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1 Kings Chapters 16:29-22:53

Early Childhood

1KG05EC

Elijah Proved God's Power on Mount Carmel.

**Memory Verse:**

1 Kings 8:23: O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below.

**Aim Questions for 2's & 3's:**

1. Who had to punish Israel for worshiping idols? (*God.*)
2. Who was the prophet sent by God to talk to King Ahab? (*Elijah.*)
3. Who was mighty and powerful and sent fire down to burn up the altar that Elijah built? (*God.*)

**Aim Questions for 4's, 5's & K:**


1. What was the name of the very bad king of Israel who built a temple for worship of the Baal idol? (*King Ahab.*)
2. What was the name of God's prophet who told King Ahab that there would be no rain as punishment for the sin of worshiping idols? (*Elijah.*)
3. How did God prove that He was more powerful than the Baal idol? (*When Elijah prayed to God, God sent fire from heaven. He also sent rain when Elijah prayed.*)
4. Who has power to send fire and rain from heaven? (*The Lord God.*)
5. Why is it important to obey God? (*Say the memory verse.*)

**Key for symbols:**


- This box symbol represents ideas that can be used for two-year-olds through kindergarten. Please remember to slow down the pace for two-year-olds and keep the pace moving for five-year-olds.
- ② This symbol represents ideas that are best used for two- and three-year-olds.
- ④ This symbol represents ideas that are best used for four-year-olds through kindergarten.


**Hook:**

- Children's Books about Elijah:** There are simple children's books that tell the stories of Elijah by the brook being fed by ravens, Elijah and the widow being fed by endless oil and flour, and of Elijah healing the widow's son. Read one or more of these stories to one or more children. This could be an activity at the end of class time, too.
- Wicked King Ahab and Queen Jezebel Picture: (1KG05ECGF1)** Color the frowning faces on the clothes of the king and queen using only a yellow crayon or marker. In today's Bible Adventure, a wicked king and queen who worship the Baal idol are ruling over the land of Israel. Their names are King Ahab and Queen Jezebel.
- Hat Center:** Bring in some old hats used in various occupations. (A bin full of hats is available if requested.) Have the children try on the hats and act out the appropriate occupations. As the children play, talk about the fact that God is with all kinds of people everywhere and hears their prayers. Ask the children what they would pray for if they were working in a particular job. In today's Bible Adventure, one of God's prophets, Elijah, makes a very special prayer from a very unusual location.

 **Water Play:** Use a dishpan of water on a towel on a large plastic cloth or tarp. Children can play with pieces of wood (toothpicks, popsicle sticks, etc.) and float them in the water. At the end, ask the children if they think you could burn the wood they have been playing with. Can you burn wet wood? No, it won't light. You can only burn dry wood.

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 **Sound CD:** Listen to the CD of different sounds, stopping frequently and helping the children identify what they hear. End with a rain storm. God's people would have loved to hear a rain storm. They had disobeyed, and as punishment, God made the rain stop. You will hear more about this in the Bible Adventure story today.

 **Bowling for Idols:** See last week's lesson. The Israelites needed to get rid of the Baal idols. Let's knock down these idols like the Israelites should have done.

④ **Two Buckets:** Bring two buckets. Fill one with water and twelve stones and fill the other with crumpled paper and wood. Let the children look inside both and touch the items in them. Then ask, "Which bucket will catch on fire the best?" Let them have turns guessing and then explain why. Close with, "In today's lesson, we're going to learn how the prophet Elijah called on God to burn an altar that was full of water and stones. What a miracle!" **NOTE:** You could do a similar "hook" with two books of matches--one in a glass full of water and the other dry.

④ **What Am I Drawn To?** As the children arrive, have different stations set up that involve play with things they are attracted to, like a TV, a Nintendo game, other games, balls, Barbies, dress-up clothes, etc. At the end of play time, gather the children in a circle and talk about what interested them most. Would they ever choose to be read a story in the Bible first? Today, we will find out what happened to the Israelites because they did not choose to make God and His words first in their lives. The Israelites were worshiping idols instead of God.

④ **Remove the Teacher:** Have one teacher in the middle of the circle of children. Explain that the object of the game is to move the teacher out of the circle any way they can. Try a bunch of different ways to get the teacher to move out of the circle. Have children try to "push" (nicely) the teacher out of the circle, either by themselves one at a time, in groups, or all together. But the teacher doesn't move! Then ask the class, "What other ways can you think of to move the teacher out of the circle?" Help the children realize that they can ask the teacher politely to get up and move out of the circle. After the teacher leaves the circle, gather the children around and ask, "When we first tried to move the teacher, were we relying on our own strength?" (Yes.) "What finally worked?" (When we relied on someone else's strength.) "We're to always rely on God's strength and not our own, aren't we?" In today's lesson, we're going to learn how the prophet Elijah relied on God's strength to burn an altar because he could never send fire from heaven.

④ **What If:** This will help the children imagine what it would be like without water and food. Ask the children, "Who takes baths, has gone swimming, likes to drink water, juice, soda, etc.?" Let them take turns sharing their answers of how they use water. Then ask, "What if there was no more water to take baths, to go swimming, or even to drink your favorite drink?" Let the children guess what that would be like. Then ask, "Who has ever been really, really hungry? Have you ever run out of milk, bread, or cereal and had to go to the store with your mommy or daddy? What if all the grocery stores ran out of food? How would you get food to eat? That would be very hard, wouldn't it?" Close with, "In today's story, we're going to learn that God supplies all our needs for food and water, and we are to trust in Him alone."


④ **Fire and Freeze:** Provide stones, logs, and construction paper flames for children to build a pretend fire in the middle of the room. Dance around the fire with free motions until the music stops or until you blow a whistle and they freeze. Repeat several times.

④ **Pictures of Bread and Meat:** Using magazines, ask children to find pictures of bread and meat. Save these for acting out the Bible Adventure. If magazines are not available, tear bread and meat shapes out of yellow and brown construction paper. See the Look section.


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**Book:**  
*Presentation Ideas -*

 Color and mount the **1KG05ECGF1, 1KG05ECGF2, 1KG05ECGF3, 1KG05ECGF4, 1KG05ECGF5,** and **1KG05ECGF6** pictures on construction paper. Show them as you tell the Bible Adventure. Save these pictures for review in the future lessons of 2 Kings.

 Make and use one or more Raven Finger Puppets (from the Took section) as you tell the story about the ravens bringing food to Elijah.

 In today's Bible Adventure, some black birds, called ravens, help out in a very big way!

**"Two Little Blackbirds" Finger Play:**

Two little blackbirds sitting on a hill,      *(Two hands closed, thumbs up to resemble birds.)*  
One named Jack, one named Jill.      *(Slightly raise one hand, then the other.)*  
Fly away, Jack; fly away Jill.      *(Right hand is opened, raised above head, same with left.)*  
Come back, Jack; come back, Jill.      *(Right hand and left back to original position.)*

**Bible Adventure for 2's & 3's-**

*(Show the 1KG05ECGF1 picture.)* There were many kings in Israel who worshiped idols instead of the one true God. One of these kings was named Ahab. *(Have the children say "Ahab" several times.)* His wife was named Jezebel. They worshiped an idol named Baal. They made the people of Israel worship Baal, also. Because King Ahab and Queen Jezebel did such evil things against God, God had to punish Israel.

*(Show the 1KG05ECGF2 picture. Point to Elijah.)* This man is Elijah. *(Have the children say "Elijah" several times.)* Elijah loved God and wanted to obey Him. Elijah was called a prophet of God. Here he is talking to King Ahab. God sent Elijah to tell King Ahab that God would not let rain fall on the ground for a long time.

*(Show the 1KG05ECGF3 picture.)* King Ahab was angry at Elijah because of what he had said. God told Elijah to go hide by a stream of water. God sent ravens to take bread and meat to Elijah. Elijah stayed far away from King Ahab for three years *(hold up three fingers)*. No rain fell in Israel during that time. The streams dried up. There was little food for the people to eat. King Ahab was really mad at Elijah.

Finally, the Lord told Elijah to go back and talk to King Ahab. God had a plan to show the people of Israel that the Baal idol had no power.

