
Leader BIBLE STUDY

King Ahab was an evil king. In fact, “Ahab did more to provoke the Lord God of Israel than all the kings of Israel who were before him” (1 Kings 16:33). The things that Ahab did made God angry. God wanted His people to be faithful to Him, but King Ahab led them away from God.

Enter Elijah the prophet. God was going to use someone to get Ahab’s attention, and He chose Elijah. In 1 Kings 17, Elijah told Ahab that a drought was coming. God prevented rain in the land for three years. For Ahab, a man who worshiped Baal—the false Canaanite god of rain and fertility—the drought sent a strong message about the one true God.

When God was ready to send rain on the earth, Elijah appeared to Ahab and instructed him to gather the Israelites and the prophets of the false gods at Mount Carmel. Elijah challenged the people to choose: Follow God or follow Baal. They couldn’t do both.

Elijah set up a challenge to prove to the people who the true God is. Elijah faced off against the prophets of Baal. Each group prepared a bull on an altar and called on their deity to send fire from heaven. The prophets of Baal called and cried and cut themselves, but Baal did not answer. Then Elijah poured water on and around his altar. He called to God, and God sent fire from heaven. Everything was burned up.

The prophets could not deny that the God of Elijah is the one true God. God sent a great rain, ending the drought in the land.

The false god Baal had no power. As you teach kids this week, emphasize that only God—the one true God—has power to help His people and to save them. And He saves them through His Son, Jesus, whose name means, “God (Yahweh) saves.”

Older Kids BIBLE STUDY OVERVIEW

Session Title: Elijah Confronted Evil Ahab

Bible Passage: 1 Kings 18

Big Picture Question: Who is the one true God? Yahweh is the one true God.

Key Passage: 2 Kings 17:13-14

Unit Christ Connection: The prophets called God's people to repentance as Christ calls people to repentance. Sin continued to divide and ultimately destroy the Northern Kingdom, but Christ's perfect kingdom is forever.

Small Group Opening

Welcome time

Activity page (5 minutes)

Session starter (10 minutes)

Large Group Leader

Countdown

Introduce the session (2 minutes)

Timeline map (2 minutes)

Big picture question (2 minutes)

Tell the Bible story (9 minutes)

The Gospel: God's Plan for Me (optional)

Sing (5 minutes)

Discussion starter video (5 minutes)

Key passage (4 minutes)

Prayer (1 minute)

Small Group Leader

Key passage activity (5 minutes)

Bible story review & Bible skills (10 minutes)

Activity choice (10 minutes)

Journal and prayer (5 minutes)

The BIBLE STORY

Elijah Confronted Evil Ahab

1 Kings 18

King Ahab was king over Israel. He was an evil king, leading the Israelites away from God. They worshiped Baal (BAY uhl), a false god, instead. The things King Ahab did made God angry, and God caused a drought. The drought would show King Ahab and all the people that God—not Baal—is powerful and in control of all things.

A drought made life very hard. **No rain or dew fell in the land. Without rain, people could not grow crops in the fields. The lakes and rivers dried up. Finally, after three years, God was ready to send rain.**

God used a prophet named Elijah to send a message to King Ahab. When Ahab met Elijah, Ahab said, “Is that you, troubler of Israel?” King Ahab blamed Elijah for the drought and the hard times in the land.

“You have caused this trouble by disobeying God and worshiping false gods,” Elijah replied. Then Elijah invited King Ahab, the Israelites, and all of the people who worshiped Baal to gather at Mount Carmel.

Elijah stood in front of the crowd and said, “Make up your minds! If you believe the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him.”

Elijah set up a challenge to show who the one true God is. The worshipers of Baal set up an altar for their false god. They prepared a bull and put it on their altar.

“You call to Baal,” Elijah told the people, “and ask him to send fire to your altar. I will call on the Lord. The God who answers by fire is the one true God.”

The worshipers of Baal agreed. From morning until noon, they cried out to Baal. “Baal, answer us!” But no one answered. The people danced and cried and cut their bodies. Still, no one answered.

Elijah gathered the people around him. He dug a trench around his altar, prepared a bull, and put it on a pile of wood. Then Elijah asked for four jars of water to be poured on the wood. When the wood and the bull were wet, he asked for more water. A third time, water was poured over the altar, and it ran down and filled the trench.

