



April 14

I am Set Apart

Kindergarten - 5th grade

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: Elijah and the Prophets- 1 Kings 18

Bottom Line: I can stand strong.

Leader Context: The story of a prophet of God named Elijah and how he chose to stand strong against the prophets of Baal shows us that standing strong is not always easy. We can trust God for the courage to stand strong for Him. We hope kids will learn they can stand strong and trust in God no matter what situations they're facing.

THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS: Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus, and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

Social

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page, hula hoops (2 per group) beanbags (2 per group)

What You Do:

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

Say: That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

Videos

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This

Elijah went through a challenging time, didn't he? He was up against 450 prophets of Baal. These prophets worshipped a false god instead of the One true God. Elijah had to be brave and stand strong. He called on the false prophets to choose who they would follow. Elijah stood firm in his faith, even when he wasn't sure what would happen. And his actions made a difference! God worked through Elijah to show others just how mighty God is.

We can stand strong with God's help too. Say, "I can stand strong!" We may not know all the answers. We may not know what to do at times. But we can know that God is always with us and that our actions make a difference. He gives us strength to stand strong when we aren't sure what will happen. When we follow God and obey Him, even when things are scary or difficult, we can show others that God is amazing and powerful. God helps us stand strong.

Let's pray together. Remember prayer is listening and talking to God.

God, thank You that You care for us and are always with us. Even when things are scary or hard, we can trust You. Help all of us stand strong no matter what, following You and Your plan for our lives. Amen."

Stand Strong Stones (20 minutes)

What You Need: Stand Strong Stones printable (1 per kid), crayons, markers, pencils

What You Do: Kids will make drawings of actions that can help them stand strong.

Set out the supplies.

We are going to work together to think about things that can help us stand strong, like Elijah in our Bible story today. God helps us stand strong when we listen to Him and obey Him. Everyone is going to get a piece of paper with rocks stacked like the stones Elijah used to make the Altar in our Bible story. I want us to think of some ways someone can stand out and show they follow Jesus.

Suggestions: *Be kind. Tell the truth. Help others. Forgive. Be loving. Obey God. Listen to God.*

Pray. Read the Bible. Go to church.

Great list! Choose five of your favorites and you are going to draw in the stones on your paper what this looks like or you can write a sentence. When you are done with that I want you to write names of people you can show those actions to or situations where you can show Jesus to those around you.

Say: "I love the actions that we talked about today! Even though these actions might seem small, God can work through them to show other people who He is and what He is like! This week, pull out the paper every day to help you remember what a difference your actions can make. We can use every part of our day as a chance to listen to and stand out for God. When we trust and follow God, we can know He sets us apart, and we can stand strong. We can follow Him in big and small ways."

Discussion Questions:

- What is the coolest thing you have ever seen, whether real and in person or on a show or movie?(*Allow kids time to answer and share your own answer.*) Can you tell me about a time when you or someone you know did something cool or amazing? What was amazing about it?
- We often need strength to do something cool or amazing- muscle strength or even just being brave enough to do it. Not like a flimsy plastic cup strength! We need a strong, solid-block strength! Elijah had strong faith and he challenged people to choose who they would serve. What are some things you can do to help your faith grow stronger? (*Spend time with God, read the Bible, pray, spend time with other Christians, say no to sin*)
- The Bible tells us that we are set apart, and we can stand strong. Let's open our Bibles to 1 Kings 18:36-39 and read about it together. (*Invite kids to open up their Bibles. Read the passage aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.*) What is this passage teaching us?
- Elijah was set apart for a special purpose, and he stood strong. God worked through Elijah to show people that God is the one and only God. Elijah challenged all the people around to choose who they would serve, and then he stood strong for God by trusting Him. How can we stand strong so that people can see that God has set us apart too?(*Obey God no matter what, tell others about Him, follow Him even when other people aren't*)
- Elijah stood strong even when it was difficult and challenged others to choose who they would serve. We can stand strong and challenge others too! When we love and follow Jesus no matter what God can use our actions to point people to Him. Jesus died on the cross for our sin and rose again- that's even more powerful than the fire that consumed Elijah's sacrifice! Now, we can know Jesus and follow Him. If you have questions about what it means to believe in and follow Jesus, you can always talk to me or another leader. Does anyone have any stories about a time that you or someone else got to stand strong and stand out for Jesus? (*Allow kids time to answer and share your own response.*)
- We can wonder sometime if our actions really make a difference. In today's Bible story, we learned that Elijah stood strong for God and helped point people to Him. We can do the same! What are some actions you could do to take a stand for God? (*Tell other people about Him, pray in public, obey God even when other people don't, and so forth*)

The Lord is God, and God is perfect. As part of His family, we are set apart and can stand strong, which points others to Him. He has perfect plans for us that are better than anything we can imagine.

Going Home

Pass out the coloring pages for kids to take home. Greet families as they arrive and tell them something about their child you saw today. Say goodbye and call everyone by name.