

Summer Children's Church
H2Oh! God Keeps His Promises

Lesson 4

H2OH! Survival: Elijah at the Brook Cherith – God is with Me – 1 Kings 17:1-6

Bible Words:

In our story today, you will hear another promise from God. God made lots of wonderful birds. He gave bright colors to some of them. He gave beautiful songs to others. Birds help us by eating harmful bugs. Some birds carry messages. Today you will hear about a man who was in danger, but God was with him. There are birds and water in the story. Listen to find out how God used the birds and water to help the man.

(God says) "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God." Isaiah 41:10

Faith word:

Dismayed: to be scared or worried

Prophet: a person that is an inspired teacher of the will of God

Idol: an image or representation of a god used to worship

Key Point: God pours out His everlasting love for me and is with me, even when everything seems against me, sustaining me with His Spirit, the water of life.

God Speaks:

In the bible story today, you will hear about a man who was really in trouble. He didn't know where he would get food and water. But God was with him and helped him.

The story today is from the Book of 1 Kings. It is about 2 men. One of the was a king, King Ahab. King Ahab was a bad king. He did not love God. He prayed to statues called idols.

God didn't want the people to worship idols. God wanted the people to worship only Him. But King Ahab didn't listen to God. God saw everything that King Ahab did, and this made God angry. So, God made a plan to show His people that He was the one true God.

God had a prophet named Elijah. Elijah loved God. God gave Elijah messages to tell the people. God told Elijah to give King Ahab a message too. Elijah said to Ahab, "God is very angry with you because you do not worship and obey Him."

Then Elijah told the king, "Because you have done many wicked things, God is going to punish you. God will not let it rain in your kingdom for a long time. The brooks and streams will dry up. There won't be enough water, so the crops will die, and the people will be hungry and thirsty.

This news made King Ahab angry. He blamed Elijah when it did not rain. He wanted to hurt Elijah. But God was with Elijah. He knew where there was some water. So, God told Elijah, "Go hide by the Brook Cherith." Elijah did what God said and went to the brook.

Elijah lived by the Brook Cherith. Even though it didn't rain, God knew there was water in the brook for Elijah to drink. God sent big birds called ravens every morning and every evening. The ravens brought Elijah bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening. Elijah stayed there a long time. God was with Elijah and took care of him. He provided water from the brook to drink and sent birds with food.

God tells us in His Word that He is with us always. And God, our heavenly Father, keeps His promises!

Review the Story:

What did King Ahab do to make God angry? (He didn't listen to God. He disobeyed God and prayed to idols?)

What did God tell Elijah to say to King Ahab? (That there wouldn't be any rain for a long time. The plants would dry up, and the people and animals would be thirsty.)

What did God tell Elijah to do? (He told Elijah to hide from the king by a stream.)

How did God show He was with Elijah? (God cared for Elijah. He sent him to the brook so Elijah would have water to drink. He sent ravens with meat and bread every morning and evening so Elijah would have food to eat.)

How do you think Elijah felt when he had to hid from the king? (he may have been scared)

Do you think Elijah worried about what he would eat and drink? (what do you think-talk about it and how you think you would have felt)

Did Elijah need to worry? (No, God was with Elijah and gave him food and water)

God was with Elijah when he hid by the stream. Elijah drank water from the stream that God provided. God sent birds to give Elijah food.

Elijah did not need to worry. We don't need to worry either. God tells us in the Bible: "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God." God doesn't want us to worry. He tells us in the Bible that He is with us. He promises to watch over us and take care of us. God is with me, and God is with you.

Just like in the Lord's Prayer, Jesus teaches us to rely on our heavenly Father for our daily bread. And, through His blood shed on the cross, Jesus provides us with the forgiveness of sins to sustain (strengthen us) and nourish us (to help strengthen us and give us hope and our faith to grow).

Craft:

Bible Words Hearts:

You will need paper, crayons, scissors, and something to hang your hearts with like yarn or tape.