Then Elijah prayed to God, “Answer me, Lord! Answer me so that these people will know that You, Yahweh, are God.”

God answered Elijah. He sent fire from the sky, and the fire burned up the bull and the wood and the stones and the dust. It burned up the water that was in the trench. There was no doubt that the Lord is the one true God.

The men who had worshiped Baal fell on their faces and said, “Yahweh, He is God! Yahweh, He is God!” Then Elijah killed all the people who worshiped Baal.

Elijah saw a little cloud over the sea. Then God sent rain. The sky grew dark with clouds, and there was a great rain. Yahweh ended the drought and proved that He is the one true God.

Christ Connection: Elijah called on the power of God to prove to the worshipers of Baal that Yahweh is the one true God. By sending fire from heaven, God displayed His great power. God would use His power years later to raise Jesus from the dead, showing that Jesus is the Son of God.

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Welcome time

Greet each kid as he or she arrives. Use this time to collect the offering, fill out attendance sheets, and help new kids connect to your group.

Say • Have you ever had to stand up for what you believe? What happened? Were you alone or did someone stand with you?

- In today's Bible story someone stood up for believing in God instead of idols.

Activity page (5 minutes)

- "Yahweh Puzzle" activity page, 1 per kid
- pencils

Guide boys and girls to complete the activity page "Yahweh Puzzle" by following the arrows. If kids follow the arrows correctly, they should find sentences about Yahweh.

Say • Yahweh is a very special name for God. It was so special, that the Israelites would not even say it. They greatly respected the name of Yahweh.

- We will see in our Bible story today if King Ahab respected Yahweh.



- cups, 12 per team
- cotton balls or feathers (optional)

Session starter (10 minutes)

Option 1: Twelve cups relay

You can form teams or allow kids to play as one team. You will need one set of cups for each team. Stack all of the cups together and place them on one side of the room.

When instructed to start, the first kid must remove a cup from the stack and carry it across the room. When he returns, the next kid can go. See how long it takes to move all 12 cups. To increase the challenge, place cotton balls or feathers inside the cups and challenge kids to carry the cups without losing any of the contents.

Say • How many cups did you have to transport? (12) In our Bible story, 12 containers of water were used for something unusual. Listen closely to discover how the 12 containers of water were used.

Option 2: Truths of God

- paper
- pens or markers

Print the alphabet on a piece of paper with room to write next to each letter. Make one copy for every pair of kids.

Distribute the papers facedown. Instruct each group to turn over the paper and try to list one characteristic or fact about God for each letter of the alphabet. After five minutes, invite pairs to share some of the facts on their list.

Say • Someone name something that people worship instead of God. Do any of those idols measure up to God? Why do people choose to worship an idol instead of worshipping God? In our Bible story today, a group of people chose to worship an idol. Listen to find out what happened.

Transition to large group

Large Group LEADER

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Countdown

- countdown video

Show the countdown video as your kids arrive, and set it to end as large group time begins.

Introduce the session (2 minutes)

- life vest
- oar

[Leader enters wearing a life vest and carrying an oar.]

Leader • I have been practicing for our river rapids adventure. Are you ready to exercise? OK, stand up and spread out a little bit. First, pretend to hold an oar. And pretend to paddle with your oar on the right side. OK, now the left side. Good job!

I have warned you that when you river raft, you will get wet, right? The water splashes over the side of the raft and splashes you. It is one of the best parts of river rafting. Water is actually a part of our Bible story today.

Timeline map (2 minutes)

- Timeline Map

Leader • Who remembers what our Bible story was about last week? When I signal you, tell me one fact from last week's story.

Select four or five kids to respond.

Leader • The last king we talked about last week was King Ahab. Ahab is in our story today. Ahab and his wife worshiped the false god named Baal. In today's Bible story, God sent a prophet with a message for Ahab and the Northern Kingdom. The prophet's message is the answer to our big picture question.

Big picture question (2 minutes)

- Bibles, 1 per kid

Leader • Our big picture question is, *Who is the one true God?* If you think you know the answer, raise your hand. Don't say anything. Just raise your hand. I see a lot of you think you know who the one true God is.

