

ALLEY SG – November 1st- 2nd, 2025

Today's Bible Story: Elijah and the Prophets of Baal • 1 Kings 18:16-45

Conversation Starter: What seems impossible to you?

Monthly Memory Verse: *Those who trust in the LORD will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak.* Isaiah 40:31 (NIRV)

1. Take a Snapshot

Application Activity

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Divide the kids into three groups.
- Say, "I am going to share several scenarios. For each scenario, I'll also share two possible responses you could have to each scenario. I'll point to the side of our area that corresponds with each response. With your group, talk about what trusting God might look like in each scenario, and then as a group, travel to one side of the area or the other."
**Note- if your space is too small to move you can have them all stand or sit.*
- One at a time, call out the "What's My Move?" scenarios and point to the side of the room that corresponds with each response.
- Give the groups a moment to think, talk, and travel to the side of their choice together.

"What's My Move?" Scenarios

- I feel scared about trying something new.
 - *Pray and wait on God OR try it even if I still feel afraid.*
- When I know someone who's hurting.
 - *Send them a message OR go talk to them and let them know I care.*
- When I don't understand what God is doing.
 - *Ask questions and look for answers in the Bible OR trust that I may not know right now and that's okay.*
- When you want to share your faith.
 - *Invite someone to church OR be a good friend and let them see how much Jesus loves them by the way you treat them.*
- When life feels too hard or too big ...
 - *Tell a trusted adult or friend what you're going through OR take some quiet time to talk it out with God.*
- A friend did something that hurt you.
 - *Choose to forgive right away, OR take time to pray and ask God for help forgiving.*
- **ASK:**
 - Why didn't Elijah back down when everything else around him was hopeless?
 - How does it help to know the Holy Spirit is in you if you've chosen to follow Jesus?
- **Say:** "God can do the impossible! Sometimes, you still might not know what to do next. And although your next choice may not be clear, there is one thing that is clear: following God and

His ways is always the right move. Elijah didn't know how things would turn out, but he just followed God, and God showed up. That is all God asks of you too!"

2. Bible Story Extension

Bible Story review

What You Need: Bibles, "Confidence Cards" Activity Page (1 set per group), Plain paper, Pens

What You Do:

- Divide the kids into teams of 3-4.
 - *If you have a smaller group, you can choose to do this as who whole group*
- Give every group:
 - One Bible
 - One plain piece of paper
 - One pencil
- On the opposite end of your group space, scatter the "Confidence Cards."
- Say: "Each team will take turns sending one kid to grab a card from the far side of the room. When you get a card, bring it back to your group. Read it out loud and work together to complete what it says."
- Encourage each group to discuss the questions and follow the prompts to either:
 - Write or draw their response on paper.
 - Act it out.
- Once their group finishes that card's challenge, the next teammate can go!
- Continue until every kid gets a chance to grab a Confidence Card.
- Gather the kids and review possible answers to each challenge.

- ***[Make It Personal] (Tell the kids about an age-appropriate time you chose to trust God during a tough season. Did you move to a new city? Maybe choosing to trust God didn't make you feel better right away, but it made you feel stronger—because you knew God was with you!)***

3. Discussion Questions

- What's the difference between confidence in God and confidence in yourself? Can you think of a time when you needed both?
- God burned up the soaked offering and the stones. Why do you think He wanted to put on such a show?
- How will it make you more confident if you trust that God is with you in everything you face?
- How can you help yourself remember that God is the strongest and He goes with you everywhere?

4. Verses to Take with You

Memory Verse Review

What You Need: Bibles, Plain paper, Markers

What You Do:

- Give each kid/pair a Bible.
- Invite them to look up Isaiah 40:31 using the Bible Navigation Tips below.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids and repeat the verse together several times.
- Give each kid a piece of plain paper.
- Set out the markers.
- Challenge them to come up with 4-5 simple symbols (or emojis) that could represent key parts of the verse.
- For example, if using NIV, encourage the kids to break the verse up like this:
 - *Those who trust in the LORD,*
 - *will receive new strength.*
 - *They will fly as high as eagles.*
 - *They will run and not get tired.*
 - *They will walk and not grow weak.*
- Once everyone is finished, invite several kids to share their symbols and why they chose them.
- Ask:
 - What do you think it means to trust in the Lord?
 - Why do you think new strength is a gift God gives when you trust Him?
- Say, "The symbols you made can help you carry Isaiah 40:31 with you everywhere you go. Whether you feel tired, alone, or hopeless, you can always trust God to give you strength!"

AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL:

PRAY

- Ask, "Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? (*Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises*)"
- "God, thank You so much for all of my friends here today! Thank You for showing us that You can do the impossible through the story of Elijah and the prophets of Baal. Teach us how to live knowing and believing You are with us, and You are the strongest! God, if there are any friends here who are curious to know more about putting their faith in Your Son, Jesus, help them know how much You love them! Thank You for sending Jesus to save us and make a way for us to be close friends with You! Help us all take a step closer to You today, whether we're just starting or we've known You for a long time. We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to recite the Memory Verse: Isaiah 40:31.