Elijah called all the people to Mount Carmel. *(Sweep your arm toward you.)* Elijah told them, "The prophets of Baal will call on the name of Baal, and I will call on the name of the Lord. The one who answers by sending down fire from heaven is the true, powerful God."

*(Show the 1KG05ECGF4 picture.)* The false prophets of Baal began to dance around their altar, calling on Baal to send down fire. They danced and called all day, but nothing happened. Baal was just a wooden idol. No fire came from Baal. *(Shake your head "no.")*

Now it was Elijah's turn. He called all of the people to follow him. Elijah built an altar with twelve stones. He put wood on top of the stones and a bull on top of the wood. He had men pour water over the altar until everything was soaking wet.

*(Show 1KG05ECGF5 picture.)* Elijah stepped up to the altar, raised his arms, and prayed to God. He called out to God, "Answer my prayer and send fire so these people will turn their hearts back to You." As Elijah spoke, the fire of the Lord fell to the altar. The fire burned up everything! When the people saw what God had done, they fell to the ground saying, "The Lord--He is God!"

That day on Mount Carmel the Israelite people realized what a mighty God the one true God was. God wants His people to know that He is a powerful God and the only One worthy of worship.

**Prayer:** Dear God, I want to worship and obey You. You are powerful, and I want to listen to Your words in the Bible and obey them. In Jesus' name, amen.

**Bible Adventure for 4's, 5's & K-**

*(Show the review 1KG04ECGF3 picture.)* King Jeroboam started the people of Israel worshiping a golden calf, which was an idol. That was a very bad idea because God had said, "Don't worship idols. Worship only Me." After King Jeroboam, there were many kings in Israel who worshiped idols instead of the true God.

*(Show the 1KG05ECGF1 picture.)* The worst king and queen for worshiping idols in Israel were King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. *(Have the children say "King Ahab" several times.)* King Solomon built a temple in Jerusalem to worship the Lord God, but King Ahab built a temple to worship Baal in the town of Samaria. He also designated four hundred and fifty false prophets to help the people worship Baal. Because King Ahab and Queen Jezebel did such evil things, God had to punish Israel.

*(Show the 1KG05ECGF2 picture. Point to Elijah.)* This man is Elijah, a prophet of God. *(Have the children say "Elijah" several times.)* God told his prophet, Elijah, to take a message to King Ahab. It was time for God to punish the Israelites for their sin of worshiping idols.

Elijah went to King Ahab and said, "Because you have sinned by worshiping idols, God says that there will be no rain or dew on the ground for several years, until I tell you." Not having rain meant that the crops would not have water to grow. No crops meant that the people and the animals would go hungry and thirsty. No rain for several years was a big punishment to the people of Israel.

*(Show the 1KG05ECGF3 picture.)* After Elijah told God's prophecy to King Ahab, God told Elijah to go east of the Jordan River and hide himself by a brook because King Ahab would be looking for him. God said, "Go hide by a stream. You will drink water from the brook, and I have ordered ravens to feed you there." God kept His promise and the ravens brought Elijah bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening. Birds obey God.

For three years, Elijah stayed far away from King Ahab. For three years, there was no rain in Israel. It was a very hard time in Israel. King Ahab was very angry with Elijah.

Finally, the Lord told Elijah to go back and talk to King Ahab. Elijah obeyed, went back to Samaria, and said to King Ahab, "Gather all the people of Israel together and meet me on Mount Carmel. Bring the four hundred and fifty false prophets of Baal and the four hundred and fifty false prophets of Asherah." God was going to show His power on Mount Carmel. God was going to show that the Baal and Asherah idols had no power for the people of Israel.

*(Show the 1KG05ECGF4 picture.)* When all the people had gathered on Mount Carmel, Elijah said to them, "Why do you worship Baal instead of the Lord God of Israel? Let's see who has more power, the Lord or Baal. We will have two altars with wood on each altar. The prophets of Baal will call on the name of Baal, and I will call on the name of the Lord. The one who answers by sending fire down from heaven is the true, powerful God."

The people thought that was a good idea. Elijah said to the false prophets of Baal, "Prepare the altar, but do not light it with fire. Call to Baal to send fire upon the altar." From early morning until noon, the false prophets shouted, "Oh Baal, answer us! Send fire to the altar!" The false prophets danced around the altar for hours, shouting to Baal. Baal couldn't hear because it was a piece of wood, but the men kept shouting.

At noon, Elijah began to tease them. He said to the prophets of Baal, "Maybe Baal is asleep and doesn't hear you. Maybe you should shout louder." So the false prophets of Baal shouted louder and louder and danced wildly around the altar, but no one answered and no fire came from heaven. No fire came from Baal because Baal was a piece of wood and had no power to send fire.

*(Show the 1KG05ECGF5 picture.)* Finally, in the evening, after a full day of watching the false prophets begging Baal to send fire to the altar, Elijah stepped forward and asked the people to come to him. When the people came, Elijah built an altar with twelve stones to represent the twelve sons of Jacob. Elijah put wood on top of the stones and pieces of a bull on top of the wood. Elijah said to the people, "Fill four large jars with water and pour it over the altar." The men did what Elijah asked. Elijah said, "Do it again," and the men poured more water over the altar. A third time, Elijah said, "Do it again." It would be hard for fire to burn such wet logs, wouldn't it? Elijah wanted to prove that God has power to do the most difficult things. Only God's power could burn water-soaked logs.

Elijah stepped forward and prayed to God, "Oh Lord, God of Israel, "Answer my prayer so that all these people will know that You alone are God and that You are turning their hearts back to You." As Elijah spoke, the fire of the Lord fell to the altar. The fire burned up the bull, the wood, the stones, and even the water on the ground! When the people saw what God had done, they fell to the ground and cried, "The Lord--He is God! The Lord--He is God!" Then Elijah said, "Grab the false prophets of Baal and don't let any get away." The people took away the false prophets and killed them so that they would not lead the people to worship the Baal idols anymore.

*(Show the 1KG05ECGF6 picture. Put a little flap over the cloud in the sky.)* Elijah said to King Ahab, "Go, eat and drink, for there is the sound of a heavy rain coming." There was not a cloud in the sky. Elijah climbed back to the top of Mount Carmel, knelt to the ground, put his face between his knees, and prayed to God for rain. Elijah said to his servant, "Go look toward the sea and tell me if you see a rain cloud coming."

The servant went and looked, then came back and said, "There is nothing in the sky." Seven times, Elijah said to his servant, "Go back and look," while he stayed on his knees praying to His powerful God to send rain. The seventh time, the servant came back and said, "A cloud as small as a man's hand is rising from the sea." (*Lift up the flap so the children can see the cloud.*) So Elijah said, "Go and tell Ahab to ride home before he gets caught in the storm that is coming."

King Ahab hitched his horse to his chariot and rode off to Jezreel as the sky grew black with clouds. The wind rose and a heavy rain came on Israel. It soaked the ground, and the plants began to grow. The punishment of Israel was over, and God was sending rain on the crops. The people of Israel worshiped God and thanked Him for sending the rain. They knew that the Lord was God and powerful to provide food and water for them.

**Prayer:** Dear God, I want to obey You like King David and King Asa, not disobey You like King Ahab. Help me want to listen to Your words in the Bible and obey them. In Jesus' name, amen.



### Look:

**Aim Questions:** Have a bird puppet deliver the numbered questions to different children in the circle.

**Snack:** Serve bread from the beak of a bird puppet. Bring plastic spoons, a jar of marshmallow crème (or peanut butter or chocolate frosting--something yummy to dip), cocoa puffs, or Kix. Have children put twelve cocoa puffs on their dipped spoons to represent the twelve stones Elijah used on the altar.

**Snack Idea #2: Altar Snack:** Give each child twelve miniature marshmallows to represent the twelve tribes of Israel and the twelve stones that were used in the altar. With frosting tubes, stick them together to make a cone shape. Add stick pretzels for the wood. Use a yellow frosting tube to make flames on the stones. Review the Bible Adventure while eating the "altar."