In our Bible story today, Ahab and his followers thought they knew who the one true God is. Listen closely and we will discover if they knew the right answer to our big picture question. Our Bible story is in 1 Kings. Does anyone know what division of the Old Testament 1 Kings is a part of? Yes, it is in the History division. Everybody find 1 Kings 18 in your Bible.

Tell the Bible story (9 minutes)

- "Elijah Confronted Evil Ahab" video
- Bible Story Picture Slide or Poster
- Big Picture Question Slide or Poster

Open your Bible to 1 Kings 18 and tell the Bible story in your own words, or show the Bible story video "Elijah Confronted Evil Ahab."

Leader • King Ahab, his wife, Jezebel, and all the false prophets thought they knew who was the one true God. Were they right? NO! They were wrong. Baal is made up. He's not real. He's a fake idol. He does not exist. *Who is the one true God? Yahweh is the one true God.*

King Ahab refused to believe that Yahweh was in control of everything, including the rain. Ahab thought Baal controlled the rain. So God showed Ahab who was in control by not allowing it to rain for three years. Three

long years without any rain! The crops could not grow.

Ahab still refused to follow God. God sent Elijah with a special sign that Yahweh is the one true God. Elijah challenged Ahab and the prophets of Baal. Who won the challenge? God showed that He is the one true God.

What did Elijah pour on his altar? Water. He had four jars of water filled and poured over the altar three times. Twelve jars of water in all. Does wood burn when it is wet? If you set up a campfire and poured water all over the wood, could you light the wood on fire? Not really. Elijah wanted the people to understand that Yahweh is the one true God, no exceptions. The fire God sent down burned every piece of wet wood. It burned all of the stones of the altar. It burned all of the water in the trench around the altar, and the dust. Then God sent rain.

Who is the one true God? Yahweh is the one true God. He demonstrated that He is all-powerful and in control of everything. God demonstrated His power again when He raised Jesus from the dead. ***Who is the one true God? Yahweh is the one true God.*** He is the all-powerful one true God.

The Gospel: God's Plan for Me (optional)

Using Scripture and the guide provided, explain to girls and boys how to become a Christian. Tell kids how they can respond, and provide counselors to speak with each kid individually. Guide counselors to use open-ended questions to allow kids to determine the direction of the conversation.

If you cannot provide a response time, encourage boys and girls to ask their parents, small group leaders, or other adults any questions they may have about becoming a Christian.

- “Running” song

Sing (5 minutes)

Leader • *Who is the one true God? Yahweh is the one true God.* Stand with me as we praise Yahweh, the one true God, and Jesus, the One who died for our sins.

Lead boys and girls to sing “Running.”

Leader • Do the lyrics of our theme song describe the Northern Kingdom? Why or why not? Why do you think the Northern Kingdom and King Ahab worshiped things other than God?

Thank kids for sharing their thoughts with the group.

- “Unit 13 Session 2” discussion starter video

Discussion starter video (5 minutes)

Leader • How do you decide if something is real or not? Ahab and many others did not believe God is the one true God. He is the real deal. How do you decide when something is true, when it is real? Check out this video. Show the “Unit 13 Session 2” video.

Leader • How did you decide whether each one of those items were real or not real?

Select a few kids to respond.

Leader • *Who is the one true God? Yahweh is the one true God.* How do you know that Yahweh is the one true God? Select a few kids to respond.

- Key Passage Slide or Poster
- “Keep My Commands” song

Key passage (4 minutes)

Leader • One of the prophets God sent to the Israelites was Elijah. Read with me our key passage, which talks about many of the prophets God sent to the Israelites.

Lead everyone to read the passage together. Ask everyone to stand and pretend to slowly paddle a raft while reading the passage together. Sing “Keep My Commands.”

Prayer (1 minute)

Leader •Continue to practice the key passage during the week, and you will have it memorized before long. ***Who is the one true God? Yahweh is the one true God.***

After I pray, follow your small group leader as you raft your way to small group.

Join us next week and we will explore more of God's plan to send Jesus to be our Savior.

Close in prayer or invite a volunteer to close the group in prayer.

Dismiss to small groups

The Gospel: God's Plan for Me

Ask kids if they have ever heard the word *gospel*. Clarify that the word *gospel* means “good news.” It is the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation. Use the following guide to share the gospel with kids.

