

Power to Provide

OPENING PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father,
We are grateful and thankful to you for all you provide for us a roof over our heads, food on the table and our loving family. Times are tough for many at the moment, but we hold to the promise that you will meet all our needs (**“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.”** *Phillipians 4:19 NIV*) like you did for Elijah. As we study your word please help us to focus on you. We ask that your Holy spirit will guide us and protect us in all ways. In Jesus name, we pray, Amen.



The Prophet Elijah Part 1 of 5 (1 Kings 17)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6SbTjdLBr44>

Bible Passage 1 Kings 17

Elijah Announces a Great Drought

Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.”

Elijah Fed by Ravens

Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah:

“Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there.” So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.



Elijah and the Widow at Zarephath

Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land.

Then the word of the LORD came to him:

“Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.”

So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?”

As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.”

“As surely as the LORD your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.”

Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son.



For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the land.’” She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family.

For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

Some time later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing. She said to Elijah, “What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?” “Give me your son,” Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. Then he cried out to the LORD, “LORD my God, have you brought tragedy even on this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?”

Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried out to the LORD, “LORD my God, let this boy’s life return to him!”

The LORD heard Elijah’s cry, and the boy’s life returned to him, and he lived. Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, “Look, your son is alive!”

Then the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD from your mouth is the truth.”



BRIEF DISCUSSION

Hello kids, I am so excited we are studying Elijah for the next 3-4 sessions. Why? God instructed Elijah to do and say things that most of us would be too timid / afraid to say and do. Elijah was placed in **challenging situations** which you and I would seriously consider running in the opposite direction (against God’s will). So why did Elijah obey God? Elijah fully trusted God and had such great faith that God will deliver what he promises and protects those who obey and follow Him.

Background information:-

Just so you know Elijah was a Prophet (Deuteronomy 18:14-22).

A prophet is a person chosen by God to be His messenger. The prophet's authority, or his power and right to be heard, does not come from his family background, his education, or his own wisdom. His authority comes from God alone.

King Ahab was married to Jezebel, the daughter of King of Tyre. She was a very bad influence on King Ahab. Jezebel persuaded the King to abandon God and establish the religion of Baal, in Israel. This angered God, hence the Israelites suffered a drought that lasted for several years. Jezebel also did other things that angered God which you will study soon. So stay ...tuned.

Questions

When do you think King Ahab would believe that Elijah was speaking with God's authority?

God gave very unusual instructions to Elijah, how did God provide for Elijah's needs out in the wilderness?

The next strange (and scary) thing that God instructed Elijah to do was, to go to Sidon. That was in the middle of Jezebel's hometown filled with his enemies. God however, had made a way for Elijah. Who helped Elijah in the town of Sidon and what did she do?

What was God's purpose in allowing the boy to die and be brought back?

Wrapping up:-

- # Elijah **abided** with God and **obeyed** Him every step of the way. It was a scary situation but Elijah went **boldly**.
- # God **promised** to care for Elijah's needs, and He was sending birds to feed Elijah. Strange promises, but Elijah **did not doubt** God.
- # Elijah **did not hesitate** to go to Sidon, even though it was full of his enemies.
- # The widow **trusted** God enough to give her last bit of bread to Elijah, when God **promised** to provide.

What does this tell us? God **did not disappoint!** God always **keeps His promises!**

Boys and girls, there is NO safer place to be than wherever God wants you to be. Abide in Him, remain with Him, hear His voice, and obey His instructions. God will never send you into a place where He doesn't go with you, and He will provide all that you need - in abundance!

Please say a prayer to thank God for His Presence, Protection and keeping His Promises.

Please note for those who wish to participate in winning an e-gift card from any of the stores below you will need to email your answers for the above questions, to the teacher responsible for today's lesson. Points are given based on completeness and effort. Extra points are available for those who do the craft(s) attached to this lesson. Please share photos of your completed craft(s) on the NBBC Ampt Kids WhatsApp., so that the teachers know you have done them and everyone can admire your creativity.

The Score board for last week's lesson has already been posted on the above-mentioned WhatsApp.



Remember to stay tune for next week's lessons and see God's amazing powers !

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