**"Fire From Heaven" Fold-Up Page: (1KG05ECGF11)** Fold the bottom of the GF11 paper up towards the words at the top of the page, making a flap so that the words are seen but the picture is not. Glue the GF12 picture of Elijah on the outside flap so that praying Elijah is seen under the words he prayed to God. When the paper is unfolded, we can see the answer to Elijah's prayer--fire from heaven. Let the children color the stones and fire or add torn construction paper for stones and flames. Review the Bible Adventure and talk about worshiping an all-powerful God who can send fire from heaven to burn wet wood. Fold the flap up and let the children review the memory verse.

**Hand Action Story:** Elijah went up to Mount Carmel (put fingertips together to make a mountain). He prayed to God for fire (put arms above head in "V" shape, looking up). God sent fire down and burned up the altar (bring hands quickly down in front of you, and make a fire noise "Poooff!"). The people fell down and cried out, "The LORD--He is God! The LORD--He is God!" Have everyone fall down to their knees and shout, "The LORD--He is God!" Review the memory verse.

**Dancing to Music:** Choose some music with a strong beat for the children to dance to. Tell them to start dancing in place with the music, but when the music stops, they are to stop, too. Try this once, and then ask the children what they think they could change in the room just by dancing. After they think of something, (move a chair, open a window, etc.) have them dance again while they think hard about what they are going to change in the room. Stop the music. Did anything change? Dancing around and wanting something changed will not change it. The false prophets of Baal realized the same thing when they yelled and danced around their altar. Only God can change things that we cannot change. Encourage silent voices and active dancing.

**"The Ravens Fed Elijah" Finger Play:**

"I will send the ravens	( <i>Flap arms like bird wings.</i> )
To bring you meat and bread;	( <i>Reach up and pretend to take food.</i> )
Go to the brook and stay,"	( <i>Point toward pretend brook.</i> )
God to Elijah said.	( <i>Cup hands around mouth as though talking.</i> )
Elijah hurried to the brook;	( <i>Pretend to walk.</i> )
He drank from the water there.	( <i>Stoop and pretend to drink.</i> )
He ate the food the ravens brought,	( <i>Pretend to eat.</i> )

And thanked God for His care. (Fold hands and pray.)

**Ring Around the Altar:** Gather everyone in a circle holding hands. Explain that you're going to play a game similar to "Ring Around the Rosy," but you will all sing the following words:  
"Ring around the altar, pocket full of idols,  
Fi-re, fi-re, we all fall down."  
Have everyone fall down. Say, "There was no fire. We had better try again and sing louder and faster." Repeat this a few times. The last time say, "Maybe we'll try a different song. Let's sing the memory verse!" Have the children sing the memory verse song (have one teacher at the light switch) and add, "We all fall down" at the end and have the lights flicker on and off. YEAH! We need to rely on God's strength, not on our own.

**Egg Carton Divided Kingdom:** From last week's lesson, use the egg carton kingdom with the plastic eggs. Put tootsie rolls and gummy bears inside the eggs to represent golden calves and Asherah pole idols. Let the children look inside the eggs or give each child one egg after showing them the divided kingdom. Ask the children, "Did Israel and Judah worship God or idols?" (Idols.) Let the children look inside the eggs and explain that the candies represent the idols the two kingdoms worshiped instead of God. Then say, "Let's get rid of the idols!" Have the children eat the candy (or take it home).

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**Raven Finger Puppet: (1KG05ECGF8)** Materials needed: black and yellow or orange construction paper, cheerios, glue, "I obey God" signs. Trace the bird outline onto black paper and cut it out (enough for each child to have one). Cut out the beaks. In class, help each child glue two cheerios for the eyes, a beak, and a sign onto their birds. They can reenact the passage where the ravens brought bread and meat to Elijah (1 Kings 17:4-6). Explain that all of God's creation obey God--the animals, plants, and weather. God wants people to obey him, too!

**Raven Art Project: (1KG05ECGF7)** Copy the GF7 pattern onto stiff paper. Cut out the body and the two wings. Cut out the two beaks and two legs from yellow or orange paper. Fold the body forward in half. Fold again, bending the eyes to face up and the bottom section under. Tape the beak sections inside the center area. Tape the wings and legs on the back of the bottom section. The children can reenact the passage where the ravens brought bread and meat to Elijah (1 Kings 17:4-6). Explain that all of God's creation obey God--the animals, plants, and weather. God wants people to obey him, too!

④ **Acting Adventure:** The children help act out the Bible Adventure with the teacher being Elijah. The teacher says, "You will be the ravens and I will be Elijah. You get to bring me bread and meat." (*Children bring pictures and place them at your feet while you pretend to eat.*) Teacher says, "You will be King Ahab and the false prophets with sad faces because he was the most evil king, and I will be Elijah. Come and gather on Mount Carmel. Bring your false prophets and we will see if Baal or God can bring fire from heaven." (*Wave arms, motioning to come. Then march in place and pretend to climb a mountain.*)

Teacher says, "Now march around the altar (use the fire the children made during Hook time) saying, 'Send fire. Answer us and send fire, Baal.'" Nothing happens!

Teacher says, "Answer my prayer, O God, so that they will know that You alone are God."

Children all say, "The Lord, He is God."

Children and Elijah (teacher) chant together, "God is powerful. God is wise. Worship God only."

④ **Raven Game:** Divide the children into two teams and give each the same number of paper loaves of bread and meat. Their job, at the signal, is to flap their wings and pretend to fly to the chair on the opposite side of the room and deposit the bread or meat that they carried in their mouths. The team to finish first wins!

④ **Knock Down Idols!** Spray paint a half gallon plastic milk jug gold to represent an idol, and use a clear gallon jug filled with sand to represent God. Let children bowl with a nerf ball. They can knock down the idols, but they can never knock down God. He is all-powerful and worthy of our worship.

- ④ **Avoiding Idols Balloon Game:** Mark several balloons with a sad face to represent idols. Leave several other balloons unmarked. Assign a couple of children to be “Baal.” Their job is to keep the idol balloons moving towards the other children. The rest of the children try to keep all the balloons in the air without touching an idol balloon. If a child touches an idol balloon, he is out of the game until it starts over again!

**Songs:**

☐ **1 Kings 8:23, Memory Verse Song** (tune: “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star”)

Oh, Lord, God of Is-ra-el,  
There is no God like you in  
Heav’n above or on earth below.  
First Kings eight, verse twenty-three.  
Oh, Lord, God of Is-ra-el,  
There is no-o God like you.

☐ **Kings of Israel** (tune: “King of Kings”)

Ahab was a king o-of Israel. Oh, no! (Clap) He disobeyed! (Repeat.)  
Ahab, king of Israel. Oh, no! (Clap) He disobeyed! (Repeat.)

Jezebel was queen o-of Israel. Oh, no! (Clap) She disobeyed! (Repeat.)  
Jezebel, queen of Israel. Oh, no! (Clap) She disobeyed! (Repeat.)

Elijah, a prophet of Israel, glory (Clap), hallelujah! (Repeat.)  
E-li-jah, a prophet, glory (Clap), hallelujah! (Repeat.)

☐ **Action Song:** (tune: “Ring Around the Rosie”)

Shout around the stones. Shout around the stones. (Walk in circle around stones with hands cupped to mouth.)

No fire, no fire, Baal can’t help. (Shake head and fall down.)

Praying to God. Praying to God. (Walk around with hands folded and looking up.)  
Ask for fire. Ask for fire. God has power.

☐ **King Ahab** (tune: “Polly Wolly Doodle”)

Ki-ing Ahab was a very bad king;  
A very bad king was he.  
He led Is-ra-el to worship Baal.  
A very bad king was he.  
King Ahab, King Ahab, King Ahab was very bad.  
King Ahab, King Ahab,  
A very bad king was he.

E-E-li-jah was a very good man;  
A very good man was he.  
He-e told the king to worship God,  
Then fi-re they did see.  
E-li-jah, E-li-jah, E-E-li-jah prayed for rain.  
E-li-jah, E-li-jah,  
A very good man was he.

☐ **Rhythm Sticks Song:** (tune: “If You Are Happy and You Know It”)

Do not worship idols. Stay away.  
Do not worship idols. Stay away.  
They don’t have power. They will lead your heart astray.  
Do not worship idols. Stay away.

We will worship God. Yes, we will.  
We will worship God. Yes, we will.  
We will worship the true God. We will listen and obey.  
We will worship God. Yes, we will.

