

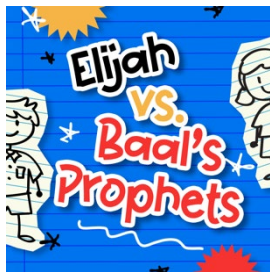


Volume Overview—I Am Not Alone

In this series, kids will discover the incredible and important truth that they are not alone—God is with them. They will learn how God equipped David to face his enemy, gave wisdom to Solomon when he asked, empowered the prophet Elijah to face 450 prophets of Baal, and cared for a widow and her sons. We can trust that God cares for us and will give us courage and wisdom, too.

<p>SESSION 1: David and Goliath—1 Samuel 17:32–51 Faith Fact: With God, I can be brave.</p>	<p>SESSION 2: Solomon Chooses Wisdom—2 Chronicles 1:1, 7–12 Faith Fact: With God, I know what to do.</p>
<p>SESSION 3: Elijah vs. Baal's Prophets—1 Kings 18:16–39 Faith Fact: God is the one true God.</p>	<p>SESSION 4: Elisha and the Widow—2 Kings 4:1–7 Faith Fact: God cares about everything in my life.</p>

SESSION OVERVIEW



In this session, kids will be reminded that the God we worship is the one true God. They will learn about how the prophet Elijah faced the 450 prophets of Baal. Baal's prophets were no match for the power of the one true God.

Bible Lesson	Faith Fact
Elijah vs. Baal's Prophets 1 Kings 18:16–39	God is the one true God.
Faith Verse	
Matthew 5:16 (NLT) "In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."	

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PREPARING FOR THE SESSION

You Will Need	Getting Ready
<p>Large Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible • Worship songs (Song suggestions: "Breakthrough" by The Belonging Co, "Prize" by The Belonging Co, "Way Maker" by Bethel Music) • Sheet of paper • Twelve large stones • Large, deep tray container • Four glasses filled with water • For groups not using a phone or tablet only, add: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Projector or TV ○ Laptop ○ Countdown 5-Minute Video ○ Theme Intro Video ○ Faith Fact Slide or Motion Graphic ○ Game Time Slide or Motion Graphic ○ Bible Lesson Video A ○ Bible Lesson Video B ○ Faith Verse Video or Slide <p>Small Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small objects that can be easily hidden (Bible, ball, a toy, a piece of candy, an item one of the kids brought, etc.) • Ten to twenty dark colored balloons, per group, or three paper cups • Small piece of paper • Pen • Small Group Activity Page, one per kid • Crayons or markers 	<p>Large Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Download videos and slides if needed. • Select worship song(s) and have them ready to play. • Fill the four glasses with water. <p>Small Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blow up the balloons. • Write the Faith Verse on a small piece of paper. Roll it up and put it inside one of the balloons per group. • Print the Activity Page, one per kid.

Check out all the promotional and extra media files available for this theme. To access the Bible Engagement Project from a computer, visit App.BibleEngagementProject.com.

Find the corresponding Bible Fact-Pak® question numbers for this session in the Volume Additional Assets on the mobile or Web app.

LARGE GROUP (30 Minutes)

See what's needed at the beginning of the session.

INTRODUCTION

- *Optional: Play the **Countdown 5-Minute Video**.*



Welcome

Welcome! How is everybody today? Are you excited to be here? (*Group response*) I'm excited to see you and to open God's Word with you to see what He has to say to us today. We've been talking about how God is with us and gives us courage and knowledge to handle the problems we face. Let's watch this video, and then we'll get started.

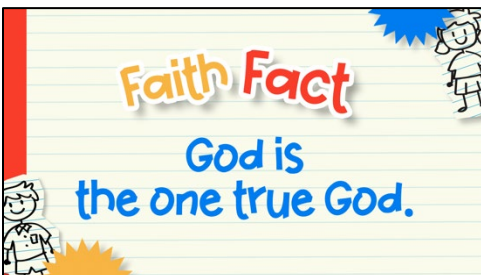
- *Play **Theme Intro Video**.*



Do you ever wonder if God is the only God? Has someone asked you if God exists at all? In this world, we will meet people with a lot of different beliefs. Some people worship many gods, different gods, or no god at all. Today, we are going to talk about how our God is the one and only true God.

Faith Fact

- *Show the **Faith Fact Slide** or Motion Graphic.*



Our Faith Fact today is **God is the one true God**. Can you say that with me on the count of three? 1, 2, 3. **God is the one true God**. One more time! **God is the one true God**. Great job!

