review application

1. The Prophet Elijah Arises, declared three-year drought to Ahab.
2. Elijah stayed with a widow in Zarephath.
3. The widow's son died, but God revived him.

1. The Prophet Elijah Arises and declared three-year drought to Ahab. 17:1-7

Enter Elijah!

- There's this Tishbi named Elijah. He says to Ahab, "In the name of God, it's not going to rain 'til I tell it to."
- The Lord tells Elijah to go hide by a stream, and ravens will feed him.
- He does, and they do. He gets bread and meat morning and evening from the ravens, and drinks water from the stream.

2. Elijah stayed with a widow in Zarephath. 17:8-16

- But then it dries up (because it's not raining anymore), so the Lord tells him to go live in Zarephath. A widow there will take care of him.
- Elijah goes, and sure enough when he gets there, there's a widow gathering sticks for a fire.
- He asks her to get him a drink of water and some bread, but she tells him that she's about to use the last of her meal and oil to make one final meal for her and her son before they starve to death.
- But Elijah tells her, "Don't worry. Feed me first, and God won't let your food run out until the rains come again."
- She believes Elijah, feeds him first, and—as promised—their food doesn't run out.

3. The widow's son died, but God revived him. 17:17-24

- Despite this, though, the widow's son gets really sick and dies.
- The woman wonders if God sent Elijah to kill her son as punishment for some sin she's committed.
- But Elijah takes the son and carries him upstairs and prays for God to restore the boy's soul to him.
- God does, and now the woman knows that Elijah is a man of God who speaks the truth.

POST LESSON

LEARNING GOAL 13: When the Brook Dries Up- 1 Kings 17.1-16

After Elijah boldly confronted King Ahab with the coming drought, the Lord led him to a creek and supplied the prophet's needs. But a time came when the brook dried up, and God led his man to the widow in Zarephath. There, the Lord took care of not only his needs but also the needs of a widow and her son.

When the brook dries up in our lives, we should listen carefully to God's directions for what he wants us to do next. It is dangerous for us to stay where God supplied our needs yesterday when he instructs us to move on to some new provision for today. It is a bit frightening to leave the place of our past comfort and security, but the same God who took care of us yesterday will take care of us today.



Chapter# 18

1. Elijah meets Obadiah and Ahab.
2. Elijah went to Ahab and challenged the prophets of Baal.
3. Both sacrificed on Mount Carmel, but **fire** consumes Elijah's sacrifice.
4. Rain fell on Israel

My God Can Beat Up Your God

1. Elijah meets Obadiah and Ahab.18:1-16

- After three years of drought, the Lord tells Elijah it's time to confront Ahab and make it rain.
- Meanwhile, Ahab's getting desperate to find some water. He calls a person named Obadiah, the governor of his house.
- Obadiah's a really good person. He hid one hundred prophets in a cave when Jezebel was hunting down and killing all the prophets.
- Ahab sends Obadiah to look for a place with some living grass for their horses and mules.
- To Obadiah's surprise, he bumps into Elijah while looking.
- Elijah tells Obadiah to go tell Ahab he's there, but Obadiah's like, "Are you kidding me? He's been looking all over for you, and as soon as I tell him where you are, the Lord's Spirit will carry you away somewhere, and he'll kill me."
- But Elijah promises to stay put, so Obadiah tells Ahab, and he comes running.
- "Are you the one giving us all this trouble?" he asks.

2. Elijah went to Ahab and challenged the prophets of Baal. 18: 17-19

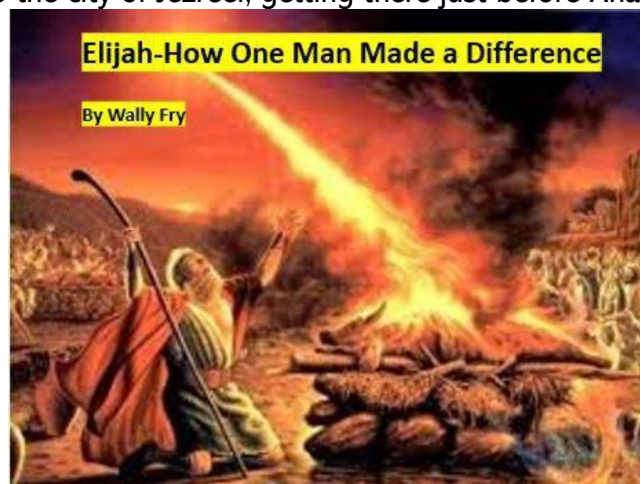
- Elijah answers, "You're the one who brought trouble when you forsook God's commandments and worshipped Baal, fool. So, here's what we're going to do: Gather all of Israel to mount Carmel, and make sure those 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 that eat at Jezebel's table come, too."
- Everyone gathers on mount Carmel, and Elijah says, "Why don't you people make up your minds? If the Lord is God, follow him. If it's Baal, follow him."
- The people say nothing.
- So, then Elijah says, "Look, there are 450 prophets for Baal, and there's just me for the Lord. Let's have a little contest. You take a bull and put it on a pile of wood. I'll do the same. We both pray to our gods, and whichever god sends fire to burn the bull is the real deal."
- This sounds good to the people, so they set to it.\

3. Both sacrificed on Mount Carmel, but fire consumes Elijah's sacrifice. 18: 20-40

- The priests of Baal call to their god from morning until noon, but nothing happens.
- Elijah's all like, "Louder, boys! He's probably just meditating, or he's out of the office, or maybe he's asleep, that's all."
- The priests go totally nuts, screaming super loudly and cutting themselves, as was customary. They get super bloody and gross, but still nothing happens.
- Finally, the priests give up and Elijah says, "All right everybody, check this out."
- He takes twelve stones (one for each tribe of Israel) and fixes up the altar of the Lord, which had been torn down. He puts wood on top of it, cuts up the bull and lays it on top of the wood, and digs a trench around the altar.
- Then he tells the people to dump four barrels of water all over the altar not once, not twice, but three times.
- The meat and wood are soaked, and the trench is filled with water when they're through.
- When evening comes, Elijah prays to God and says, "Let everyone know today that you are God in Israel, and that I'm your servant."
- And the fire of God falls down and eats up the bull, the wood, the stones, and all the water in the trench.
- The people fall down to the ground saying "The Lord is God. The Lord is God."
- Elijah's like, "Yup. Seize the prophets of Baal."
- And he brings them down by the brook Kishon and kills all 850 of them.