God rules. Explain to kids that the Bible tells us God created everything, and He is in charge of everything. Invite a volunteer to read Genesis 1:1 from the Bible. Read Revelation 4:11 or Colossians 1:16-17 aloud and explain what these verses mean.

We sinned. Tell kids that since the time of Adam and Eve, everyone has chosen to disobey God. (Romans 3:23) The Bible calls this sin. Because God is holy, God cannot be around sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. (Romans 6:23)

God provided. Choose a child to read John 3:16 aloud. Say that God sent His Son, Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. Read and explain Ephesians 2:8-9.

Jesus gives. Share with kids that Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! Read Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; or 1 Peter 3:18.

We respond. Tell kids that they can respond to Jesus. Read Romans 10:9-10,13. Review these aspects of our response: Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus.

Offer to talk with any child who is interested in responding to Jesus.

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- buckets, 1 per team
- Key Passage Poster

Tip: You may substitute oars or life vests for the buckets.

Key passage activity (5 minutes)

Form two groups and lead groups to line up. Explain that each group must pass the bucket overhead from the front of the line to the back and to the front again. As each kid receives the bucket, he will say the next word of the key passage. The group must continue passing the bucket until they have completed the key passage.

Ask if any of the kids have memorized the passage and if they want to try to say it for the group. Encourage any kid who responds.

Say • Name a time the Israelites refused to listen and obey God's commands.

• Do you always listen and obey God's commands?

- beads, 451
- charts and paper cutouts from previous week
- markers
- glue or tape
- Bibles, 1 per kid
- Small Group Visual Pack

Bible story review & Bible skills (10 minutes)

Add *Elijah* the prophet to the Northern Kingdom chart on a megaphone-shaped paper.

Say • Prophets didn't yell their message from a megaphone, but they used a lot of ways to share the truth about God. How did Elijah share the truth about God?

Review the Bible story by asking volunteers to read

1 Kings 18:22,25-26,29,36-39. Separate 1 bead from the 450. Ask kids to think about Elijah facing 450 false prophets of Baal by himself.

Say •Elijah faced 450 false prophets, but he knew that Yahweh is the one true God.

•***Who is the one true God? Yahweh is the one true God.***

•How did God show that Jesus is His Son? (*God used His power to raise Jesus from the dead, showing that Jesus is the Son of God.*)

If you choose to review with boys and girls how to become a Christian, explain that kids are welcome to speak with you or another teacher if they have questions.

•**God rules.** God created and is in charge of everything. (Gen. 1:1; Rev. 4:11; Col. 1:16-17)

•**We sinned.** Since Adam and Eve, everyone has chosen to disobey God. (Rom. 3:23; 6:23)

•**God provided.** God sent His Son, Jesus, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. (John 3:16; Eph. 2:8-9)

•**Jesus gives.** Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again so we can be welcomed into God's family. (Rom. 5:8; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 3:18)

•**We respond.** Believe that Jesus alone saves you. Repent. Tell God that your faith is in Jesus. (Rom. 10:9-10,13)

Using the timeline in the small group visual pack, indicate today's Bible story and its location in Israelite history.



- Allergy Alert
- wet paper towels
- shaving cream
- plastic plate

Activity choice (10 minutes)

Option 1: Cloud review

Say •What happened at the end of today's Bible story?

Elijah's servant saw a small cloud in the sky. God sent rain to Israel after three years of a drought. Today we are going to play a review game using clouds of our own.

Provide each kid with a plastic plate. Squirt a shaving cream cloud on each plate. Instruct kids that when you ask a question, they should use their finger to write the answer in the shaving cream cloud on their plate.

1. Who was the king of Israel in today's Bible story?
(*Ahab, 1 Kings 18:1*)
2. Who did Ahab worship? (*Baal, 1 Kings 18:18*)
3. What did not happen for three years in Israel?
(*rain, 1 Kings 18:1*)
4. What prophet did God send to Ahab?
(*Elijah, 1 Kings 18:1*)
5. What was the name of the mountain that Elijah and the prophets of Baal built their altars on?
(*Carmel, 1 Kings 18:19-20*)
6. What did Elijah pour over the altar he built?
(*water, 1 Kings 18:33-35*)
7. What was around the altar Elijah built?
(*trench, 1 Kings 18:32*)
8. What happened to the altar Elijah built?
(*burned, 1 Kings 18:38*)
9. **Who is the one true God?** (*Yahweh*)

Provide kids with wet paper towels to clean their hands at the end of the game.

