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OVERVIEW CARD

ELIJAH AND THE FIRE

Key Question:

Who is always with you?

Bottom Line:

God is always with me.

Memory Verse:

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid...
for the Lord your God goes with you."

Deuteronomy 31:6, NIV

Bible Story Focus:

When God is with me, I can be brave.

Elijah and the Fire

1 Kings 18:1-39

Coloring Page:

God answers Elijah's prayer.

Music:

Superhero

Great Big God

My God is Number One

Bible Lesson:

The Beginner's Bible

Fire From Heaven

Pages 209 to 215

Story:

Super Kid

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ACTIVITY 1 –

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One-Time Moves

Big Idea:

Have the children complete different movements ONE time only.

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Gather the children in an open area of the room.

During the Activity: Ask the children to follow you as you complete ONE move from the list below.

- Clap ONE time
- Stomp ONE time
- Hop ONE time
- Pat your shoulder ONE time
- Twist ONE time
- Blink ONE time
- Say “Hi!” ONE time
- Snap ONE time

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Hello, friends! Gather with me over here. (*Motion for children to come.*) I have a super fun and super silly activity today. I’m going to name an action that I want all of us to do ONE time. How many times? (*Pause.*) That’s right. ONE time. Are you ready? Here we go!”

After the Activity: “Great job, everyone! I think you all wore your listening ears today. We did each action how many times? (*Pause.*) Yes! ONE time. One is a super important number, because we know there is only ONE true God. God is the ONE true God. There is no one like our God! And I’m so glad that He is with me. **Who is always with you? God is always with me.**”

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ACTIVITY 2 –

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One

Big Idea:

Have each child find ONE item inside the tub of rice.

Be sure to list the items you will be using today on the “Allergy Alert Poster” (from “Other Resources” on the Website) and post it at the door to your room.

What You Need: “Allergy Alert Poster,” white cardstock, large tub, rice, a small ball, a toy car, a toy plate, a sock (you will need a different item for each child), list of items and several plastic spoons

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Hang the “Allergy Alert Poster” on the door. Place all of the items inside the tub of rice. Be sure all of the items are hidden.

During the Activity: Call out one of the items. Be sure to use the word “ONE.” Tell kids to find ONE car. When you call out the item, challenge the children to use their hands or the spoons to look through the rice to find that item.

After the Activity: Repeat the activity with the remaining items.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Do you know how many fingers I am holding up? (Hold up one finger.) Yes! ONE!”

During the Activity: “There are items in this bin. (Point.) Can you help me find them? (Pause.) Great! Can you find ONE ball? (Pause.) Awesome! Now can you find ONE car?” (Continue and finish the activity.)

After the Activity: “You did a great job finding each of the items even though there was only ONE! Today we heard a Bible lesson about ONE true God! God is the ONE true God. There is no one like our God! And I’m so glad that He is with me. **Who is always with you? God is always with me.**”

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ACTIVITY 3 - All

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Super Verse

Big Idea:

Have children pretend to be Super Heroes while practicing their memory verse.

What You Need: No supplies needed.

What You Do: Lead the children in saying the Memory Verse several different ways, such as: loud, soft, only boys, only girls, robot voice, and dramatic superhero voice. Revisit all the different ways to say the verse, ending with the superhero voice. Repeat as many times as desired.

What You Say:

Before the activity: “Stand up! Today we are going to begin learning our new Memory Verse and WOW is it a SUPER one! Are you ready! Repeat after me!”

(Say a couple of words of the verse at a time, allowing the children to echo. Do this several times and then begin saying the verse different ways together. Continue saying the verse as long as the children are interested, ending in your superhero voice.)

At the end of the activity: “We can count on God to always be with us. And that will help us be SUPER strong and courageous! **Who is always with you? God is always with me.** Super job, friends!”

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ACTIVITY 4 –

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Dance to Bottom Line

Big Idea:

Have the children play a fun game of freeze dance when the music stops have the children shout the Bottom Line.

What You Need: CD player and fun music

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Place the CD in the CD player and set it in the activity area.

During the Activity: Turn on the music and encourage the children to dance. Periodically turn off the music and encourage the children to shout the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "God is always with me!"

During the Activity: "We are going to dance to the music, and when it stops, everyone shout, 'God is always with me!' Are you ready?" (Do activity.)

After the Activity: "Great job dancing! God takes care of us, and God is always with us! **Who is always with you? God is always with me.** Super job, friends!"

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ACTIVITY 5 –

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One Minute

Big Idea:

Have the children complete two different challenges in ONE minute.

What You Need: Sticky notes (1 stack of 20 sticky notes for each pair of children) and 20 plastic cups (Use your phone or the second hand on your watch to call “start” time for one minute and call “TIME” at the end.)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Set out the cups and sticky notes.

Cup Challenge:

Divide the class into two groups and give each group 10 cups. They will have ONE minute to try to stack all 10 cups in a pyramid.

Sticky Note Challenge:

Partner up the children and give each pair a stack of sticky notes. One child will stand still as the other sticks as many sticky notes as possible on their friend. If one falls off, they can pick it up and try to re-stick it.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “I have two challenges for you today, but the catch is, you have to try to complete the tasks in ONE minute!”

