

Activity: Look and Listen

SUPPLIES: [Fire and Water Sheets](#)

Welcome, kids! I'm so glad you're here! Today we're going to hear a story about how God used fire and water to show people that He is the one true God.

Display the Fire Sheet. **This is what fire looks like and sounds like.** *Make crackle sound effects.* **Have you seen a fire? It's hot! Say, "hot," with me.** Pause for kids to say, "hot." **Good job!**

Display the Water Sheet. **This is what water looks like and sounds like.** *Make water rushing or rain sound effects.* **Water can feel cool and wet.**

Water normally puts out fire! When we're done with a fire and want it to go out, we put water on it. Firefighters spray water to put out fires that get out of control.

We'll hear more about the way God used the fire and water in today's part of God's big story.



God's Big Story

SUPPLIES: Bible, white cardstock or thick paper (prep only), scissors (prep only), craft sticks (5, prep only), glue (prep only), orange tissue paper [Elijah and the Prophets Puppet Sheet](#), [Bible Story Picture](#)

Our God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about a person named Elijah. Can you say, "Elijah"? Pause to allow the kids to respond. Good job! Let's find out from the Bible what happened to Elijah and how God used fire and water!



You can show the [Bible Story Picture](#) to give kids a visual depiction as you tell the story.

A long time ago in Israel, an evil king told all the people in Israel to worship a fake god named Baal (BAY-ul) instead of the true God. This made God angry and sad. God sent a messenger named Elijah to remind the people that He was the one true God. Use the king and Elijah puppets to act out the story as you're telling it.

Elijah challenged the prophets, or messengers, of Baal to a contest. He told them to put out an offering, or gift, and to pray to their fake "god," Baal, to come and send fire on the offering. Elijah said he would do the same except that he would pray to his God. Use the Elijah puppet to act out the story as you're telling it.

The prophets of Baal did what Elijah challenged them to do. They prayed and danced and sang, but nothing happened. Make the prophets of Baal puppets dance and sing. **Even though there were hundreds of them, and Elijah was by himself, he teased them and said, "Is your god sleeping or busy? Why isn't he coming or paying attention?"** Use the puppets to act out the story.

Then finally the prophets of Baal gave up, and it was Elijah's turn. Elijah dumped lots of water on and all around his offering. Make the Elijah puppet dump pretend water on the offering. **What happens when we try to burn something that's wet? Will it burn easily?** Allow kids to answer. **No! That's right!**

Elijah wanted to show that God is real by doing something that seemed impossible. So after Elijah got his offering really wet, he prayed to God and said, "God, show everyone that You are real," and immediately, God sent down a giant fire that burned up the offering and dried up all the water! Toss the shredded orange tissue paper down like fire. **The people were amazed and believed in God! They knew that God is the one true God!**

Word of Wonder

SUPPLIES: Bible

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: Kings and Prophets Word of Wonder [Slide](#) or [Video](#) (optional)

WORD OF WONDER

Be still, and know that I am God.

—[Psalm 46:10a](#)

Display the Word of Wonder [Slide](#) (on bulletin board) **Our Word of Wonder for the Kings and Prophets series is from [Psalm 46:10a](#). Let's practice saying the Word of Wonder together.** Open a Bible to [Psalm 46:10a](#) and practice the verse with the kids.

Encourage the kids to do the motions and say the verse with you.

- **BE STILL,**—*Open your palms, facing down. Move your palms downward at the same time.*
- **AND KNOW**—*Point to your head.*
- **THAT I AM GOD.**—*Point up.*
- **[PSALM 46:10a](#)**—*Hold your hands open in front of you, as if opening a book.*

Prayer and Blessing

While I'm praying, hold one finger up high in the air to show that God is number one. Allow kids to hold up one finger.

Let's talk to God.

God, You are so powerful and amazing. You showed Elijah and the Israelites long ago that You're the one true God. Help us remember that You're number one! In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands are open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

Blessing: May you go today, knowing that God is real, powerful, and worthy of all our praise because He is most important in our lives.