GAME | Outnumbered

You Will Need	Getting Ready
No supplies are needed for this activity.	No prep is needed for this activity.

- Show the **Game Time Slide** or **Motion Graphic**.



Kids, we are going to play a game called Outnumbered. I'm going to select one of you to compete alone against the rest of the group. If you complete the task before someone in the rest of the group, then you get to choose the next person to compete alone. If someone in the group completes the task first, then he or she gets to compete alone. As you are working by yourself to complete this task, think how Elijah, God's prophet, may have felt when he was against the 450 prophets of the false god Baal.

- Choose one kid to compete alone against the rest of the kids.
- Tasks
 - Find a hidden object.
 - Name five books in the Old Testament.
 - Do a somersault.
 - Do a cartwheel.
 - Name three Bible people we have heard about.
 - Run from one side of the room to the other.
 - Find a leader to tag.
- Play as long as time allows.

Now, that was fun! It's time to praise Jesus. Are you ready? Get on your feet. Here we go.

WORSHIP

God loves for us to worship Him by singing. Let's worship Him in singing now.

- Lead the kids in singing one or two praise songs. See suggestions at the beginning of the session.

BIBLE LESSON | Elijah vs. Baal's Propets (1 Kings 18:16–39)

- See *Preparing for the Session on page 2 for items needed here.*

Today's Bible lesson is for anyone who has ever wondered if God really is who He says He is in the Bible. It's for anyone who has questioned or had doubts about if God exists. It is completely normal to have questions or wonder about something or someone, especially when you can't see it with your eyes. It takes great faith to believe in a God you have never seen before. But, we can get to know God through His Word and the true stories found in the Bible.

God has always shown up for His people in powerful and awesome ways, and He still shows up for us today. Our story today is full of people who didn't believe that God is the one true God! Thankfully, God showed up in a big way to prove those people wrong.

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for loving me even when I have my doubts and questions. Please help me to know You in a real and powerful way through Your Word. Amen.

Video Intro

Today, we are going to find out how powerful our God is and be reminded that He is the one true God. Before we get started learning more from God's Word, the Bible, let's check in with our Challenge Accepted friends, and see what they're up to! Let's watch this video.

- Play **Bible Lesson Video A.**



I don't know if I would accept that challenge. What about you? (*Group response*) But knowing what's real and what's fake is a great lead-in to our Bible story today!

Teaching Time

If you have your Bible with you, let's look at 1 Kings 18. So far, we have heard how the Israelites betrayed God by demanding a human king. The kings that God chose for them started well, but they usually ended up making big mistakes and displeasing God. Saul, David, and Solomon all made mistakes and failed to do everything God wanted.

When Solomon died, Israel was torn apart into two kingdoms because Solomon's son chose to be a harsh king. His son was left ruling over the southern part of the nation, a kingdom called Judah.

- *Take a piece of paper and tear off a small strip to show how God divided the nation.*

In the following years, more kings ruled over Israel and Judah, but only a few of them were faithful in following God's commands. Many of them led the people to follow other gods.

During the time of the kings, God appointed prophets to deliver special messages to the king. God would reveal His plans for the future of His people to the prophets, and He gave them clear instructions about what He wanted them to do. God would also use the prophets to tell the kings when they were disobeying God.

Do you think the kings liked being told they were acting badly? (*Group response*) They didn't. In fact, sometimes the kings were so mad they even tried to kill God's messengers. In today's Bible story, the king is the wicked King Ahab. He was the king of Israel, but he encouraged his people to worship a false god called Baal. Let's see what the Bible says about him in 1 Kings.

- *Read or have a kid read 1 Kings 16:32–33.*

God was angrier at King Ahab than any of the other kings before him. King Ahab had set up places of worship for false gods. The Israelites had forgotten that their God was the one true God!

- *Show the **Bible Lesson Slide 1**.*



During the reign of Ahab, God's messenger was the prophet Elijah. God gave a message to Elijah to tell King Ahab that there would be no rain for years because His people were worshipping other gods. This would badly affect their crops, animals, and drinking water. God provided for Elijah in miraculous ways, but this was a difficult time for Israel.

- *Show the **Bible Lesson Slide 2**.*



Three years into the drought, God told Elijah to go and meet with King Ahab and tell him that rain would come soon. When Ahab met with Elijah, he called him a troublemaker, but Elijah knew that Ahab's family were the ones who caused trouble for Israel by disobeying God.

Elijah had a plan that would show all of the people of Israel that their God is the one true God. Let's read his instructions to the king in 1 Kings 18:19.