During the Activity:

Cup Challenge:

“In the Cup Challenge, you have one minute to stack all 10 cups on top of each other. I’ll give you a BIG hint: you will need to stack them like a pyramid. (*Quickly show them what you mean.*) The goal is to get ALL 10 cups stacked in one minute. Ready? Go!”

Sticky Note Challenge:

“In the Sticky Note Challenge, you will work with a partner. One partner will stand still while the other sticks all the sticky notes on his or her partner. The goal is to make ALL the sticky notes stick in one minute.”

After the Activity: “Wow! You are fast! How long did you have to complete each task? (*Pause.*) That’s right; you had ONE minute. It may have been easier if you had more time, but you only had ONE minute. We’ve been talking about how God is the ONE true God. There is no one like our God! And I’m so glad that He is with me. **Who is always with you? God is always with me.**”

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CRAFT WEEK 1

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Watercolors

What You Need: "Watercolors" Activity Page on white cardstock, paint brushes, multiple colors of watercolor paint, and small cups of water

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Wet the paint with the water.

During the Activity: Give each child an Activity Page. Help the children use a paintbrush to dip into any color of paint and paint the picture. Allow the children to paint with any of the colors that they choose. Retell the Bible story as the children are painting.

After the Activity: Lay the projects in a safe place to dry.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Our Bible lesson was so amazing today!"

During the Activity: "This is a picture of Elijah from our story. (*Hold up picture.*) We are going to use these cool paints to color our pictures. (*Do activity.*) Elijah was so brave! There were people that did not believe in God. They thought there was another God. Elijah knew that there is only ONE God, so he decided to be brave and show the people. Two altars were built. Elijah told the people that if their God was real, they should ask him set fire to one of the altars. The people prayed to the fake God, and do you remember what happened? (*Pause.*) You are right! Nothing happened! Elijah knew that God was real and that He was always with him. He poured water around one of the altars and prayed to God. What happened next was amazing! Even though the ground around the altar was wet, God set it on fire! WOW! He is the ONE and ONLY God!"

After the Activity: "Your pictures look super! Elijah was so brave! SUPER Elijah knew that God was always with him! He is always with us too! That means we can also be brave. **Who is always with you? God is always with me.**"

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CRAFT WEEK 2 ELIJAH AND THE FIRE



Elijah and the Fire

What You Need: “Elijah and the Altar” Activity Page on white cardstock; orange, yellow, and red tissue paper; scissors; crayons; and glue sticks

What You Do:

During the Activity: Give each child an Activity Page to color. Show them how to use the glue sticks to glue down the tissue paper squares around the altar to act as the fire.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “In our Bible lesson today, who trusted God to light the altar? (Pause.) Elijah did! Today we’re going to create a picture of what that may have looked like.”

During the Activity: “Instead of drawing in the fire, I want us to glue these tissue paper squares (*hold up*) around the base of the altar. Here, let me show you.” (*Continue with activity.*)

After the Activity: “Your pictures look great! Did Elijah make the fire appear? (Pause.) NO WAY! God did that. Who was with Elijah that day? (Pause.) God was! Elijah could be brave that day, because he wasn’t alone—God was with Him! And He is with you too! **Who is always with you? God is always with me.**”

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SMALL GROUP

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Small Group Time

What you Need: Parent Take Home Card, Playdoh, Star Cookie Cutters, Rolling Pins, and Sticker Roll

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): "It's Small Group time! I need my SUPER Kids to come sit with me. That means I need SUPER [child's name] and SUPER [child's name] and . . . (give each child a high-five as you say their names). I'm so happy you're here today to learn about how God can help us do SUPER things, just like He helped Elijah in our Bible lesson today."

"Who remembers what SUPER thing God helped Elijah do in our lesson? (Pause for response.) Yes! God helped Elijah be brave and tell the king there is only ONE true God. The king wanted the people to worship a fake god instead of the one true God. God heard Elijah's prayer and sent fire down to show everyone that HE is the one true God! It was SUPER! And because God was with Elijah, Elijah was SUPER brave. You can be SUPER brave too, because God is always with you. **Who is always with you?"**

CHILDREN and SGL: "God is always with me."

SGL: "That's right! We don't have to be afraid of doing what God wants us to do, because God is always with us. Elijah knew God was with him. That is why he was SUPER brave instead of afraid. I want us to be SUPER brave instead of afraid too!"

SGL: "Now let's sit down for prayer time. One, two, three, eyes on me! Raise your hand if you've ever been afraid of something. (Raise your hand.) I have! I remember one time when I was afraid of . . . (share something the children can relate to, like the dark or a strange sound). Everyone feels afraid sometimes. Maybe you're afraid of meeting new people or going to the doctor. When we feel afraid, we need to remember that God is always with us. Knowing God is with us can help us be SUPER brave!"

"Let's make a list of things that we are afraid of sometimes. When we pray, we can ask God to help us be SUPER brave instead of afraid. Tell me, what's one thing you're afraid of?"

"Ok, it's time to review our lesson. I am going to ask you some questions and you will get a sticker for answering them. I have some really cool stickers today. Are you ready? (Pause.) Great! (Ask the children the questions from the "Parent Take Home Cards". You can also make up additional questions from our video lesson. Don't forget to ask them to say their memory verse for another sticker. You can repeat the same questions over and over as repetition is good for preschoolers.) You are such great listeners!"

"Now I'll pray before it's time to say goodbye until next week."

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