- large wooden craft sticks
- embroidery thread or yarn
- tongs
- liquid glue
- rubber bands
- glass or jar
- water
- large bowl or pan

Option 2: Wooden craft stick cuff

Note: This craft will take some preparation ahead of time. To form cuff bracelets from wooden craft sticks, follow these steps.

1. Soak craft sticks in water for several hours or boil them in water for 30 minutes. Soak or boil extra

craft sticks because some will break.

2. When craft sticks are moldable, bend them around a glass or jar and secure with a rubber band.
3. Allow to dry overnight.
4. A few hours before small group, soak some additional craft sticks in water to show the group.



Distribute one wooden cuff to each kid and allow him to wrap thread or yarn around his cuff. He will need to secure each end of thread with a small amount of liquid glue.

As kids work, show them the wet craft sticks. Allow them to touch the wet wood.

Say • Can you imagine fire burning this wet craft stick?

Wet wood does not usually burn.

- Can you imagine what all the people thought when Elijah ordered jars of water to be poured over the altar? What would you have thought?
- Elijah wanted it to be absolutely clear that God is all-powerful. He did not want anyone to question whether or not *Yahweh is the one true God*.
- *Who is the one true God? Yahweh is the one true God.*

Journal and prayer (5 minutes)

Say • What other things in your life are you tempted to worship other than Yahweh? Think about those things. Write or draw a prayer to God, asking Him to help you always remember He is the one true God and the only One worthy of worship.

Close in prayer, praising God for being the one true God.

As time allows, help boys and girls complete the activity page “River Raft Books.”

- pencils
- journals
- Bibles
- Journal Page, 1 per kid
- “River Raft Books” activity page, 1 per kid

