

“The LORD, He is God” Video

Scripture: 1 Kings 18

Memory Verse: 1 Kings 18:39 *“Now when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, “The LORD, He is God! The LORD, He is God!”*

Lesson Focus: We will take a break from Revelation and watch a video that wonderfully portrays the famous showdown between Elijah and the false prophets of Baal in the Old Testament. This lesson serves as a good interlude between our studies of the churches in Revelation 2. For the week before we looked at the “loveless church” and the following week we will look at the “lukewarm church”. During this time of Israel’s history, God’s people appeared to be both “loveless” and “lukewarm” toward Him. As we will see in the video, God uses Elijah powerfully to remind His people of His preeminence and power. The people respond by worshipping. Our prayer is that our RMC kids will have a similar response!

Teachers: Please inform parents as they are dropping off their kids that they will be watching a cartoon video. While the video does not have any really scary moments in it, overly sensitive kids might get excited. If they have any concerns, they may want to keep their kids with them in the main sanctuary.

If you would like to preview the video beforehand, you can find it here on Rightnow Media: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/KidsSeries/325501?episode=13>

Schedule:

- 1) Please bring kids into the main sanctuary as usual 10-15 minutes after service starts.
- 2) After our normal worship, I will introduce the video with some background information.
- 3) We will then invite the kids to come and watch the video up on stage (about 25 minutes). You can sit with them or grab a couple of chairs to sit behind them.
- 4) We will dismiss the kids back to their rooms where we will provide follow-up small group activities.

Room Time Afterwards: We will have a coloring page and a word maze available for the lesson. Also see discussion questions below for your reference.

- 1st-2nd graders: Feel at liberty to either lead a small group discussion afterward (using the discussion Q provided or your own Qs) or leverage the coloring page or puzzle.
- 3rd-5th graders: Please process and digest the video with the kids in the classroom. You can use the discussion Qs below or feel free to come up with your own Qs.

Discussion Qs

Dig Into the Story

- 1) Why did God bring a drought upon the land during this time? (See **Deuteronomy 11:16-17** to see what God had warned His people years before)
- 2) Ahab (with Jezebel) was one of the most wicked kings in Israel's history. **Read 1 Kings 16:32-33**. He and Jezebel were leading God's people to turn away from Him and turn to other things (false gods). Why do you think this makes God so mad? (Hint: Read the first commandment in **Exodus 20:3**)
- 3) God sent Elijah to challenge Ahab and his false prophets to a contest. **Read 1 Kings 18:24**. What was the contest?
- 4) **Read 1 Kings 18:26-29**. How long did the false prophets try to get Baal to answer them? Did anything happen?
- 5) When it was Elijah's turn, he had them pour water all over the sacrifice, multiple times. Why do you think he had them do this?
- 6) **Read 1 Kings 18:38-39**. How did the people respond after they saw God's power?

Go Deeper

- 1) What was Chris "obsessed" with at the beginning of the show?
- 2) Do you have any "obsessions"? Do you think it is OK to be "obsessed" with things like video games, money, movies, phones, etc.? Why or why not?
- 3) **Read Matthew 22:37**. Who are we to be "obsessed" with more than anything else?
- 4) Last week we learned about how the church at Ephesus had lost their first love (**Revelation 2:4**). Do you think the people of Israel had also lost their love for God?
- 5) **Read 1 Kings 18:21**. What choice did Elijah present to the people?
- 6) At the end of the video, Chris didn't seem to think video games were as important anymore. Why not?
- 7) Like Chris, how can you truly follow Jesus and love God more this week?