

Lesson

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## Elijah Challenges the Prophets of Baal

Lower Elementary

1 Kings 18:16-39

Opening

- Welcome each child, and ask kids how they did with last week's Daily Challenges.
- Ask what main thing kids remember about today's large-group lesson.
- Let kids share important news or prayer requests, and pray with them.
- **PARTNER UP**  
Say: **Our true hero from the Bible today is Elijah. Elijah stood up for God against many enemies. Talk with a partner about what you remember from the story today.** Give kids a few minutes to talk.



Allow 5 minutes



God At Work

**True heroes stand up for God.**

"Be strong and courageous."

—Joshua 1:9

KEY VERSE

- ☐ Easy-to-follow lesson
- ☐ Key Verse connects to the Bible and Large-Group lesson
- ☐ And you can make as many copies as you need!

Group-Activity

### That's Impossible!

YOU'LL NEED

1 sheet of paper

#### 1. INTRODUCE GAME

Wad the paper into a ball. Say: **Do you think you can throw this paper through a hoop?**

#### 2. CIRCLE HANDS

Choose one child to make a circle out of his or her hands. Ask the other children to try to throw the paper ball through the "hoop."

#### 3. DISCUSS

- Why couldn't you get the ball to go through the hoop?
- Shall we try a bigger hoop?

#### 4. CIRCLE ARMS

Have one child make a hoop with his or her arms while the others throw the paper wad through. Let everyone have a turn being the hoop-maker.

#### 5. DISCUSS

- How did you feel when you tried to throw the paper ball through the small hoop?
- How confident were you that the ball could fit through each hoop?
- Do you think Elijah was confident that God would light the fire on the altar? Why or why not?
- What are some ways we can confidently stand up for God at school? at home?

#### 6. MAKE THE CONNECTION

Say: **Elijah had confidence in God's power just as we had confidence that the ball would fit through the large hoop. We can stand up for God just as Elijah did because we know God is powerful!**



True heroes stand up for God!



Allow 10 minutes

Bible Memory Makers™ help kids learn the Bible verse  
 “Inside Out Every Day!” encourages kids to apply the practical Daily Challenges™  
 “Make The Connection” points and sample prayers give your volunteers confidence in closing Small-Group time

Memory-Maker



### 1. CIRCLE UP

Give each child a Bible Memory Maker wristband.


### 2. SAY THE VERSE

Say: The key verse on our wristbands is from Joshua 1:9. Let's practice saying this verse together: **KEY VERSE** "Be strong and courageous" (Joshua 1:9). Each of you strike a pose to show me how strong you are! Now turn to a neighbor, and say the verse while showing your pose.

### 3. PARTNER UP

- What does it mean to be strong and courageous when standing up for God?
- How can you be strong and courageous like Elijah was?

### 4. MAKE THE CONNECTION

Say: Elijah was strong and courageous because he knew God had the power to light the fire. Elijah could stand up for God because he had confidence that God would always be with him.  **True heroes stand up for God.**

### 5. PRAY

Say: As we pray, think about a time you can stand up for God. When you're ready, put your wristband in the center of the circle, and tell God, "I will be strong and courageous because you are with me." Pray aloud, asking God to help kids be strong and courageous as they stand up for God in their own lives.

### 6. COLLECT

Keep the wristbands for next week.



Allow 5 minutes

## Inside Out Every Day!

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### 1. DISTRIBUTE

Give a copy of today's "Inside Out Every Day!" handout to each child. Say: **This paper has ideas for how you can live inside out this week. Let's choose our Daily Challenges.**

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### 2. DAILY CHALLENGES

Ask volunteers to read the Daily Challenges aloud. Have them circle the ones they will do this week.

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### 3. MAKE THE CONNECTION

Say: **We can stand up for God just like Elijah did. During this week, remember that  true heroes stand up for God.**

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### 4. PRAY

Say: **Thank you, God, for everything you do for us. Help us be strong and courageous by standing up for you. In Jesus' name, amen.**



Allow 5 minutes





# Lower Elementary

## Fall 2006 Small-Group Leader Guide



### INSIDE OUT EVERY DAY!

Lower Elementary

1 Kings 18:16-39



True heroes stand up for God! God showed the prophets of Baal how powerful he was when Elijah was courageous and stood up for him. You can be a true hero and stand up for God just as Elijah did!

#### DO YOU REMEMBER?

- Why did Elijah challenge the prophets of Baal to a contest?
- What happened when Elijah stood up for God?
- How can you stand up for God?



God At Work

**TRUE HEROES STAND UP FOR GOD.**

"This is my command—be strong and courageous... For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

— Joshua 1:9

## DAILY CHALLENGE

Choose a Challenge!

**1**

Ask an adult to tell you about a time he or she stood up for God.



**2**

Tell a family member the key verse, "Be strong and courageous...for the Lord your God is with you" (Joshua 1:9). Then tell one way you can be courageous by standing up for God.



**3**

Each time you stand up from your chair today, pray: "Dear God, help me to remember you are with me today and to stand up for you. In Jesus' name, amen."



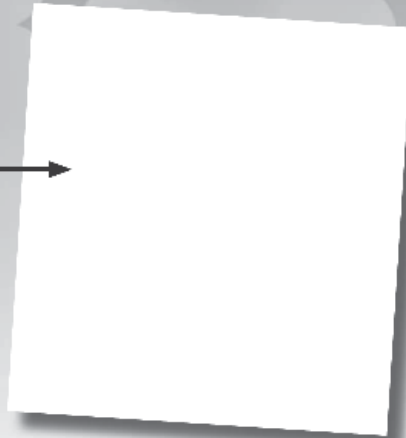
- ❑ Take-home handout included
- ❑ "Inside Out Every Day!" gives parents summary of the lesson
- ❑ "Do You Remember?" encourages parents to participate in their child's lesson – at home
- ❑ Daily Challenges™ equip children to live out their faith every day, everywhere... in front of everyone!



### INSIDE OUT AT HOME

#### STAND UP AT SCHOOL

Think of someone at school who does not know God or who might even make fun of God. Draw that person's picture here: →



Think of one way you can stand up for God this week by showing that person that you believe in God.

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Take-home activities give kids an interactive reminder of the week's lesson

#### LIGHT THE FIRE!



**YOU'LL NEED**  
hamburgers, grill

- 1** Ask an adult if you can help grill hamburgers one night this week.
- 2** Prepare the meat and have an adult start the fire.
- 3** Cook the meat.
- 4** Watch how long it takes to grill the meat.

How was lighting your fire like or unlike the way God lit the fire for Elijah? Tell your family how God set fire to the altar in the Bible story. Read 1 Kings 18:16-39 in your Bible with your family.