

Lesson

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# Elijah Challenges the Prophets of Baal

Preschool

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.
- **INTRODUCTION**  
Say: Our true hero from the Bible today is Elijah. Elijah stood up for God against many enemies. Let's practice standing up for God.



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!

Insider Tips make it easy to do a great job!

And you can make as many copies as you need!

Group-Activity

## Stand Tall!

YOU'LL NEED

Bible

### 1. CIRCLE UP

Have children sit in a circle. Have one of the children hold a Bible.

### 2. CLAP

Explain that when you start clapping, they'll pass the Bible around the circle. When you stop clapping, the child holding the Bible will stand and say, **Key Verse**: "Be strong and courageous!" and remain standing as you start again. Children who are standing will continue to pass the Bible with those who are sitting. Play until each child is standing.

### 3. THINK

Have children sit and each think of ways they can stand up for God. Kids may think of praying before meals, telling their friends they love Jesus, or obeying their parents.

### 4. STAND

One at a time, have children stand up, take the Bible, and finish this sentence: "I stand up for God when I..." Then have the other children say, "Be strong and courageous!"


### 5. CHEER

Lead children in standing, clapping, and cheering for God's faithfulness.

### 6. DISCUSS

- How did it feel to stand up in front of everyone and say our verse?
- How did it feel to stand and tell others how you stand up for God?
- How could you show your friends at school or your family that you are strong and courageous for God this week?

### 7. MAKE THE CONNECTION

Say: There are many ways we can stand up for God like Elijah did. We can be true heroes!  True heroes stand up for God!

## Insider Tip

If you have a CD player available, you may substitute playing music for clapping.



## Insider Tip

The concept of standing up for God may seem abstract for small children. Give them examples, such as telling a playmate they love Jesus, being kind to a person who is mean to them on the playground, or telling a daycare worker their verse for the week.



Allow 10 minutes



### Memory-Maker

- ☐ 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!

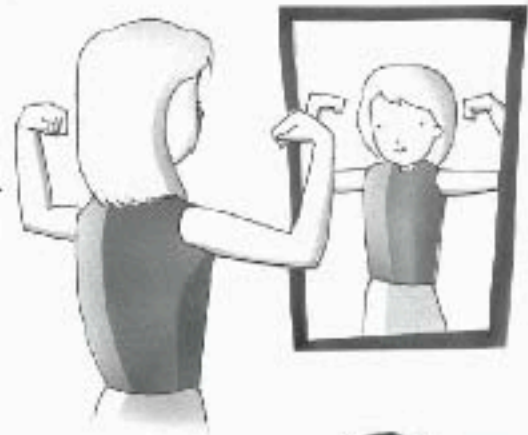
#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Show kids a Bible Memory Maker wristband. Say: **Our memory maker wristband has our key verse on it.**



#### 2. SAY THE VERSE

Say: God tells us to **MEMORIZE** "Be strong and courageous." That's our Bible verse from Joshua 1:9, and it means that we can be brave because God is with us no matter what. Let's say it together.



#### 3. ADD MOTIONS

Say: **This will help us remember the verse. Ready? Follow me!**

Lead children in the following verse with motions:

**Be strong** (raise both arms and flex muscles)

**And courageous.** (Place both hands on hips.)



#### 4. DISCUSS

- How do you feel when you flex your muscles?
- Who do you know that you can tell the key verse to this week?

#### 5. MAKE THE CONNECTION

Say: **God's Word** true heroes stand up for God. We can remember to be brave and to stand up for God. As I slip a wristband onto my wrist, let's say the verse together.



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 some ideas for how you can live inside out this week. Let's choose our Daily Challenges.**

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#### 2. DAILY CHALLENGES

Read the Daily Challenges aloud to the kids. Help them circle the ones they will do this week.

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#### 3. MAKE THE CONNECTION

Say: **We can be true heroes in our lives, just like Elijah was a true hero. During this week, remember that **God's Word** true heroes stand up for God.**

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#### 4. PRAY

Say: **Thank you, God, for everything you do for us. Help us remember to trust you for protection. In Jesus' name, amen.**



Allow 5 minutes



# INSIDE OUT EVERY DAY!

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Your child learned that living inside out means to be strong and courageous, just as Elijah was when he stood up for God—even against all the prophets of Baal! Elijah's fiery victory at the altar proved that real heroes rely on God for the courage to stand up for God.

- ☐ • Take-home handout included!
- ☐ • "Inside Out Every Day!" gives parents a 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!

## DO YOU REMEMBER?

Think about these questions with your child:

- What did Elijah do that was brave and courageous?
- What happened when people prayed to something besides God?
- How can you stand up for God if someone tells you that God isn't real?



**God At Work**

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 — Joshua 1:9

# DAILY CHALLENGE

**Choose a Challenge!**



Share the key verse with a family member: "Be strong and courageous."



If you're tempted to do the wrong thing (like sneak a cookie!), choose to obey God instead. That's like standing up for God!



Pray with a friend who is sad or scared. Ask God to help your friend be strong and courageous.



# INSIDE OUT AT HOME

## A HERO'S SONG



Sing to the tune of "For He's a Jelly Good Fellow":

I'll be strong and courageous.  
I'll be strong and courageous.  
I'll be strong and courageous.  
And I'll stand up for God!

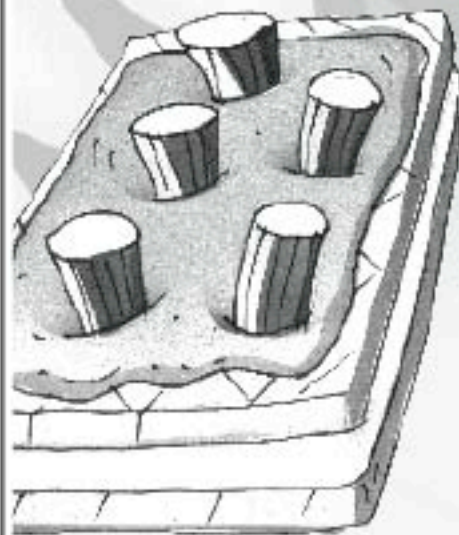


☐ Songs help kids sing about their faith — and connect with Christ!

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

## "FLAMING" WAFERS

CREATE YOUR OWN  
"altar" snacks!



### 1 Find This

- wafer cookies
- chocolate frosting
- red licorice bites

### 2 Do This

Spread thin wafer cookies with chocolate frosting.  
Place "Elijah's altars" on a plate.  
Lay "flames" of red licorice bites upright in the frosting of Elijah's altar.

### 3 As you snack,

talk about what happened when the prophets prayed to Baal compared to when Elijah prayed to God.