

LESSON 5

A LITTLE CLOUD

BEFORE YOU TEACH

Mount Carmel

Mount Carmel was a coastal mountain range next to the Mediterranean Sea, approximately twenty miles from Jezreel. It was at this very place that Elijah triumphed over the false prophets and showed the nation who the true God was. It was here that the Lord revealed His awesome power and turned the hearts of everyone back to Him. In this story, Elijah went up to the top of Mount Carmel again, but for a very different purpose this time. Instead of speaking to a multitude, he was alone with his servant. Instead of a spectacular show, Elijah simply bowed down to pray. Now that the people had confessed that the Lord was the only God, it was time to lift the curse by praying for rain. Notice the contrast between the two events and Elijah's attitude. In the first event, God's fire descended and Elijah spoke bravely. Now, he humbled himself before God by bowing down to the ground and putting his face between his knees to earnestly pray to God.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR STUDENTS

Through the stories of Elijah in the previous lessons, we have come to know him as a man of faith and prayer. We also know of many Bible characters that had close relationships with God because of their faith and prayers. Noah and Abraham are two examples of people who walked with God. They prayed to God often and their prayers were earnest.

Therefore, as RE teachers, we always need to emphasize the importance of prayer. The more we pray to God, the closer we are to God. Moreover, by always turning to God in prayer, God will always be there to listen to us whenever we are in need. God will answer our prayers if we pray with faith and with a humble and persistent heart.

However, it is common for E1 students to find praying difficult, especially if they do not have the Holy Spirit. Some of your students may not even like to pray, and therefore it may be hard for them to pray with a persistent heart. Your students may also find praying difficult because they feel that God is not listening to their prayers.

Through the example of Elijah, you can illustrate to your students how effective it is when one prays to God with a believing, humble, and persistent heart. Even before Elijah prayed to God, he knew that God would answer his prayers. This was faith. This was Elijah believing in God. When Elijah did pray to God, he bowed down to the ground and put his face between his knees. This demonstrated Elijah's humility. Elijah knew he couldn't make it rain by his own might. Elijah had to humble himself before God and pray for God's power to make it rain. Elijah was also persistent. Though at first it may have seemed like God did not answer his prayers, Elijah continued to ask his servant to look for a sign

BIBLE TEXT

1 Kings 18:41-46

BIBLE TRUTH

God listens to all prayers.

LESSON OBJECTIVE

To pray to God with a believing, humble, and persistent heart.

MEMORY VERSE

"The Lord will hear when I call to Him."

(Psalm 4:3b)

PRAYER

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we pray. Lord Jesus, we know that You are always faithful. You listen to our prayers and always give us the right answers. Please help us to always come to You in prayer. Also, when we pray to You, please help us to pray with a believing, humble, and persistent heart. May You lead us in our study today. Hallelujah! Amen.

that rain would come, eventually asking him to look for a total of seven times. Elijah did not give up on God. Emphasize to your students that God will hear their prayers if they pray with faith and with a humble and persistent heart.

The importance and effectiveness of prayer cannot be stressed enough. Prayer is something that all the students should be actively pursuing, no matter their age. As an RE teacher, you need to help your students cultivate a prayerful life. Find out how often your students pray each day. Do they pray in the morning, at each meal, and before bedtime? Also find out from your students why

they do or do not pray. By having a better understanding of your students' prayer habits, you are better equipped to find ways to help them cultivate a more prayerful life. It is also crucial that you help your students understand that they can pray anytime they want to speak to God. Prayer is not confined to a place and time. Elijah had the heart to pray for rain after three years of drought. Your students can also pray to God for help during any times of difficulty. In Philippians 4:6, it records that no one should be "anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God."

