

# PRESS ▶ PLAY

## GET IN THE MIX

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ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY (K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade)

JUNE 27, 2021

**TODAY'S BIBLE STORY:** Fire on the Mountain (Elijah and the Prophets of Baal) • 1 Kings 18:16-46

**TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE:** God can do the impossible.

**MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE:** *I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Psalm 27:13 (NIV)*

**MONTHLY LIFE APPLICATION:** Confidence—Learning to see yourself the way God sees you.

**BASIC TRUTH:** I can trust God no matter what.

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Be the Story" Activity Page. "Elijah Cards" Activity Page; printed, if possible.

### WHAT YOU DO:

Show kids the "Elijah Cards" one at a time. Model the following motions for each card, guiding kids to imitate you.

- Elijah—Shout triumphantly, [Bottom Line] "God can do the impossible!"
- Ahab—Use both hands to make a crown over your head.
- Fire—Wave your hands and arms like fire.
- Rain—Open up both hands, spreading your fingers. Starting with your hands above your head, bring them down. Your fingers are the "falling rain."

Next, read "Be the Story" Activity Page. Pause after each key word (Elijah, Ahab, fire, rain), showing the corresponding "Elijah Card" and cueing kids to do the motion.

HINT: Set the cards faceup near you so you can retrieve them easily.

### WHAT YOU SAY:

"Can God do the impossible? Yes! **[Bottom Line] God can do the impossible!** When the Israelites saw God send the fire that burned up the sacrifice, the wood, and even the WATER, they saw God do the IMPOSSIBLE. And they cried out, 'The Lord is God!'"

"There might be some things in your life that seem impossible. God may do the impossible or He might help you trust Him, no matter what. Just remember that God loves you, and He is with you! He is always in control. Can God do the impossible? (Pause.) Yes, **[Bottom Line] God can do the impossible!**"

### CLOSE IN PRAYER:

"Dear God, thank You that nothing is impossible for You! Whether it's sending flames of fire from heaven, being in charge of the rain, or meeting us in our own difficult situations, there is nothing that is impossible for You. Help us remember to come to You and Your Word every time we see something impossible. Please help us help others see that You are the God of their impossible situations, too. We love You. We choose to trust You and proclaim the truth that **[Bottom Line] God can do the impossible.** We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen!"

Israel was ruled by many kings who didn't listen to God. But King **Ahab** was the worst. He even built a temple to a fake god and told everyone to worship him! But God sent his prophet, **Elijah**, to give a message to **Ahab**. **Elijah** said, "God will not send **rain** for the next few years except at my word." For three years there was no **rain** in Israel—not a drop! But through it all, God provided food and water for **Elijah**.

In the third year, God spoke to **Elijah**. He said, "Go. Speak to **Ahab**. Then I will send **rain** again." So **Elijah** went to **Ahab** and said, "Gather the Israelites and meet me on Mount Carmel. And bring the prophets of Baal."

When everyone had gathered, **Elijah** called out, "How long will you go back and forth between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him. But if Baal is God, follow him. Get two bulls for us. Let Baal's prophets prepare one of the bulls and place it on an altar to Baal, but not light it. I'll put the other bull on an altar to the Lord. The god who answers by **fire**—he is God!"

The people agreed. So the prophets of Baal prepared a bull and put it on their altar. From morning until noon, they danced around the altar, calling on their false god. But nothing happened. No one answered.

**Elijah** called out, "Shout louder! Maybe your 'god'" is busy or on a trip—or maybe he is asleep!" So the prophets of Baal danced harder and shouted louder all through the afternoon. But still, nothing happened. No one answered. No one paid attention!

Finally, **Elijah** stood up. He took twelve large rocks and made an altar to the Lord. Then he put the bull and sticks of wood on top of the stones and dug a deep pit around the whole altar. He told several of the Israelites, "Fill four large jars with water and pour it on the sacrifice." He had them do this three times! The wood became SO wet that water even flowed down the altar and filled the pit!

Then **Elijah** prayed, "Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, let everyone know that YOU are the one TRUE God! Answer me, Lord, so these people will know that you are God, and that you are turning their hearts to love You again."

Then **fire** fell from heaven onto the altar! The **fire** instantly burned up the wet wood and sacrifice, even burning up the water in the pit. The people fell on their faces and cried out, "The Lord—He is God! The Lord—He is God!"

**Elijah** said to **Ahab**, "Go. Eat and drink, for there is the sound of a heavy **rain**."

Though the sky was completely clear, in a short time one tiny cloud appeared. More clouds quickly joined it. The clouds grew dark and black. The wind rose. Then fat drops of **rain** splatted onto the dry earth for the first time in THREE YEARS! Filled with God's strength and joy, **Elijah** raced ahead of **Ahab's** chariot all the way back to the city. God had done the impossible!

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#### What to Do:

Print one for each small group.

#### "Be the Story" Activity Page

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**Elijah**



**Ahab**



**Fire**



**Rain**

**What to Do:**

Print on cardstock and cut apart. Provide one set for each small group.

**"Elijah Cards" Activity Page**

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