Draw a heart(s) and cut them out.

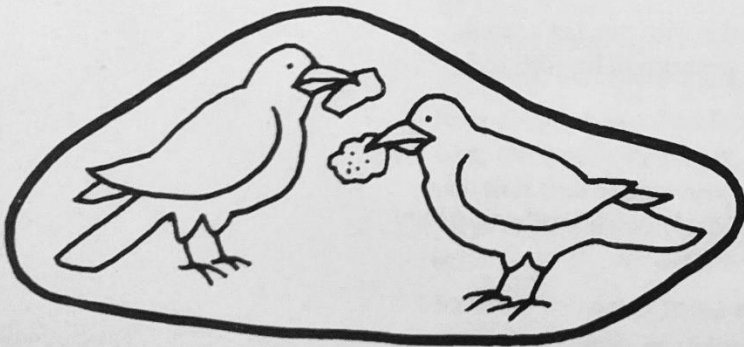
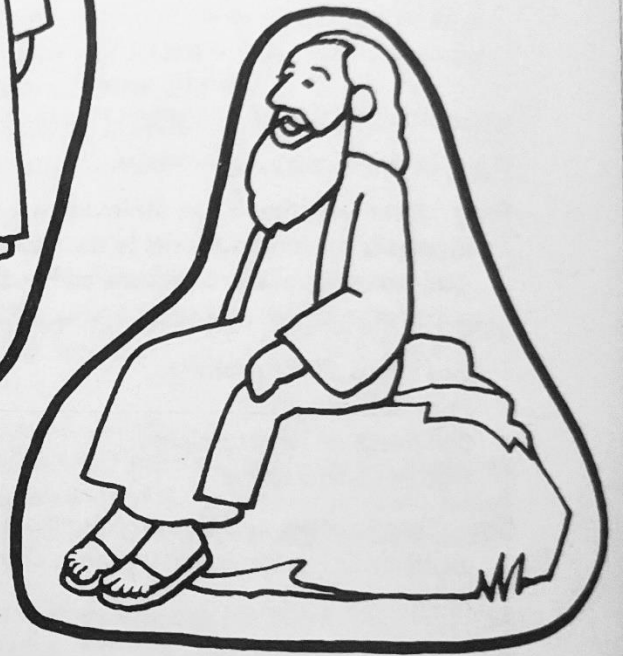
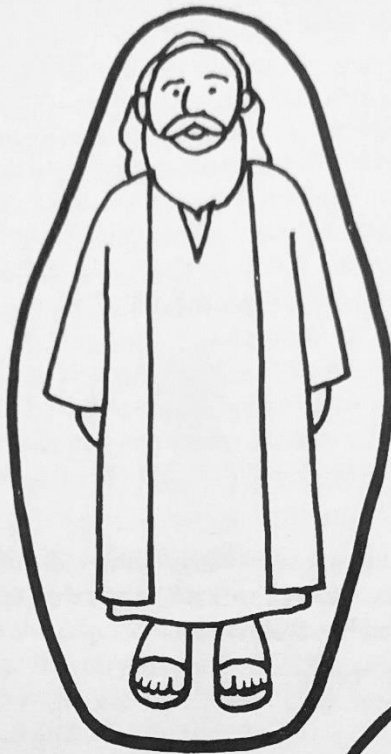
On your heart, Write the bible verse Isaiah 41:10 "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God." And Decorate how you like.

Then hang the heart in your room or around your house to remind you that God will never leave you and He loves you very much.

Tell the Story Figures:

You can print the characters provided or create your own. Color the characters. Then cut them out, if you printed them cut along the circle outline.

Then tape them to a upside down cup or popsicle sticks if you have any. This makes them into story figures. Now you are ready to retell the story to others and share God's good word with everyone.



Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you for loving me

*Thank you, God, for always being with me
and protecting us from danger.*

Thank you especially for Jesus,

Our Savior,

to die for my sins.

I am happy that You keep all

Of Your promises and

are with me all the time.

Amen