VOCABULARY

faith: the belief, trust, and knowledge that something will happen

humble/humility: not proud; not to have pride

persistent: to never give up

confess: to admit to something

chariot: an ancient horse drawn cart, usually with two wheels

REVIEW

Last week, we learned about the awesome power of God. Elijah asked Ahab to gather everyone, including the false prophets, on Mount Carmel. When all the people had arrived, Elijah challenged the false prophets of Baal. What was the challenge? (To build two altars and sacrifice one bull on each; the false prophets would pray to their god Baal, while Elijah would pray to God. Whichever god set the sacrifice on fire was the true God.) Even though the false prophets prayed, danced, and cried out to Baal all morning and afternoon, there was no response. Why? (Their god was not real.) When it was Elijah's turn, he used twelve stones to create the altar and poured twelve jars of water on the sacrifice. When he prayed, what did God do? (God sent fire down on the altar, and it burned up everything, including the water.) When the people saw this display of power, they confessed that the Lord was the true God. It was easy for them to make their choice now. Because of the wickedness of the false prophets, all 450 were killed that day so that they could no longer corrupt God's people. From this event, the hearts of the people were turned back to God.

BIBLE STORY

Elijah Prays to God for Rain

After the triumph on Mount Carmel, the Israelites turned their hearts back to God. Now that they had confessed that the Lord was the true God, it was time to end the drought. There had not been any rain for a long time so the land was very dry.

Do you remember how many years it had been since the last time it rained? [Have the students guess the number and as they guess, indicate whether the actual number is higher or lower than the number guessed. Do this until the correct number is guessed.] It was almost three and a half years since the last time there was any rain (1 Kgs 18:1; Lk 4:25; Jas 5:17). How would you feel if you did not have any water to drink for an entire day, for two days, or even for three days? [Let the students respond:

weak, thirsty, dehydrated.] You would really, really want the rain to come as soon as possible right? So, after the people turned back to God, Elijah went back to the top of Mount Carmel to pray for rain. As there had been no rain for over three years, the dry land desperately needed rain to fall.

Elijah's Faith

Elijah went up to the top of Mount Carmel with his servant. When he reached the top of the mountain, Elijah prayed to God alone. However, before he went up to Mount Carmel, Elijah already told King Ahab to celebrate because he knew that once he prayed to God, rain would definitely fall. Therefore, even before Elijah prayed to God, he knew that God would listen to his prayers. What does

this tell us about Elijah? What did Elijah have? This thing Elijah had starts with the letter "F". [Allow the students to guess the word using the blank spaces: "f _ _ _ _."] Elijah had **faith**. Elijah knew God would make it rain even before he prayed to God. And so when we pray to God, we should be like Elijah. We need to believe that as long as we pray to God with our whole heart, God will listen to our prayers and make the impossible happen. Like Elijah, even before we begin to pray to God, we need to have faith that God will listen to our prayers.

Elijah's Humble Prayer

When Elijah reached the top of the mountain, he bowed down on the ground, put his face between his knees and prayed to God. [Demonstrate to your students how Elijah may have looked as he prayed to God. You can use drawings, your body, or other visual aids to illustrate this.] The way Elijah prayed to God showed that he was full of humility. Raise your hand if you know what humility or being humble means. [Allow the students to share what they think it means.] To be humble means that you do not think that you are better than others. For Christians, being humble means knowing that God is powerful and almighty and that we are nothing in comparison. Having humility is important when we pray to God. If we can pray to God with a humble heart, God will listen to our prayers. When Elijah prayed to God, he had a humble heart and wasn't proud; we can see that by the way Elijah prayed to God. This is the type of attitude we should have when we come before God to pray.

Elijah's Persistence in Prayer

Not only did Elijah pray with faith and a humble heart, Elijah also had a heart of persistence. After Elijah had prayed to God, he asked his servant to go and look toward the sea. [As you tell this part of the story, pretend that you are the servant looking out toward the sea. Walk from one side of the room to the other and pretend to look for something out in the distance.] Elijah wanted his servant to see if there was any sign of rain, which would show that God had answered his prayer. When the servant went to look toward the sea, guess what he saw? [Let the students guess.] Nothing! There was no sign of rain, and he reported this back to Elijah. Do you think Elijah gave up and thought that God had not listened to his prayer? No, Elijah didn't give up on God at all. Elijah had faith that God would listen to his prayer. Therefore, even though the servant reported that he saw nothing, Elijah asked his servant to go and look toward the sea for a second time. Do you think the servant saw something? The servant again saw nothing and reported this to Elijah. Do you think Elijah gave up after hearing for a second time that the servant saw nothing? Elijah still didn't give up on God. In total, how many times do you think Elijah sent his servant out to look for a sign from God that the rain would come? [Have the students guess the number and as they guess,