- ④ **Be Not Dismayed** (As sung by Elijah by the stream.)  
Be not dismayed what-e'er be tide, God will take care of you;  
Beneath his wings of love abide, God will take care of you.  
God will take care of you, Through every day, o'er all the way;  
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.
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### Took:

- ☐ **Reminder Necklace--God Is Powerful: (1KG05ECGF9)** Each child receives a long piece of yarn with tape or wax on one end, the necklace squares, and cereal or macaroni. As the children string their necklaces, talk about God sending fire from heaven on a water-soaked altar and sending a cloud when Elijah prayed for rain.
- ☐ **First Kings Booklet (1KG05ECGF10):** Let each child make a booklet of 1 Kings by folding the GF10 page in fourths so that page number one is the cover page. Talk about the names of the kings we have learned about and whether they obeyed or disobeyed God.
- ☐ **Preschool Page for Parents: (1KG05ECPPP)** Send a page home with each child, encouraging parents to reinforce the Bible truths at home. Spend a few minutes before the children go home creatively reviewing the song and memory verse.



Bad King Ahab and Queen Jezebel loved Baal idols.



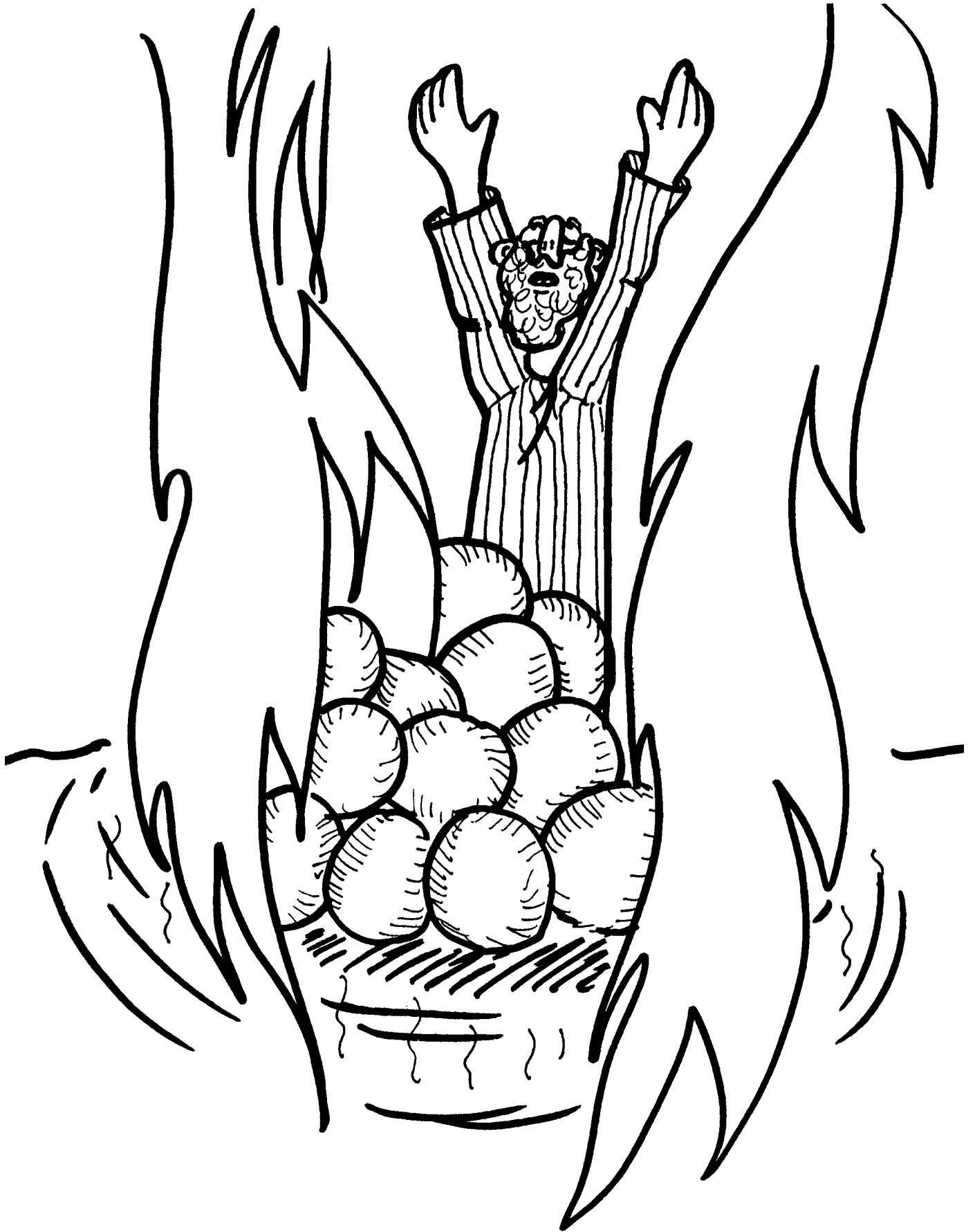
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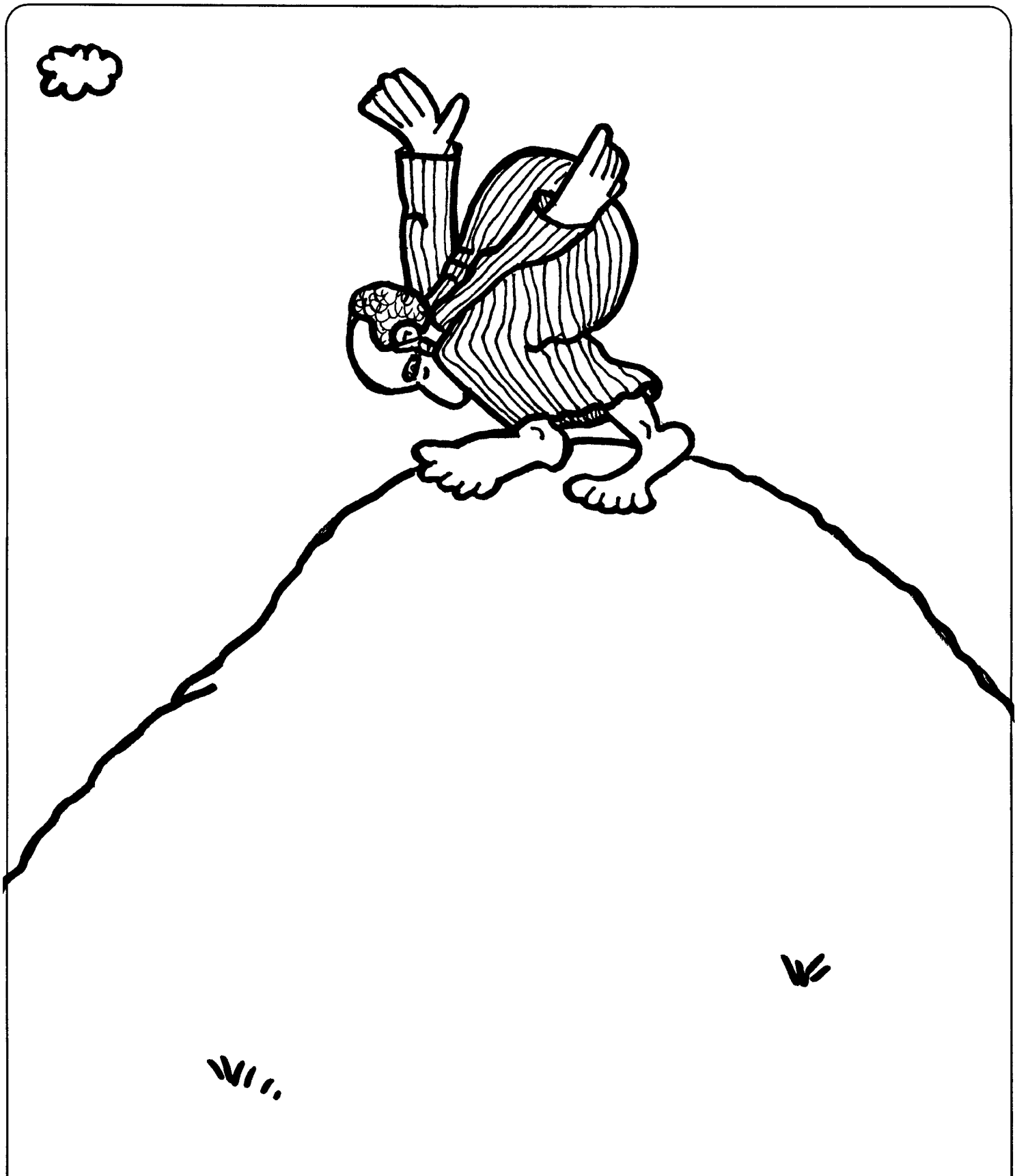
God sent ravens with food for Elijah.



