

ELIJAH AND ELISHA

Timeless Truth: God is more powerful than any other god.

Bible Basis: 1 Kings 19:3–16

Key Verse: [Elijah said,] "I serve the Lord. He is the God of Israel." —1 Kings 17:1 NIV

Resource: *The Story for Little Ones*, Chapter 15: "Elijah and Elisha"

PARENT TIPS

Read chapter 15 in *The Story for Little Ones* several times this week and talk about the key point. Reading the story several times will help your preschooler to remember it. Use the Table Talk questions to talk about the lesson. Use the questions anytime throughout the week, not just at the table. The Living Faith activity is designed to help your child remember that God helped Elijah and Elisha by making a rainy day picture. The Extra Mile ideas give you more ways to help your child remember the lesson.

GET THE POINT

God helped Elijah and Elisha. God helps me.

TABLE TALK

- **Who was Elijah? What did God help Elijah do?** (*Elijah was a prophet who followed God. God helped Elijah show King Ahab who was in charge of the weather.*)
- **Who was Elisha? What did God help Elisha do?** (*Elisha was also a prophet. God helped Elisha give people messages from God.*)
- **What does God help you do?**

LIVING FAITH

Elijah told King Ahab that it wasn't going to rain. Make a rainy day picture with your child. On a paper plate or heavy paper, let your child draw with washable markers. On a rainy day, take the drawings outside to get wet. Once the colors have started to run together, bring the drawings back inside to dry on a flat surface. Your child probably won't wait three years for it to rain like the Israelites had to. If it doesn't rain this week, make rain using a squirt bottle.

EXTRA MILE

As a family, talk about ways you can help others in your family and those outside your family. Pick some ways you can help others this week and then do them.

Elijah wanted King Ahab to know that God controlled the weather. Talk about this week's weather. You might want to read a book about the different types of weather. Was the weather the same as the predictions? Only God can control the weather.

Preschoolers love to help and feel grown up. Let your child help you water plants, set the table, dust, or another simple activity this week.

Use these motions to help your child remember the key verse.

I serve (*Put hands out like you are offering something.*)

The Lord. (*Make an L with your right hand. Take the L across your body from your right shoulder to your left hip.*)

He is (*Point up.*)

The God of Israel. (*With palm facing left, bring your right hand down in the middle of your body from above your head.*)

1 Kings 17:1 (*Open hands like a book.*)