indicate whether the actual number is higher or lower than the number guessed. Do this until the correct number is guessed.] Elijah asked his servant seven times. This shows us that Elijah never gave up on God. Elijah was persistent in his belief that God would answer his prayers.

A Little Cloud

When Elijah sent his servant to look out toward the sea, he didn't tell him what to look for. But when the servant went to look for the seventh time, he saw a small cloud the size of a man's hand rising from the sea. [As you tell this part of the story, take out a cloud that you have made before class and show it rising up from the "sea." Make sure your cloud is about the size of a man's hand.] A man's hand isn't very big, but the servant reported what he saw, hoping that it was what his master was expecting. When Elijah heard that there was a small cloud forming, he knew that God had answered his prayers. While it might be hard to think that a great storm could come from a very small cloud, Elijah knew that it was a sign that rain would come.

A Warning to Ahab

After learning about the cloud, Elijah immediately told his servant to go and warn Ahab. He wanted Ahab to ride his chariot quickly to Jezreel before the storm came and prevented him from traveling. Elijah wanted to make sure everyone was safely in the city before the rain came down.

Showers from the Sky

At first, there was only the small cloud that Elijah's servant saw rising from the sea. Then miraculously, within a short time, the sky became very dark and there were now many clouds. [As you tell this part of the story, you can bring out a mobile of clouds to represent the many clouds that had formed. Before class, cut out five to seven clouds from grey construction paper and then decorate them with grey cotton balls, attach a string to each cloud, and hang each cloud from a wire clothes hanger.] The wind picked up [shake the mobile to represent the wind] and it began to rain heavily. There was no longer just a small cloud the size of a man's hand. Instead, a great storm poured rain from the sky. It was finally raining! The people must have been overjoyed upon seeing this and they probably praised God for His mercy.

Meanwhile, King Ahab was likely racing to reach the city because he did not want to be soaked. It was a long way from Mount Carmel to Jezreel, but he had a chariot, which made the journey much easier and faster. However, Elijah did not have a chariot, and it was beginning to rain very hard. But God helped Elijah. He helped the prophet run really, really fast! In fact, Elijah ran so fast that he was ahead of Ahab all the way to Jezreel. Elijah's strength and speed was from God, allowing him to outrun Ahab's chariot by foot. Raise your hand if you think you can run fast. Keep your hand up if you think you can run faster than a horse. You would need superhuman powers to run

faster than a horse, right? God provided the power for Elijah to run faster than Ahab's chariots. In the end, Elijah reached the city before Ahab. In a way, this was one last

chance to show Ahab the greatness and power of God so that Ahab might repent for his sins.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Fill In the Blank/True or False

1. Elijah went up to Mount Carmel to _____ (pray) to God for rain.
2. Elijah bowed down on the _____ (ground) to show his humility.
3. Elijah asked his servant to go and look toward the sea _____ (seven) times.
4. Elijah's servant saw a small _____ (cloud) the size of a man's _____ (hand) rising from the _____ (sea).
5. When Elijah did not give up on his prayer to God, this showed that Elijah was _____ (persistent).
6. When we pray like Elijah, with _____ (faith) and a _____ (humble) and persistent heart, God will _____ (hear) our prayers and answer them.
7. Before Elijah even prayed to God, he had faith that God would answer his prayers. True.
8. Before Elijah prayed for rain, there had been no rain for 5 years. False; there had been no rain for around 3 years.