- *Read or have a kid read 1 Kings 18:19.*

Elijah called together all the Israelites and the 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of another false god to meet on Mount Carmel. Do you think this would have been scary for Elijah? (*Allow responses.*)

I think it might have been scary because many of these people might have blamed Elijah for the drought. Let's read about why Elijah wanted everyone to meet together.

- *Read or have a kid read 1 Kings 18:21.*

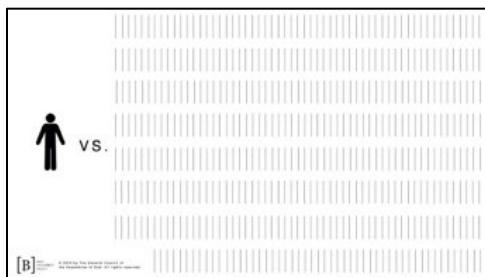
Elijah's words probably made the people mad, but he didn't stop there. Next, he challenged the 450 prophets of Baal so he could show the people that Israel's God is the one true God. Let's read how he challenged the people and the prophets of Baal.

- *Read or have a kid read 1 Kings 18:22–24.*

Elijah told the people that they couldn't choose to worship both God and Baal. They needed to choose which god they were going to serve and follow. He challenged the prophets of Baal to see whose god would light their sacrifice on fire. Whichever god sent fire would be known as the one true God.

The odds were really against Elijah and his God in this challenge. It was one man against 450 men. On top of that, the people believed Baal could control the weather, and his symbol was a lightning bolt. Lightning bolts can light things on fire. It seemed like an unfair fight. Who would win?

- *Show the **Bible Lesson Slide 3**.*



The prophets of Baal cried out and did everything they could think of to get Baal's attention all day long, but nothing happened. Then, it was Elijah's turn. He called all the people together to watch. He built an altar using twelve stones, one stone for each of the twelve tribes of Israel.

- *Pull out the twelve stones and stack them like an altar on a large, deep tray container.*

Elijah put the sacrifice on the altar and had people fill four large jars with water to pour over the offering and soak everything. He had them pour the jars of water over everything three times. This seemed crazy because it's really hard to catch things on fire when they are wet.

- *Take the four glasses of water and pour the water on the stones.*

Then, Elijah prayed that God would make himself known to the people that day. And He did! The fire of the Lord came from heaven and burned up everything—the sacrifice, the wood, the stones, the soil, and all the water. When the people saw the fire of the Lord, they all fell on their faces and cried, "The LORD—he is God! Yes, the LORD—he is God!" (1 Kings 18:39)

- *Show the **Bible Lesson Slide 4.***

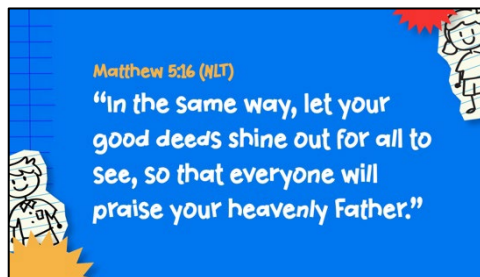


This story is such a powerful reminder of how great and awesome God is. He is the one true God, and He is not okay with us having any other gods besides Him. This miracle would have already been amazing if God had just sent fire from heaven, but it was even more amazing because of the way Elijah soaked everything with water. That was such a bold move. God proved to everyone that day that He is the one true God.

Faith Verse

That's why our Faith Verse is so important. Just like God used Elijah, He can use us to show other people that He is the one true God through how we live our life for Him every single day. Let's practice our Faith Verse with the actions.

- *Show the **Faith Verse Video or Slide.***



Matthew 5:16 (NLT)

"In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."

Let's say it together one more time. *(Have kids say the Faith Verse and do the actions.)*

PRAYER AND RESPONSE

You Will Need	Getting Ready
No supplies are needed for this activity.	No prep is needed for this activity.

Consider playing a worship song softly in the background while kids pray.

Take a moment to think about how powerful our God is. He won't share our attention with other fake gods. The Israelites were distracted by other gods and had not been giving God their full attention and worship. We can still be distracted by other things and allow them to become "gods" in our life. If we are allowing other things or people to come between us and our time with God, we are behaving like the Israelites. Let's pray and ask God to help us make time for Him and to not allow other things or people to distract us from spending time with Him.

- Give kids time to pray. Then introduce the worship song. This could play in the background while kids pray or could be a worship song to sing together.

