



The Fab Five

Elijah vs. the Prophets of Baal

BIG IDEA:	The Lord is the one and only God, so we can put Him first in our life.
BIBLE BASIS:	1 Kings 18:16-39
KEY VERSE:	“Do not put any other gods in place of me.” Exodus 20:3 (NirV)

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LEADER DEVOTIONAL

During my late teens and early twenties I had one of the most challenging, albeit best, jobs on earth — I was a camp counselor. The pay was miniscule. (One year we calculated that the counselors earned less than a dollar an hour.) Moreover, the hours were long. And by “long,” I mean that we only got two nights off a week, for four hours each night. So when our nights off rolled around, you can imagine all of the things we needed and wanted to accomplish — laundry, shopping, relaxation, recreation. But most of all, we just wanted to spend every possible moment hanging out and building friendships with the other counselors who had the night off.

One summer, though, I felt convicted to approach my nights off differently. Although they were preciously few, I was compelled to give the first of my two nights off every week to God alone. For those four hours, I would spend time praying, meditating, and reading in solitude. As I wrestled with the thought, I couldn’t imagine how I was going to accomplish everything I needed in the four remaining hours a week. Moreover, I was afraid of missing out on all of the fun that the other counselors would be having together. Nevertheless, I gave it a shot.

Predictably, my time each week with God was life-giving. I saw more spiritual growth during that summer than I ever had before. And simply put, I fell more deeply in love with God than I could have imagined. What I didn’t anticipate, though, is that by giving God the first portion of my time, the remainder of my time seemed multiplied. Not only did I have enough time to do everything I wanted and needed, I had an abundance of time. And best of all, there was a divine sweetness that permeated it all. Although I had essentially cut my time of fellowship in half, my connection with the other counselors was twice as deep. Not only was my time with God having a profound impact on me, it was also profoundly impacting those around me.

If you’re like me, you might think you’re too busy to give that much time to God. But in fact, the opposite is true. We’re too busy *not* to give that much time to God. God created us first and foremost to have fellowship with Him, and when that’s missing, everything else suffers. So try something wonderfully dangerous this week — give God the first portion of your day. And not just your spare time. Instead, be radically generous with the time you give Him. You’ll be amazed at how faithful God is when you put Him first.

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SMALL GROUP SKILL BUILDING

Praying With a Kid to Become a Christian

There are few things as amazing as praying with a kid to become a Christian, but for some people, the thought of it is terrifying. Questions might swirl through your head. How do I do it? What should I avoid? Is it possible I could mess this thing up? It's understandable that some people might feel nervous about walking a kid through such a huge spiritual milestone, but fear not! By the grace of God, *you can do it!* Here are a few suggestions to help you along the way:

Avoid coercion. Most kids have the desire to please adults. Avoid language that might pressure a kid into a disingenuous decision to follow Jesus. It's okay to present opportunities by asking questions like, "Do you ever think about asking Jesus to be your Savior?" but allow them to reach a conclusion on their own. In other words, lead them towards a decision; don't push them towards one.

Use the ABCs. If a kid has already heard the Gospel and has expressed a desire to become a Christian, explain to them the ABCs of prayer. "A" — Admit you have sinned and ask God for forgiveness. "B" — Believe that God has sent His son, Jesus, to die for your sins. "C" — Choose to follow Jesus and make Him the leader of your life.

Prompt the child in prayer. It's important that the salvation prayer comes from the heart of the child. Instead of having a kid repeat the prayer after you, provide prompts and let them do the praying. For example, begin by opening the prayer, but then prompt the kid to "admit" he's sinned and ask God for forgiveness. Pause for the kid to say his own prayer and then prompt him through "believe" and "choose."

Celebrate! This is the greatest decision anyone could ever make and it's worth celebrating! Let him know that all of heaven is rejoicing over his decision. If the kid doesn't have a Bible yet, you might consider buying one for him as a celebration gift. Be sure to share the news with the leaders in your room or any other people who are important in the life of the child.

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★ SMALL GROUP CONNECT

PLAY OUTSIDE!!!!!!

★ LARGE GROUP LESSON

Lil Climbers Will Join Us

Open with worship.

Lil Climbers Leave

Leah will introduce the series.

Watch Journey Today Show – There are 3 sections that will pause a couple times for reading and discussion.

1ST VIDEO PAUSE:

Read 1 Kings 18:30-39

THE BIG BIBLE STORY QUESTIONS

Directions: After reading, answer the following questions:

For Younger Kids:

1. What was your favorite part of the story? Why?
2. Why do you think Elijah's prayer was the only one that brought fire down from the sky?

For Older Kids:

1. What does this story teach you about God?
2. How does this story help you in life?

2ND VIDEO PAUSE:

Ask: Can you think of any other things we might love more than God or put before Him?

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★ SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

PLAY OUTSIDE!!!!