Questions to Think About

1. It seems that each time Elijah prayed to God, his prayers were always answered. Why do you think this happened? Elijah had faith; he prayed with a humble and persistent heart, and God listens to such prayers.
2. What do you think was going through the mind of King Ahab after he witnessed the victory on Mount Carmel, the end of the drought, and Elijah's display of speed? Hopefully King Ahab realized that God was powerful and that He was the only true God.
3. Think of three different things we can pray to God about. Answers may vary.
4. List all the different times in a day that we can pray to God. Before we go to school, at meal times, before we go to bed, anytime during the day, etc.
5. Was there a time when you prayed very sincerely for something and God answered your prayers? Answers may vary.

MEMORY VERSE PRACTICE

Please reinforce the memory verse every week.
You can practice the memory verse with your students anytime during class.

"The Lord will hear when I call to Him." (Psalm 4:3b)

SPIRITUAL TEACHING & LIFE APPLICATION

1. We can pray to God anytime.

In today's story, Prophet Elijah prayed to God earnestly for rain. Seven times he asked his servant to look for any difference in the sky, and he did not give up until he finally saw a little cloud. Why was Elijah's prayer so important? He already knew that God would make the rain fall, sooner or later. Why did he still pray anyway?

Prayer is our primary tool to communicate with God. We must pray to draw closer to God. We feel closer to God—our heavenly Father—by having personal conversations with Him and sharing with Him what our hearts truly have to say. God enjoys hearing our prayers because they are sincerely from our hearts. Likewise, Elijah's close relationship with God was built upon prayer. God trained Elijah to trust Him at the brook of Cherith, and he needed to rely on God daily for the food and water.

We need to always pray to God to maintain a close relationship with Him. In fact, many people find God their closest and best friends because God has always been there for them in times of need, distress, or even happiness. We can pray to God anytime and He will always be there to listen! Every time we pray, our relationship with God just gets closer and closer. Let's read the following sample prayers and see how children at your age pray to God in different circumstances.

LISA'S PRAYER

"Dear God, thank You so, so much for this wonderful day at school. I finally caught up on what I missed from when I was absent for science class, and I had so much fun learning and doing the classwork with my friends. I'm going to share everything with my sister when I get home soon. Thank You, thank You, thank You! Amen."

1. **What was Lisa doing when she made this prayer?** She was on her way home from school.
2. **What was Lisa's prayer about?** She was thanking God for such a wonderful day.

LEO'S PRAYER

"Dear God, I'm really nervous about going to the doctor tomorrow. I can't fall asleep... Can You please help me? I'm really tired; I want to sleep. Please protect me and give me the strength to endure tomorrow so that I don't have to be scared. Hallelujah, Amen."

1. **What was Leo doing when he made this prayer?** He was in bed trying to fall asleep. He was nervous about his doctor appointment, so he couldn't fall asleep.
2. **What was Leo's prayer about?** He was praying for protection, strength, and comfort so that he could fall asleep with ease.

NICK'S PRAYER

"Dear God, my brother has the chicken pox. I just woke up and heard him crying in bed. He feels itchy all over his body but the doctor said he's not allowed to scratch. He's having trouble falling asleep at night, too. He can't go to school during the day, so he's been very bored and lonely at home. I don't know what I can do for him except pray. Lord, please help my brother. Help him feel better soon and take away his chicken pox. Thank You! Amen."

1. **What was Nick doing when he made this prayer?** He was in bed. He had just woken up when he heard his brother crying.
2. **What was Nick praying about?** He was praying for God to help his brother feel better soon.

As you can see, we can always turn to God in prayer when we are in need.

Activity: Write to God

Materials: Construction paper, colored pencils, and pens

Have the students write a letter to God in class. This is a good way for them to talk to God more. Students can write to God about what they are thankful for and what they would like God to help them with. To make the exercise more exciting, it would be good to have brightly colored construction paper, a variety of colored pencils, etc.

The aim of this activity is to help students understand that praying to God doesn't always require kneeling down to pray. We can pray to God at any time. We can pray to God by writing letters, by talking to Him in our hearts, by saying grace, etc.