Worship Song

Play one or two worship songs.

Video Wrap-Up

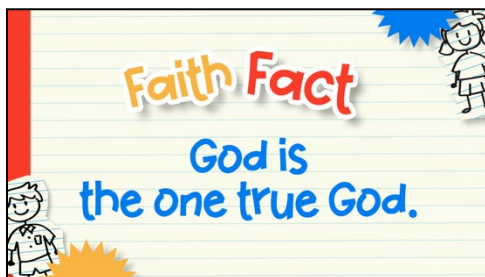
Before we go to our small group activities, let's see how our friends at Challenge Accepted are doing with their challenge.

- Play **Bible Lesson Video B**.



Let's all accept the challenge that they gave us and draw a picture of God sending fire down on Elijah's sacrifice. It can be a reminder that our God is the one true God. Do you remember our Faith Fact?

- Show the **Faith Fact Slide or Motion Graphic**.



Say it with me. **God is the one true God.** Thanks for a great time learning about God together.

- *Dismiss kids to Small Group time or to go home if your group time ends here.*

SMALL GROUP (30 Minutes)

This section can be done in conjunction with the large group, or on its own if you do small groups with your kids. During Small Group time, the goal is to connect the kids with the Word of God and to each other. All activities are led by the small group leader.

GROUP CONNECTION | Hidden Objects

You Will Need	Getting Ready
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small objects that can be easily hidden (Bible, ball, toy, piece of candy, item one of the kids brought, etc.) 	No prep is needed for this activity.

Kids, we are going to find some hidden objects. Everyone cover your eyes. I'm going to pick one of you to hide an item. When I say, "Go," everyone else looks for the item I name. If you find it, then you get to hide the next item.

- Choose a kid to hide one item.
- Keep playing until you run out of time or most of the kids have had the opportunity to hide an object.

BIBLE LESSON RECAP | Elijah vs. Baal's Prophets (1 Kings 18:16–39)

You Will Need	Getting Ready
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bibles, one per kid 	No prep is needed for this activity.

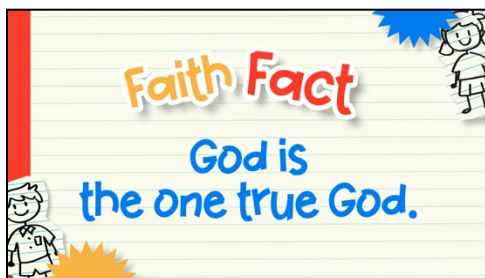
I love that we serve an incredible, powerful God who is the one and only true God. Today's Bible story was about Elijah, the prophet of God, who had to face a challenge against 450 prophets of Baal and many other false prophets. It seemed like an impossible challenge, but that didn't matter. Elijah had the one true God on his side. We worship the same God Elijah served, and He is still the one true God. Our story is found in 1 Kings 18:16–39.

- Divide the passage into smaller chunks for volunteers to read aloud.

Faith Fact

That passage of Scripture is a great illustration of our Faith Fact: **God is the one true God.**

- Show the **Faith Fact Slide or Motion Graphic**.



Let's shout it together like we just saw the fire come down from heaven and consume the sacrifice! **God is the one true God.**

GROUP DISCUSSION

*Feel free to use all or just a few questions as a jumping-off place for good discussion. Questions marked with * are designed for more conversation. Adjust the questions based on the age or maturity of your group. Typically, older kids will be able to dive a little deeper than younger ones.*

Questions

Who was the king in today's story who was leading the people to worship a false god?

How many prophets of Baal were there?

What did Elijah do to make the sacrifice more difficult to burn and God's miracle more amazing?

How do you think God felt when He saw His people worshipping false gods?

* Do you believe there is only one true God? Why or why not?

* People still believe there are other gods besides the God we serve. How can we show them that our God is the one true God?

What is a difference between our God and the gods of other religions?

* Can you tell us a story from your life that shows you that God is the one true God?

* Would you be brave enough to stand up for what you believe in even if you were the only Christian? Why or why not?

APPLICATION AND RESPONSE

I can't imagine what it would have been like to be Elijah facing 450 prophets of Baal. He seemed to be all alone and the fight didn't look fair at all. Elijah was only one person. But he could have been facing a challenge against a million prophets of Baal, and the outcome would have been the same. The God Elijah followed was and still is the one true God. Baal was not a real god, so it didn't matter how loud the prophets cried out to him because he was never going to answer or send the fire.

I am thankful that we can still pray to and worship the one true God. We can talk to Him and spend time with Him any time we want. How cool is that?