No fire came when Baal's prophets prayed.



God sent fire from heaven when Elijah prayed.

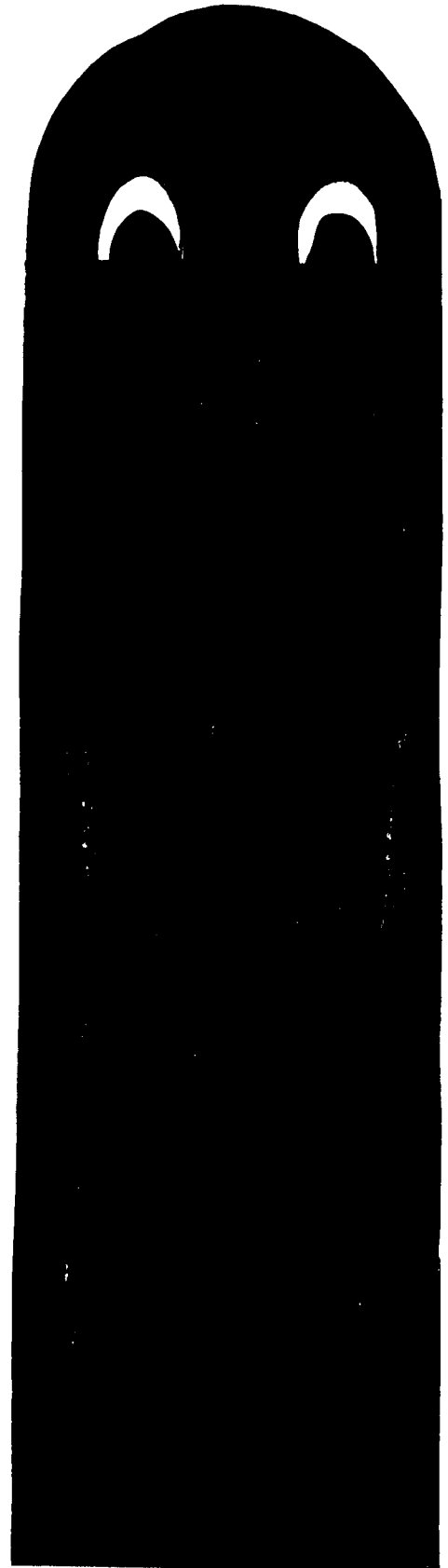
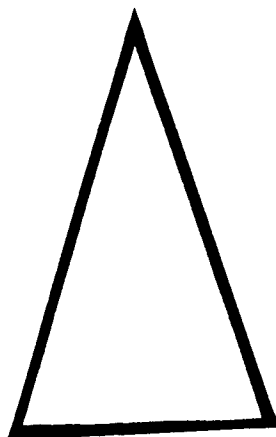
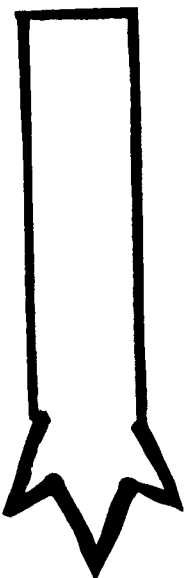


Elijah prayed on Mount Carmel, and God sent rain.

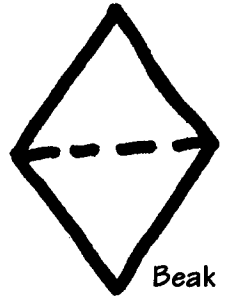
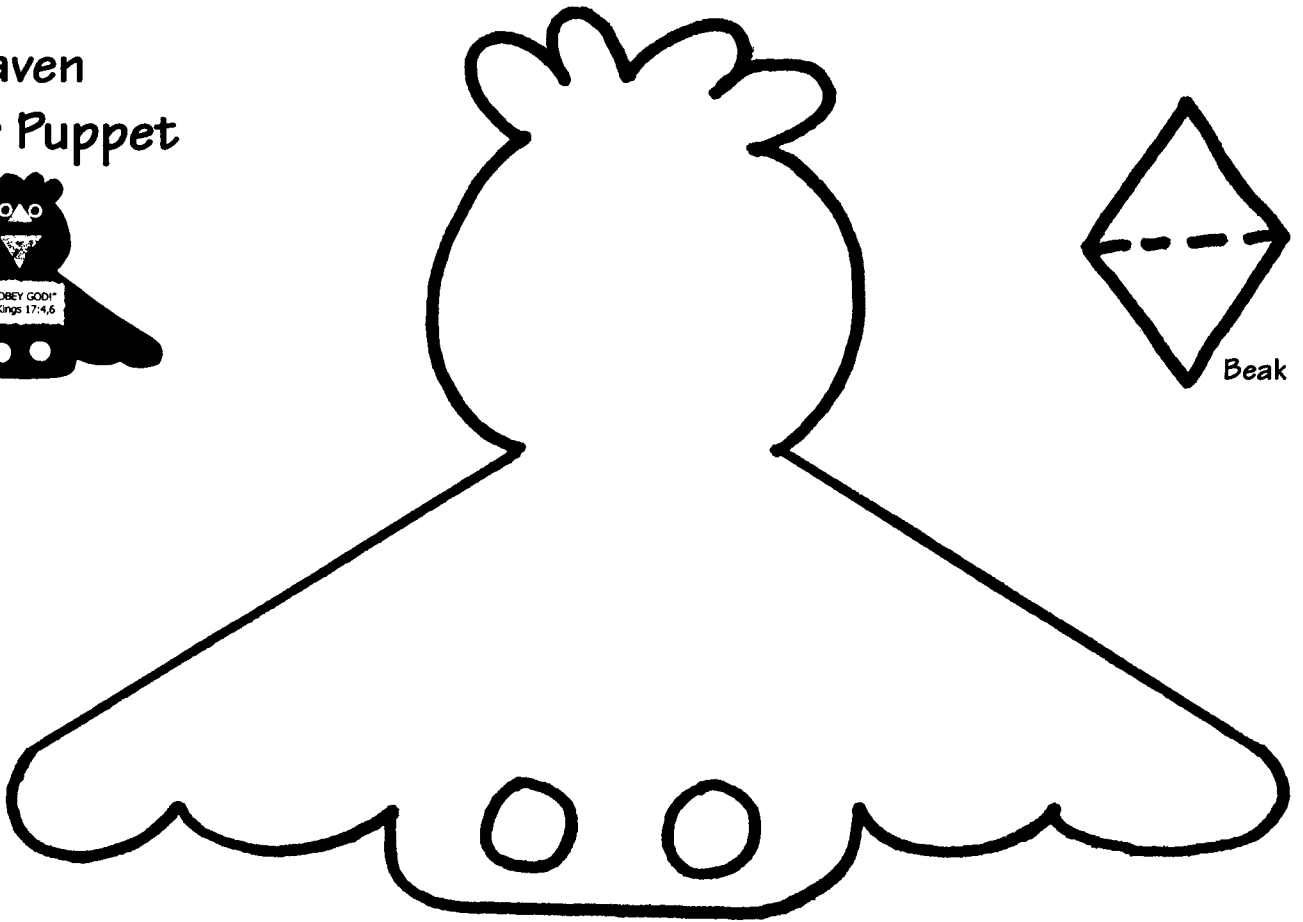


# raven pattern

Copy the pattern onto stiff paper. Cut out the body and two wings. Cut out the beak and legs and use them as a pattern to cut two beaks and two legs from yellow or orange paper. Fold the body forward in half. Fold again bending the eyes to face up and the bottom section under. Tape the beak sections inside the center area. Tape the wings and legs on the back of the bottom section.