Israel, the Northern Kingdom

Key Passage: 2 Kings 17:13-14

Session 1: Israel's History of Evil Kings
1 Kings 16

Session 2: Elijah Confronted Evil Ahab
1 Kings 18

Session 3: Elijah Ran from Jezebel
1 Kings 19

Session 4: Elisha and Naaman
2 Kings 5

Session 5: The Northern Kingdom Was Destroyed
2 Kings 17:1-23





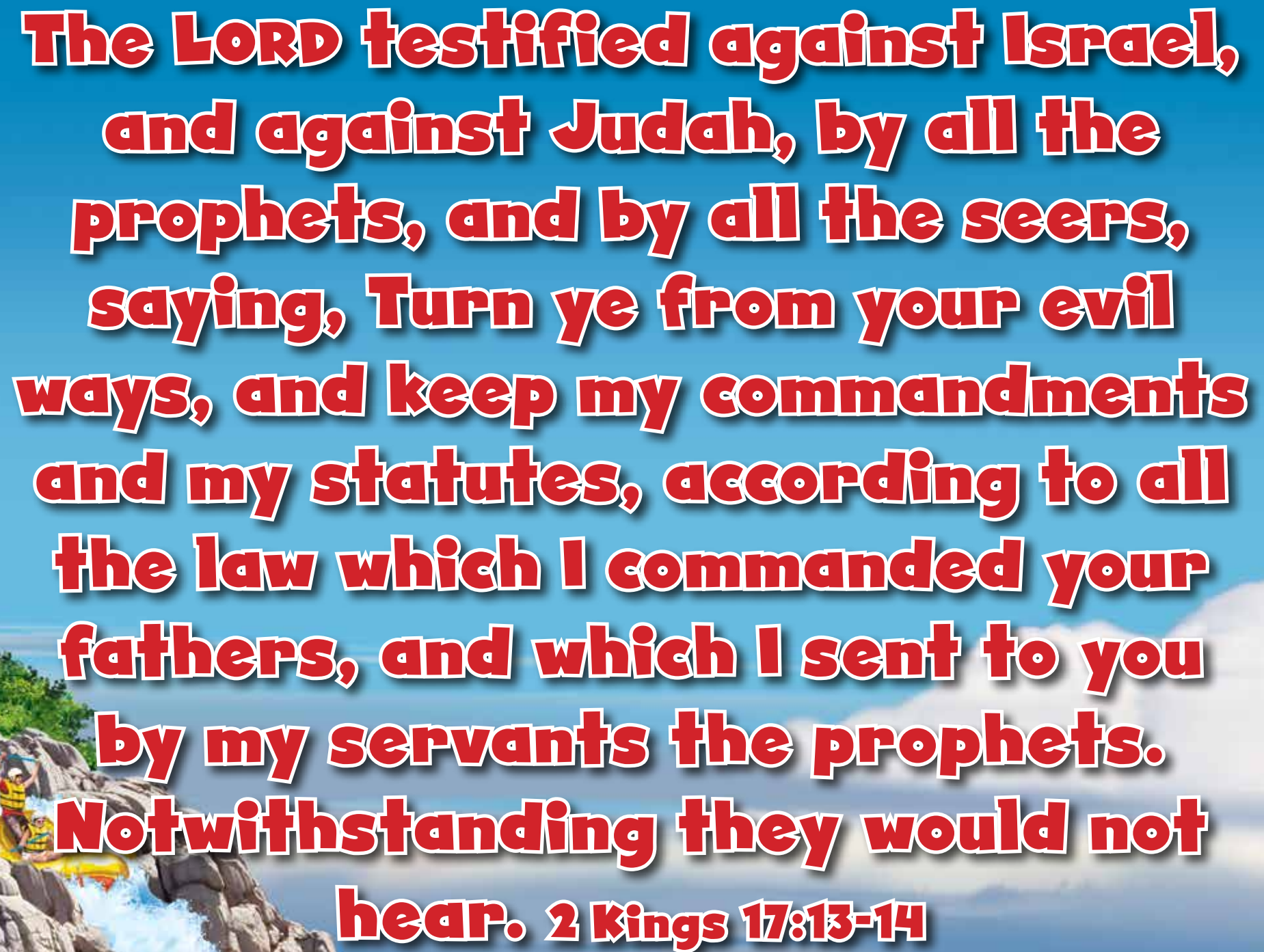
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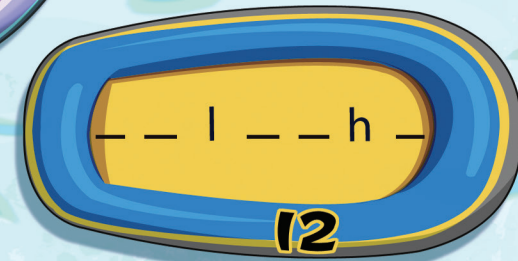
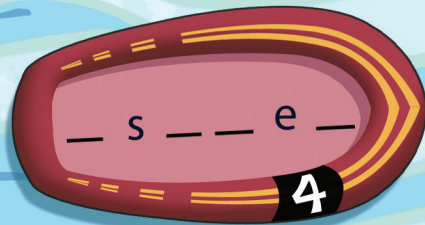
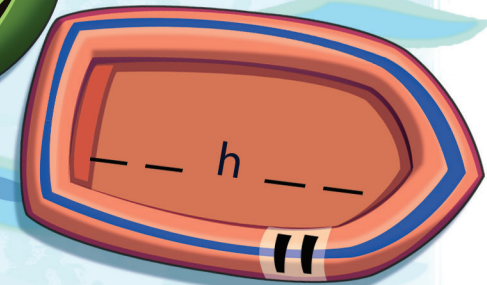
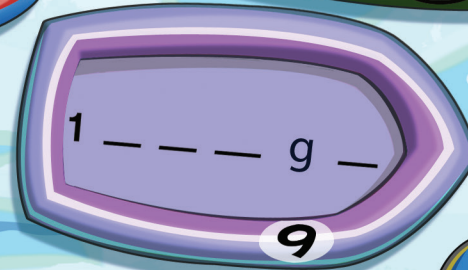
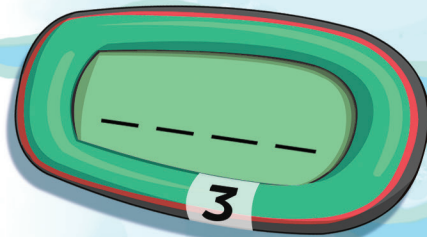
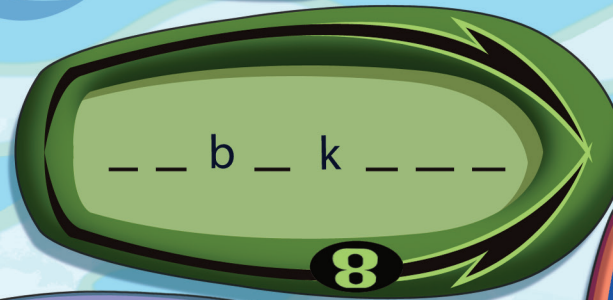
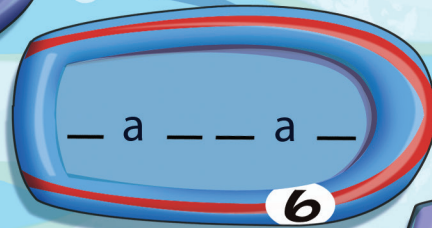
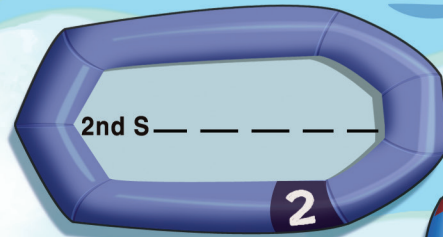
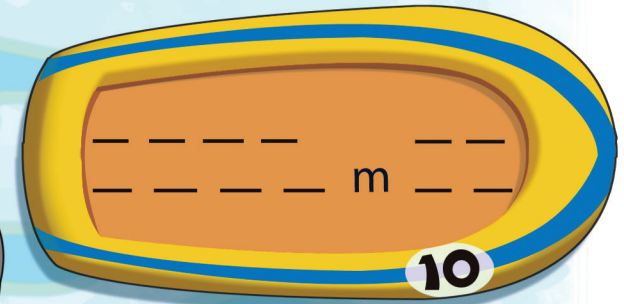
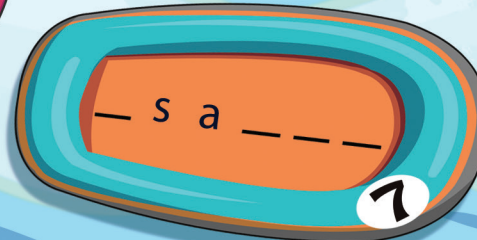
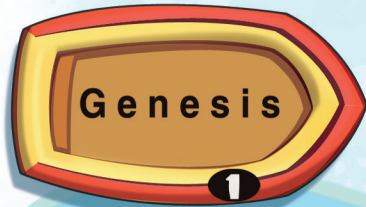
Yahweh Puzzle