2. We can pray to God about anything.

Have the students brainstorm in pairs all the different things that they can pray to God about. This exercise aims to help students understand that we can pray to God about anything.

Begin by asking your students two questions.

- 1) **Is there anything too big to pray about?**
- 2) **Is there anything too small to pray about?**

Ask students to write down a few things that they think are too big/small to pray about. If time permits, ask each of them to share what they wrote down with the rest of the class.

The Bible says, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:6-7). There's nothing too big or too small to pray about. Elijah prayed for fire to come down and for rain to fall. Is that too big? No, God answered his prayers with rain. There's no request too big when it is in accordance with God's will. On the other hand, God is our heavenly Father and He loves us just as a father does. He cares about every little thing about us. You may think that God is very busy and that He has no time to care about our "little" problems, but this is not true! God puts a great amount of love and care into the smallest concerns we have, just as He would with anything else. Let's read the following scenarios and see how God listens to and answers both "big" and "small" prayers.

"BIG" PRAYER

A few years ago, Karen was very eager to learn how to play hymns on the piano. However, she never had any musical training and her parents didn't have any extra money to sign her up for piano lessons. At first, Karen was very disappointed. But then, she remembered from her RE class that she can pray to God about anything and that there's nothing too big to pray about. She thought to herself, "Would God mind having one more pianist at church to serve Him?" She wasn't very sure, but she began to pray about this in her daily prayers. She asks God to give her wisdom and perseverance to teach herself how to play hymns on the piano if this is His will. Slowly, Karen began to learn one hymn after another. She improved in time and started learning much faster after a while. After a few years of constant prayer and hard work, Karen is now a pianist at church! Every time when a brother or sister comments on how good she is as a self-taught pianist, she gives all the glory to God and shares her testimony about how God answered her "big" prayers.

"SMALL" PRAYER

Keith is very afraid of needles. One time, he had to go to a physical that required a few vaccinations and a blood test. When he found out about this one week before the physical, he got so nervous that he had a dream that very night about hundreds of needles in his arm. He woke up crying and his whole body was shaking. The next day, Keith told his parents about his dream. His parents laughed and said to Keith, "They're just needles! Don't be silly and stop worrying." Keith's parents didn't understand how terrified he felt. Keith also didn't want to talk to his friends because he knew that they'd just laugh at him like his parents did. That night, Keith remembered being told that he can pray to God about anything and that there's nothing too small to pray about. So he knelt down and told God everything he had to say: he was scared, and he needed help! After his prayer, Keith felt at ease. He felt that God was listening to his prayer, and he wasn't so nervous about the physical anymore. Keith knew that he could rely on God for strength and comfort. That week, Keith didn't have any problems falling asleep anymore. On the day of the physical, Keith prayed to God before going into the doctor's room. He was such a brave kid; he didn't cry or scream at all during the whole examination. His parents said to him, "See, I told you! Needles aren't that scary. Right?" Keith smiled back and told them that he had prayed to God. His parents were so glad to hear that. On the way back home, they all thanked God for helping Keith overcome his fear of needles.

3. God can make anything happen.

Last week, we learned that God sent fire to the altar on Mount Carmel where His power turned His people's hearts back to Him. Today, we also learned that God sent rain to the land after three years of drought. Do you know anyone who can send fire and rain? [Let students answer.] No, only God can. God can make anything happen.

The Bible says, "Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty; for all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as head over all" (1 Chr 29:11). God is the Master of this world. He has power over everything—anything you can think of! Can you name a few? [Let students share. Conclude that everything is under the power of God.]

Students, have you ever prayed for God's help and had doubts that God may not be able to help? [Let students share.] Before Elijah even started praying for the rain, he already had so much faith in God that He would make the rain fall. If he didn't have that faith, he'd probably have given up praying after his servant came back several times with no news. But Elijah didn't give up; he was so confident that God had the power to make anything happen. Likewise, doubts only hinder our prayers from reaching God. Oftentimes, doubts make us give up, and our prayers cannot reach God all the

way. But, if we have the same faith as Prophet Elijah, believing that God has almighty power to make anything happen, our prayers will always be heard and answered by God.