4. Rain fell on Israel. 18:41-46

- Elijah tells Ahab to head home and eat and drink up, because it looks like rain.
- So, Ahab heads toward his house, and Elijah goes to the top of mount Carmel and prays.
- He tells his servant who's with him to go look toward the sea. He does but doesn't see anything.
- Elijah tells him to look seven more times, and finally on the seventh time the servant sees a little cloud rising out over the sea as small as a man's hand.
- The sky turns black with clouds, and a huge rainstorm bursts over the land.
- Elijah hightails it to the city of Jezreel, getting there just before Ahab does.



POST-LESSON

LEARNING GOAL 14: Make Up Your Mind! 1 Kings 18:17-40

Elijah had absolute confidence that the Lord was the one true God. That's why the prophet challenged Ahab and his false prophets to a contest atop Mount Carmel. Elijah wanted the king to stop causing the confusion over who was to be worshiped - Baal or God.

The prophet told the people it was time to make up their minds. They could not claim to be God's people and continue to worship idols. Elijah made fun of the 400 prophets of Baal to show the people how foolish it was to put their faith in lifeless idols, rather than in the living God.

No false god can do for us what God can do. He forgives our sins, meets our physical needs, and satisfies the spiritual longings in our hearts. God is the only one worth worshipping.

Chapter 19

1. Elijah flees Jezebel's wrath.
2. Elijah's Encounter with The Lord.
3. Elisha anointed as his successor.

1. Elijah flees Jezebel's wrath. 19:1-8

Earth, Wind, And Fire

- When Ahab tells Jezebel about Elijah killing all of her prophets, she's not happy.
- She sends a message to Elijah: "Let the gods kill me if I fail to do to you what you did to my prophets by this time tomorrow."
- So, Elijah goes into hiding in the wilderness.
- He sits down under a tree and tells the Lord that he thinks it's about time he died.
- He falls asleep, but an angel wakes him up and tells him to eat. Elijah finds a cake and some water next to him, and he eats and drinks before he falls asleep again.
- The angel comes to wake him a second time, and tells him, "You'd better eat up, or you won't have the energy to make the journey you're about to go on."
- Elijah wakes up and eats again. He then heads off to Horeb, a.k.a. Sinai, the mountain of God.
- He doesn't eat anything for forty days and forty nights during his journey.

2. Elijah's Encounter with The Lord. 19:9-18

- Finally, he arrives at Horeb. He finds a cave and sleeps.
- In the cave, the Lord's voice comes to him and asks, "Whatcha doin', Elijah?"
- Elijah explains, "Well, I've been really loyal to you, Lord. But the Israelites are breaking your covenants and tearing down your altars and killing your prophets. I'm the only one left and now they're trying to kill me, so I'm hiding out here."
- The Lord tells Elijah to go stand on the mountain, because the Lord is going to be there.
- Before he has the chance to go out, a furious wind passes by the cave and tears up the rocks on the mountain—but the Lord's not in the wind.
- Then an earthquake comes and shakes the cave—but the Lord's not in that either. Then a fire comes, but still no Lord.
- Finally, Elijah hears "a sound of sheer silence" (NRSV 19:12—or in the KJV, "a still small voice"). He wraps his face in his cloak and walks to the mouth of the cave.

3. Elisha anointed as his successor. 19:19-21

- Again, he hears a voice ask, "Whatcha doin'?"
- Again, he answers, using the exact same words as before.
- The Lord tells him to go back to the wilderness of Damascus. On his way, he should anoint Hazael as king of Syria, Jehu as king of Israel, and Elisha as the prophet that will take Elijah's place when he's gone.
- The Lord says that whoever escapes from Hazael's sword will be killed by Jehu, and whomever escapes from Jehu's sword will be killed by Elisha.
- He says there are still 7,000 people left in Israel that don't worship Baal.
- So, Elijah goes back, and on his way, he passes by Elisha's farm.
- Elisha's out plowing a field with twelve oxen, and Elijah puts his cloak on Elisha as he's walking by. Elisha understands this as a symbolic call to go away with Elijah and serve God.
- Elisha gets permission to have a little going away party, then follows Elijah from that day forward.



POST-LESSON

Learning Goal 15: God in the Unexpected -1 Kings 19.10-13

God wanted to challenge and encourage Elijah. the prophet was allowed to experience the Lord's presence in a special way. Surprisingly, God's presence was not in the strong wind, not the earthquake, not the fire. Elijah sensed God's presence in the gentle breeze.

God does not always speak loudly to us. Nor does he always perform stunning miracles to prove his presence. Many times, he speaks to us through the small, unexpected events of life such as the cry of a baby, the bloom of a flower, or the beauty of a sunset. No matter how God chooses to reveal himself to you, he is always nearby.

Activities:(in beginning or end)- linguistic questions, verse memorization activity, true/ false questions, emotional questions, fact questions, (add)

Memory Verse- ways of memorization (add)

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Homework – take home sheet (add) themes, Jesus Christ, Politics Religion, Power, Spirituality, Wisdom