Instructions: Follow the arrows to learn about Yahweh. Record one fact you learn in the box below.

START ▼	God's ▶	name. ▶	In ▶	the ▼	will ◀	say ◀	no ▶	one ▶	knows ▶	how ▶	to ▼
Yahweh ▶	is ▶	Lord ◀	pronounce ◀	Hebrew ▼	Yahweh ▶	is ▼	Because ▶	Yahweh. ◀	for ◀	His ▼	pronounce ▼
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name. ▼	small ▼	disrespectful ▶	Some ▼	people ▶	Hebrew ▶	The ▼	means ◀	no ▼	LORD ▶	in ▶	say ▼
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River Raft Books

Instructions: Find the missing books of the Bible by filling in the spaces on each raft. The last letter of the book of the previous raft is the first letter of the next book.





ALLERGY ALERT



Today we will be tasting/
touching/sniffing:

**Please notify the leader
if your child should not
participate.**

Instructions: Print this poster. You may laminate it and reuse it throughout the quarter. Use a dry erase marker to fill in the necessary information. Display the poster where parents and kids can see it before class.

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GOSPEL

GOD'S PLAN FOR ME

gos-pel – *noun*. good news. the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation.



GOD RULES.

The Bible tells us God created everything, including you and me, and He is in charge of everything. *Genesis 1:1; Revelation 4:11; Colossians 1:16-17*



WE SINNED.

We all choose to disobey God. The Bible calls this sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. *Romans 3:23; 6:23*



GOD PROVIDED.

God sent Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. *John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9*



JESUS GIVES.

He lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! *Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 2:8-9*



WE RESPOND.

Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus. *John 14:6; Romans 10:9-10, 13*