Let's listen to this testimony to see how powerful God is. He can make anything happen.

TESTIMONY

In early 1977, I was diagnosed with leukemia, which had progressed into its final stage, and was hospitalized immediately. Because of the seriousness of my disease, the doctor treated me with chemotherapy, which could lead to many side effects. Before the doctor gave me the injection, he told me that after 20 days, my hair would start to drop and I would be emotionally unstable. He also advised me to have some blood donors ready in case I needed a blood transfusion. After I heard what the doctor had said, a sense of hopelessness overshadowed me because I knew that I might die at any moment. That was a period of agony, pain, and bitterness. Even my family members did not place much hope in my recovery. After every injection, I vomited and lost my appetite. As a result, I became very thin and the thing that I dreaded most happened—I began to lose my hair.

At this moment, God drew me near, step by step. A colleague of mine came across a flier from True Jesus Church that recorded a testimony of when our Lord Jesus Christ healed a brother who had suffered from leukemia. She realized that her sister, a member of the True Jesus Church, had left it in her house. She then told her sister of my plight and asked if she could help introduce me to the church. She came to visit me immediately. On that day, I remembered that two strangers approached me. They preached to me about God and His almighty power. Later, they asked me to pray together with them. While praying, I felt a shadow approaching me, and a gentle hand touched my face and shoulder. To me, the gesture soothed my pain and suffering. I was greatly moved and began to cry. The two sisters saw me cry and also started to cry. I then asked them why they had come to visit me when I did not know them at all. One of the sisters then answered that it was God who had asked them to come and visit me. They told me that God was merciful and that I should always pray to Him. The sister also told me that if I asked God persistently for healing, He would ultimately listen to my prayer.

Since then, members of the True Jesus Church came to the hospital every Sunday evening to evangelize to me. Whenever my health permitted, the church members would come and bring me to church for worship. They would use wheelchairs or help me walk to church. They also visited me often at the hospital. They always remembered me in their prayers. Thank God for their prayers; my health condition began to stabilize.

After a month's stay in the hospital, I was finally discharged. To ensure my full recovery, the hospital told me to come back for further treatment for the next three years. I began seeking the truth and attending Sabbath services. I always eagerly looked forward to every church service as if I was going out on a date. I also felt like the long lost prodigal son who yearned for a resting place. No matter how sick and tired I was, as long as I had some strength in me, I always rode on my motorcycle to church. In church, I felt as if I was in the arms of God. I also felt very close to Him and not only that, I could tell Him all my sorrows and pain in my prayers.

When I began seeking the truth, an internal battle arose inside me. Some of my friends told me that I should entrust my life in the hands of the doctor. In the beginning, I always had my treatment in the hospital. The treatment process was a very painful one. Every time I passed by the hospital corridors on my way to receive treatment, I had great fear in me. At that moment, I prayed to God to save me. I told Him that the path I was treading was a difficult one and that I no longer wished to walk further. So, I begged Him to lead me and to grant me wisdom and faith to know what to do. After about half a year of treatment, because of my many experiences and also because of the fact that the Words of God were gradually planted in my heart, I decided not to continue treatment. Thus, I became what the doctors called an uncooperative patient. Often, I threw away the medicine that the doctor prescribed to me and when it was time for treatment, I did not appear for the appointment. I was like an escaping soldier. When my relatives and friends heard of what I had been doing, they thought that I was not taking my life seriously, that I was turning my life into a joke. But in my heart, I wanted to prove to the people around me that God could heal me of my illness if I had the faith.

In the beginning, because of my own weakness, I had a great struggle within me for quite a while. Fortunately, due to the prayers and God's amazing grace, I was able to overcome the struggle. I was then able to stand up again and become a normal person. My hair also started to grow back, and I really thank God for restoring me to life by giving me this sign.