Remember our Faith Fact? Let's say it together! **God is the one true God.**

Make It a Habit

Select a simple visual reminder of the session's Faith Fact

Look for fire this week. You might see fire when your mom starts the burner on the stove, when a candle is lit to make your house smell good, or on the screen while playing a video game, or when you're watching TV. Whenever you see fire in person or on a screen, remember how powerful our God is. He is the one true God who sent a supernatural fire for Elijah and who still puts a fire in our life to light the way for others to know Him.

Prayer

Let's pray and ask God to help us.

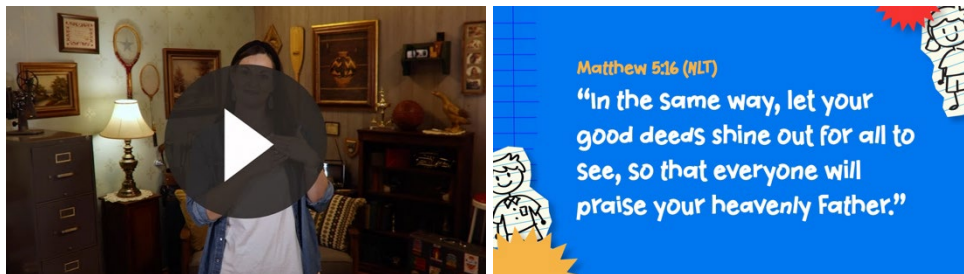
Thank You, God, for being the one true God and being available to us any time of the day. Please help me to be an example for others to know that You are the one true God. Amen

FAITH VERSE REVIEW

You Will Need	Getting Ready
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ten to twenty dark-colored balloons per group, or three paper cups • Small piece of paper • Pen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blow up the balloons. • Write the Faith Verse on a small piece of paper. Roll it up and put it inside only one of the balloons per group.

Our Faith Verse for today is Matthew 5:16. It talks about how we can be an example for others and point them toward God.

- Show the **Faith Verse Video** or **Slide**.



Matthew 5:16 (NLT)

"In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."

Let's lock this verse in our heart and mind so that we always remember it!

- Repeat the verse several times. Get creative with the verse practice. Split up the group and have the groups compete. Try saying it in different voices or pitches. Ask individual kids to choose how to practice it. Have fun!

Faith Verse Fun | Find the One

Kids, let's sit in a circle. One of these balloons has the Faith Verse inside. The balloons will be in the center of our circle. When I say, "Go," you can start popping the balloons to find the one that has the paper with the Faith Verse inside. When you find the verse, read it or say it for the group.

- *Put the balloons in the center of the circle of kids.*
- *Share that a good way to pop the balloons is to sit on them.*
- *Optional: Divide the group into two teams and have them compete to find the Faith Verse balloon first.*
- *Be sensitive to kids who might be scared of the sound of balloons popping.*
- *Note: If loud noise is an issue for any of your kids, you can change the activity to hiding the verse under one of the three cups. Mix up the cups and let different kids choose which cup the verse is under.*

ACTIVITY PAGE | Elijah vs. Baal's Prophets Coloring Page

You Will Need	Getting Ready
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity Page, one per kid • Crayons or markers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Print the Activity Page, one per kid.

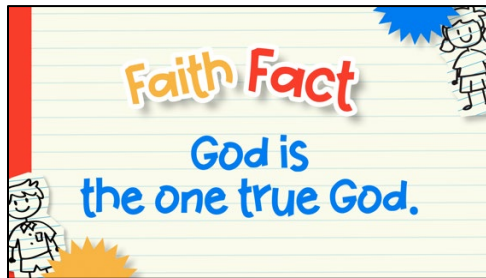
Let's remember the amazing miracle God did that showed He was the one true God as we color our page.

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for showing us that You are the one true God in our story today. You are still the same today as when Elijah offered his sacrifice and the fire came from heaven. We love You. Amen.

**FAITH FACT RECAP**

- *Display the **Faith Fact Slide** or **Motion Graphic** as parents are coming into the room.*
- *Maximize the time you have with your kids, so that parents see what their kids have learned. Have the kids repeat the Faith Fact, and then dismiss them to their parents.*



This is the answer to the question your adults are going to ask: "What did you learn today?" Let's say the Faith Fact together: **God is the one true God.**

DISMISSAL

- *Send home the **Activity Page**.*
- *Remind parents that there are **Family Devotions** available on the app to do with their kid.*
- *Tell everyone the date and time for the next session.*