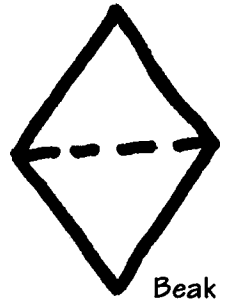
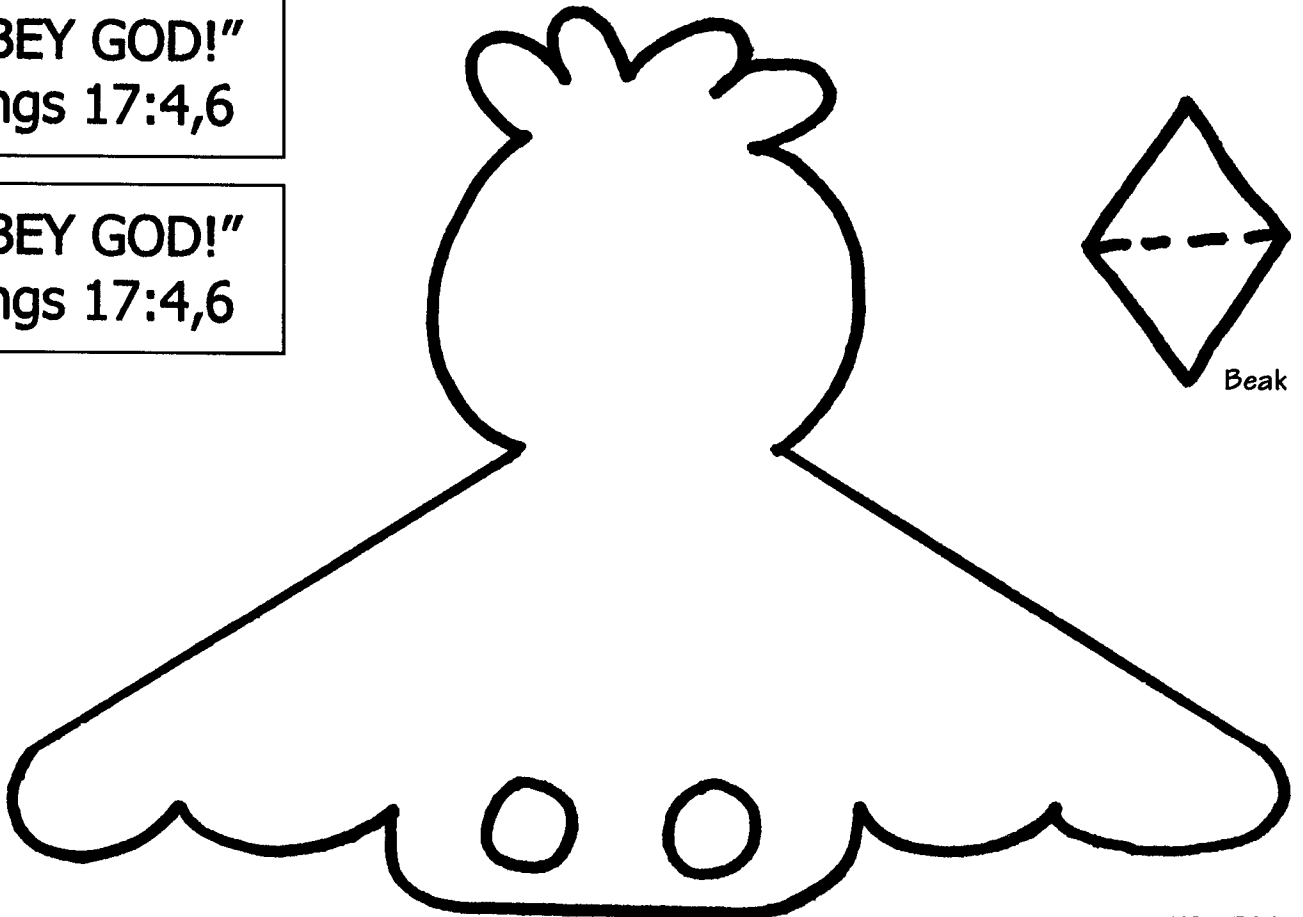


# Raven Finger Puppet

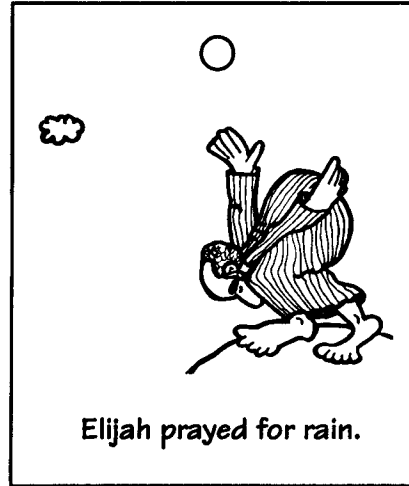
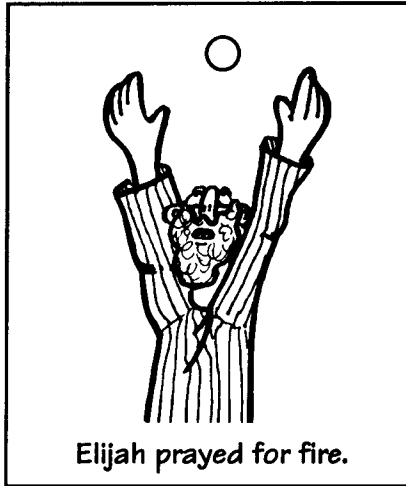


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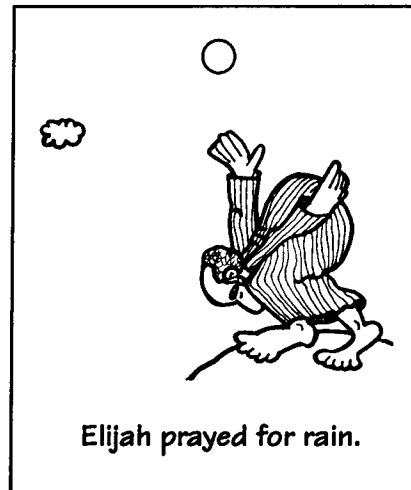
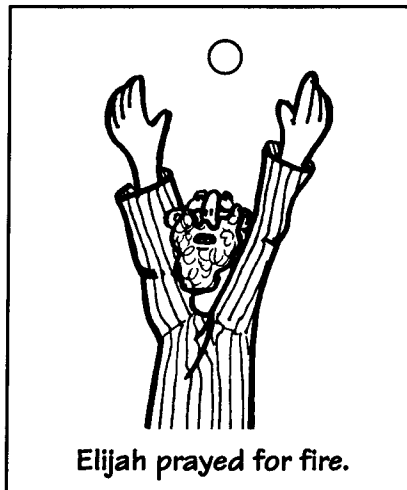
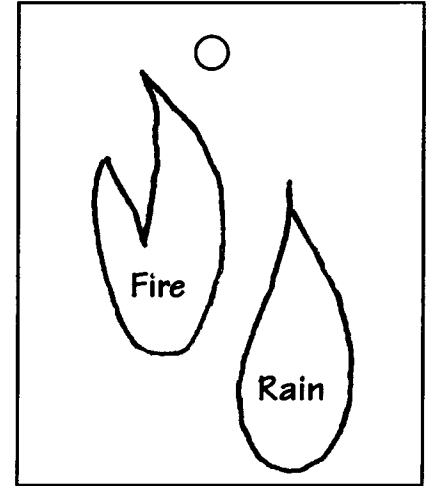
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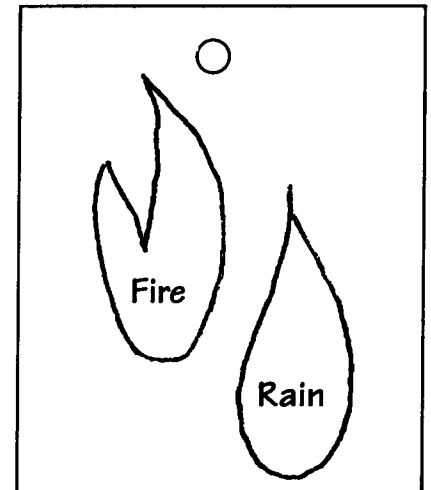
# Reminder Necklace



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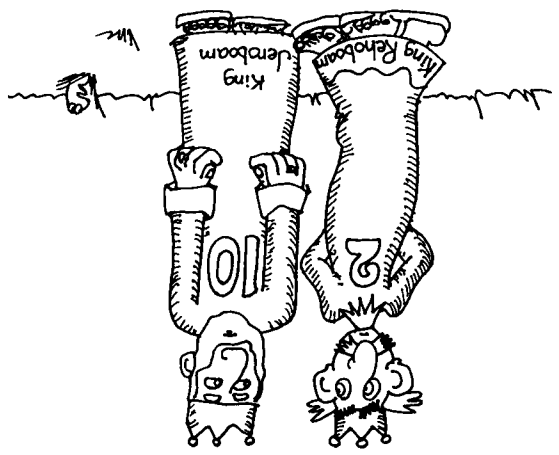


3.  
King Ahab was a very bad king: a very bad king was he.  
He led Is-ra-el to worship Baal. A very bad king was he.  
King Ahab, King Ahab, King Ahab was very bad.  
King Ahab, King Ahab, King Ahab, a very bad king was he.