My health is now much better, and the church members never cease to love and encourage me. It is this love and encouragement that made it possible for me to maintain my faith in times of great despair. More importantly, their earnest and persistent prayers for me touched God and ultimately brought me to the mercy and healing of Christ. May all the glory be given to our Lord Jesus forever. Amen.

If time allows, lead the students to sing “Only Believe” from the hymn book.

Activity: God's Amazing Power

Materials: Grass seeds, small plant/flower pot, soil, water

To illustrate the power of God, the teacher and students can undertake a project together to grow some grass in a small pot. Each week, the students can see the grass grow: first from a small seed to green shoots, and then to mature grass (whether at home or at church).

Prior to planting the seeds, the teacher can show some pictures of how the small grass seeds will eventually grow into lush green mature grass.

By having the students witness the beauty of life in plants, they can actually witness the amazing power of God. It was this same power that caused the rain to fall again during Elijah's time. Hopefully, by experiencing the power of God first hand, the students will learn to rely on God and turn to Him in prayer whenever they need help, for they know God is an almighty God.

HOMWORK ANSWER KEY

1. False; Elijah prayed for rain alone.
2. True
3. True
4. faith, humility, persistence
5. Any time
6. Around 3 years
7. See Activity (4 things you can pray to God about)
8. See Activity (a short prayer to God)
9. See Activity (persistent prayer checklist)

ACTIVITIES

1

God Answers Elijah's Prayer

Objective: To help the students remember how Elijah prayed sincerely for rain.

Instructions: Read the following paragraph and fill in the blanks with the appropriate words.



King A_____ went to eat but Elijah went to the t_____ of M_____ C_____ to pray. He sent his servant to look for a sign of rain s_____ times. When the sign of rain came, it was a cloud that was the size of a m_____’s h_____. In 1 Kings 18:45, it says that it was a h_____ rain.



2

A Prayer Reminder**Objective:** To create a picture that will remind the students of the importance of prayer.**Materials**

- Crayons/colored pencils
- Glue
- Gold or silver stickers

Instructions

1. Color the picture of Elijah praying.
2. There are ten crowns hidden in this picture.
3. Try to find them as you are coloring. When you find the crowns, put a gold or silver sticker on each one.
4. Hang this picture in your room to remind you to pray to God about the things that happen in your life. Can you think of five things to talk to God about?



E1 Year 2 Book 2 Lesson 5—A Little Cloud

Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Bible Truth: God listens to all prayers.

Lesson Objective: To pray to God with a believing, humble, and persistent heart.

Bible Reading: Please put a check mark in the space when you complete the reading each day.

Prayer: Please put a check mark in the space provided on the days you prayed to God.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Bible Reading							
Prayer							

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse.

(Psalm 4:3b)

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Homework Assignment

Understanding What You Have Learned

True or False

1. Elijah went to pray for rain with all the other prophets of Baal. _____
2. The heavy rain that Elijah had prayed for came from a cloud as small as a man's hand. _____
3. Even before Elijah prayed to God, Elijah knew that God would answer his prayer. _____

Short Answer

4. Elijah prayed with f_____, h_____ and p_____.
5. When can we pray to God? _____
6. How many years was the land without rain? _____
7. In each of the clouds below, write down four things you can pray to God about:

The form consists of three cloud-shaped boxes arranged in a triangular pattern. Each cloud has a thick black outline and contains four horizontal lines for writing. The top cloud is on the right, the middle one is on the left, and the bottom one is centered below the other two.

8. Write a short prayer to God:

Hallelujah, in the name of the Lord Jesus, I pray.

Dear God,

Amen.

9. Think of something you really want to pray to God about and complete this sentence:

“I would like to pray to God about...”

Once you have thought about what you want to pray to God about, remember how Elijah prayed for rain and try to follow Elijah’s example in prayer. To see if you can be as good as Elijah in prayer, check the boxes below on the days you prayed to God about your problem.

My Persistent Prayer Checklist

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Prayer 1						
Prayer 2						
Prayer 3						