



WEEK 2

ELEMENTARY LESSON GUIDE



BIG IDEA

It's amazing! God knows what's best for me.

THE BIBLE

Elijah and the Prophets of Baal: 1 Kings 18;
(Philippians 4:19)

LARGE GROUP TIME

Champions meet in the Youth Room for worship.

WHAT? *What are we talking about today?*

ACTIVITY | Match It Up!

- We are going to match things that need something in order to work.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Each kid should get one picture card. Encourage them to find the person who has the corresponding picture card.*

QUESTION | What is the One Thing You Want Most?

- My favorite holiday of the year is my birthday! I just love everything about it, from the cake to the balloons to the presents!
- **What is the one thing you want most for your birthday?**
- **What happens if you wake up the morning of your birthday this year and don't get it?**
- While we might not always get what we want, today's story is going to show us that God knows what we need.

THE BIG IDEA | It's amazing! God knows what's best for me.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Present the Big Idea with these hand motions:*
- **It's amazing** [Open your hands and make a big circle with spirit fingers.]
- **God** [Raise both of your arms, making a V shape.]



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- **knows** [Point your right index finger to your head and the left hand supports the right elbow.]
- **what's best** [Thumbs up.]
- **for me** [Bring the thumbs in to point to yourself.]

SO WHAT? Why does it matter to God and to us?

VIDEO | Amazed, Episode 2

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's [teaching video](#).

SCRIPTURE | 1 Kings 18

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Retell the story from 1 Kings 18.
- In today's story, we hear about how God sent a drought on the land where Elijah lived. A drought means there was no rain for a long time. Why did God allow a drought? Because the people there were worshipping idols, or false gods.
- God told Elijah to tell this news to King Ahab and his wife, Jezebel. They were not happy. King Ahab and Jezebel decided to take their anger out on God's prophets, or teachers, and began hurting them. Jezebel really wanted to hurt Elijah, so he went into hiding!
- After three years passed, God told Elijah it was time to come out of hiding. Elijah asked King Ahab to bring all the people from Israel to meet him at Mount Carmel. There, Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal, the false god the people had been worshipping, to a contest. Elijah and Baal's prophets would both present gifts — which is also called a sacrifice — to the false god and the real God, and whoever's gift, or sacrifice, was covered by fire was serving the one, true God.
- **Guess who won?** God, of course. The prophets of Baal did everything they could to call on their god, but there was no answer. When Elijah prayed to God, God sent fire — just like Elijah knew God would.
- God knew what was best for Elijah and for the people of Israel. God knew Elijah needed to come out of hiding to show that God was the one, true God. God knew the people needed to see this miraculous event to believe in God once again.
- Isn't that amazing?

VIDEO | Elijah and the Prophets of Baal

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Show [this video](#) ([Kidz Church: Elijah vs the Prophets of Baal](#)) about Elijah and the prophets of Baal by Kidz Church.

SCRIPTURE | Philippians 4:19

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Look up the verse and read it aloud.
- God knows that what we want isn't always what is best for us.
- **According to this verse, how does God provide for us?**



- When we understand how God wants what's best for us, it is easier to be brave. It is also easier to obey and do what is asked of us. And it is easier to trust God knows what is happening even when we don't.

NOW WHAT? *What does God want us to do about it?*

ACTIVITY | Wish List - Part 1

- **Do you know what a wish list is?** A wish list is a list of things you wish you could have.
- Let's write down a list of all the things we wish to have.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Tell the kids to work together to create a group wish list, drawing or writing what they wish for on a large piece of poster board. Read the list aloud.*

ACTIVITY | Need List - Part 2

- In our last activity, you were so excited about telling me your wish list.
- Now, let's write down some of the things we need. I'll start us off: we need food and water. What are some others?
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Tell the kids to work together to create a group need list, drawing or writing what they need to have on a large piece of poster board.*

PRAYER

- Let's gather around the lists we've created, and thank God for all we have, whether they were a need or a wish.

MEMORY VERSE | Memory Verse Sandwich

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *For this memory verse activity, the words of the memory verse are written on a printable of pieces of a sandwich. Split the kids into two teams, and encourage the teams to try to be the first to stack together their sandwich in order, so that the memory verse can be read.*

SMALL GROUP TIME

DISCUSSION

- Who were the people of Israel worshipping instead of the one, true God?
- Why did Elijah challenge the prophets of Baal?
- What did Elijah do before God burned up the sacrifice?
- Read 1 Kings 18:39. How did the people respond when they saw God answered Elijah's prayer to burn up the sacrifice?
- What needs do you pray to God about?
- What are some needs God has given you already?
- Think about some specific needs you have right now, and how God might be meeting them.



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MEMORY VERSE | Deuteronomy 7:21 (NIV)