King Ahab and Queen Jezebel worshiped Baal idols.

2.  
Rehoboam  
(tune: Frere Jacques)  
Rehoboam, Rehoboam, They were kings,  
They were kings. They were kings.  
Jero ruled in Israel. Reho ruled in Judah.  
They did not, obey God.



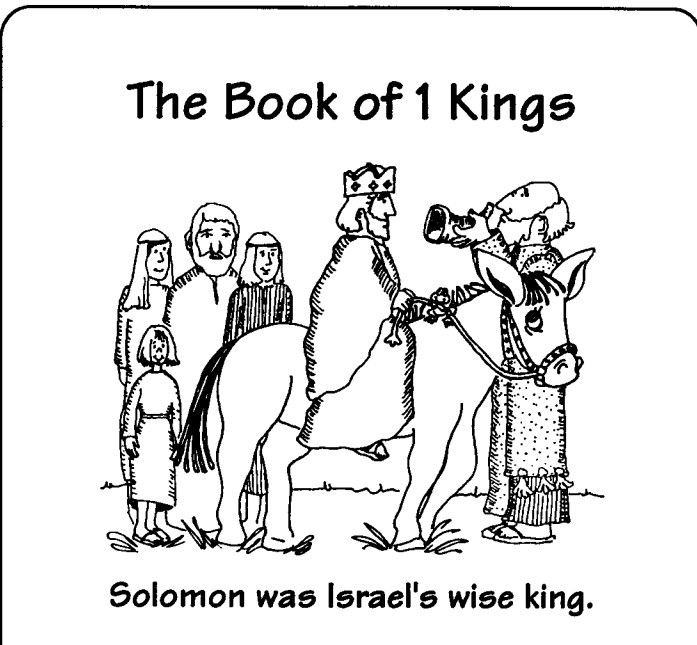
King Rehoboam and King Jeroboam disobeyed God and worshiped idols.



Elijah prayed, and God sent fire from heaven.

Elijah  
(tune: "Polly Wolly Doodle")  
E-E-li-jah was a very good man; a very good man was he.  
He-e told the king to worship God; then fi-re they did see.  
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### The Book of 1 Kings

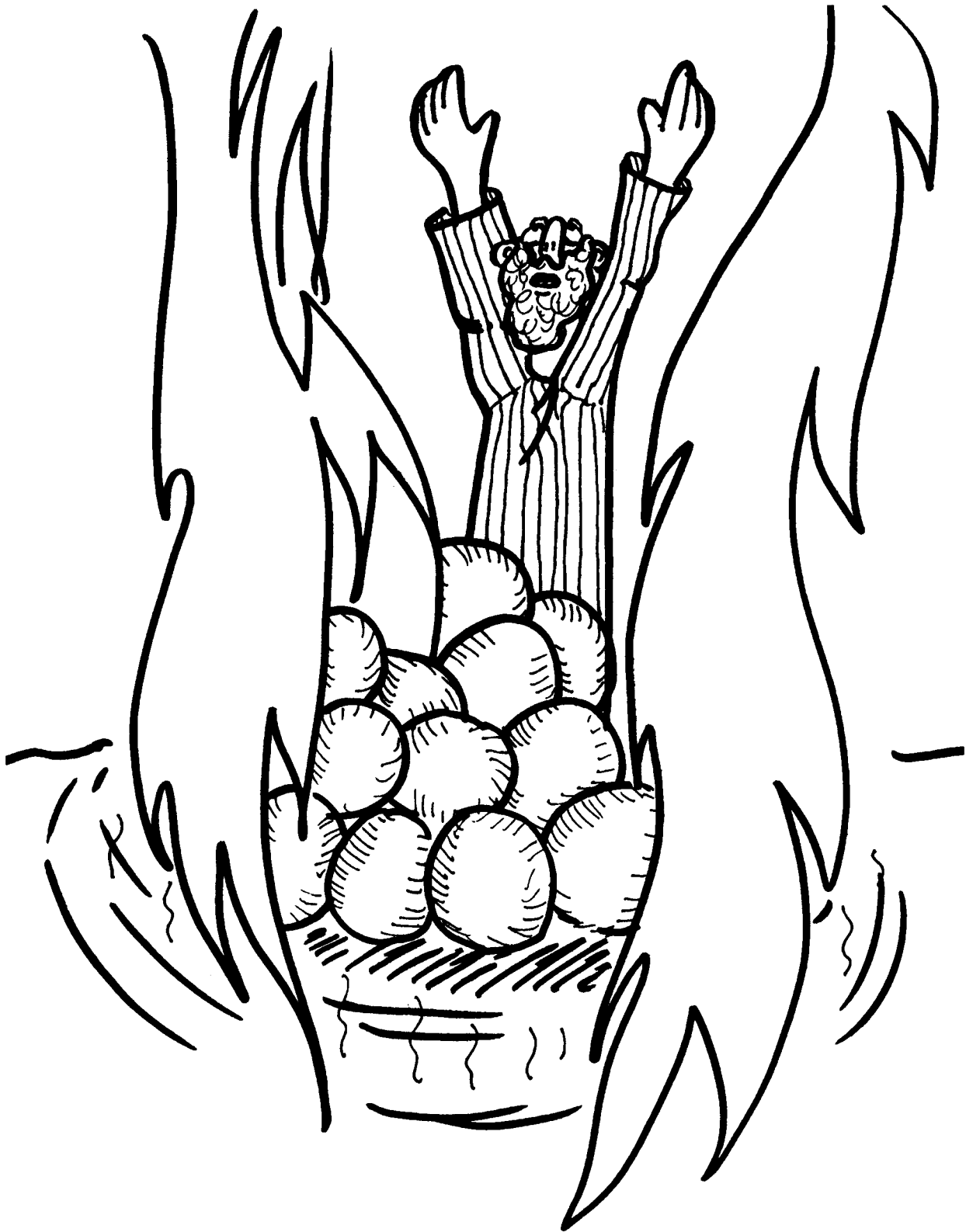
Solomon was Israel's wise king.

1 Kings 3:3, Memory Verse Song:  
(tune: "Pop Goes the Weasel")  
Solomon showed his love for the Lord,  
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Solomon showed his love for the Lord.  
First Kings three, three-ee."

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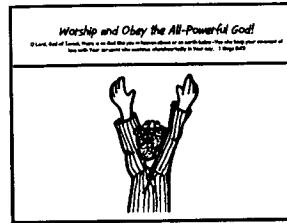
# Worship and Obey the All-Powerful God!

O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below -You who keep your covenant of love with Your servants who continue wholeheartedly in Your way. I Kings 8:23



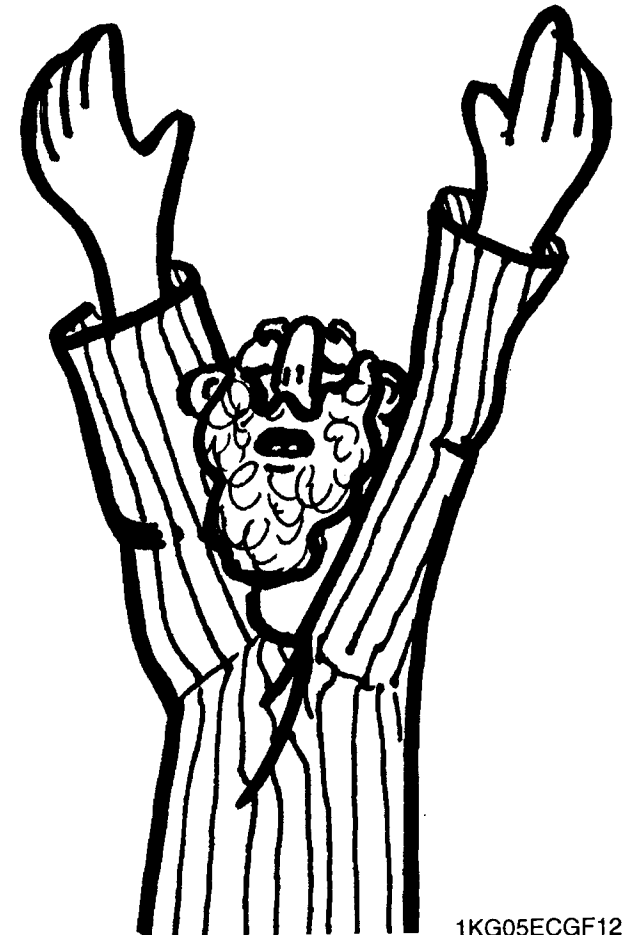
Fold the bottom of this paper up towards the words at the top of the page, folding the paper so that the words are seen but the picture is not. Glue the GF12 picture of Elijah on the outside fold so that he is seen with the words he prayed to God. When the paper is unfolded, we can see the answer to Elijah's prayer--fire from heaven.

# Praying Elijah for the "Fire From Heaven" Fold-Up Page



Sample

Glue The GF12 praying Elijah on the outside flap  
of the folded GF11 page.

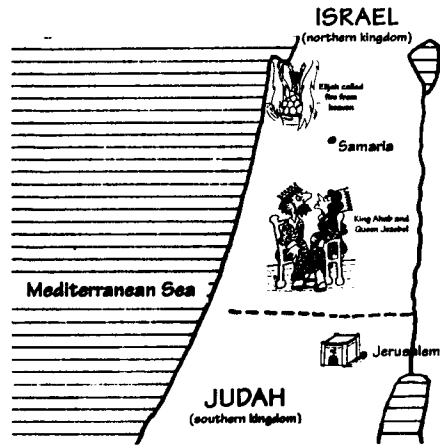


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# Preschool Page for Parents

Extended Bible School Training in the Home

February 18, 2001  
1 Kings Chapters 12:1-16:28



## This is what I learned today!

Today, we learned that King Ahab and Queen Jezebel did evil things and worshiped idols. God had to punish Israel. God sent his prophet, Elijah, to tell King Ahab that there would be no rain on the land. For three years, not a drop of rain fell. Elijah hid from Ahab and God fed him meat and bread from ravens. But God sent Elijah back to Ahab and challenged the prophets of the Baal idol to show their power. The prophets could not make Baal do anything. The true God showed His mighty power on Mount Carmel when he sent fire that burned a bull, the wet wood under it, the stones of the altar, and even the water on the ground. When the people saw what God had done, they worshiped God and got rid of all the false prophets of Baal.

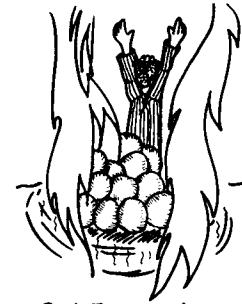
### Today's Memory Verse:

**O Lord, God of Israel,  
there is no God like you  
in heaven above  
or on earth below.  
1 Kings 8:23**



Baal: No power to burn

**Power  
to Burn**



God: Power to burn

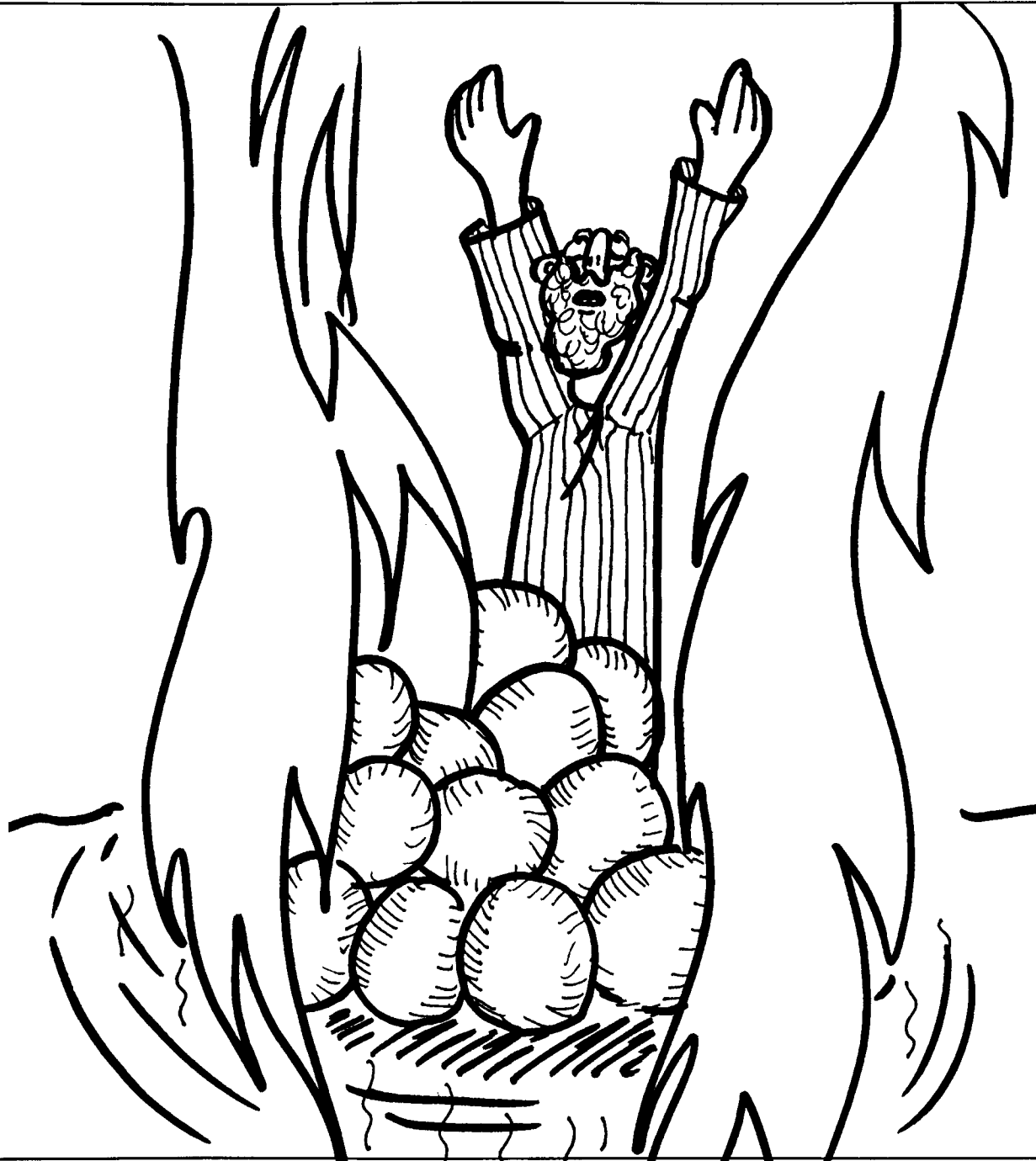
Fill two buckets with water. In one bucket, put twelve stones in the water, and in the other, put crumpled paper and wood. Let the children look inside both and touch the items in them. Then ask, "Which bucket will catch on fire the best?" Let them have turns guessing and then explain why. Close with, "In today's lesson, we learned how the prophet Elijah called on God to burn an altar that was full of water and stones. What a miracle!" NOTE: You could do a similar activity with two books of matches--one in a glass full of water and the other dry.

### King Ahab

(tune: "Polly Wolly Doodle")

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God sent fire from heaven when Elijah prayed.