

LESSON 2

ELIJAH CONFRONTS KING AHAB, AND GOD'S MIRACULOUS PROVISIONS

OBJECTIVES

1. To recognize that when we obey God, He will supply all our needs.
2. To learn that God desires for us to obey the people that He has placed in authority.
3. To remember that God wants us to obey with a willing and glad heart.

MEMORY VERSE

"And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God."

(Deuteronomy 28:2)

PRAYER

In the name of the Lord Jesus, we pray. Dear Lord, there are many times that we have not obeyed You because we like to do as we please. Those are the times when we have allowed sin and rebellion to live in our hearts. While You were on earth, You gave us the perfect example to follow. You were so obedient that You humbled Yourself to the point of death on the cross. You were so passionate about obedience that You said, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work." When it was most difficult for You to obey, You said, "Not My will, but Yours, be done." Lord, give us an obedient and joyful spirit that desires to wholeheartedly obey Your commands and the commands of our parents, teachers, and pastors—those whom You have sent to love, teach, and guide us.



Overview

1. Bible Discovery & Spiritual Teaching

- a. King Ahab and Queen Jezebel
- b. Elijah Is Sent to the King's Palace
- c. Elijah Is Sent to the Brook Cherith
- d. Elijah Is Sent to the widow of Zarephath

2. Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs—One true God

3. Life Application—Blessed Are Those Who Obey

4. Activity—Word Search



Background Knowledge for Teachers

Elijah

As great a prophet Elijah was, the Bible does not say much about his background. Elijah emerges suddenly, introduced as Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead. The exact location of Tishbi is uncertain, but it is supposedly a place in the land of Gilead, which is east of the Jordan River.

From his outer appearance, Elijah was easily recognizable. He is described as a hairy man wearing a wide leather belt and a mantle (1 Kgs 19:13, 19; 2 Kgs 1:8; 2:8).

Elijah means "My God is Jehovah". His name reflects the kind of attitude a servant of God should have; in everything that Elijah did, he exalted and glorified God. Elijah served predominately during the reign of King Ahab, where he fought courageously and zealously against the false prophets of Baal and turned the hearts of the people back to God.

King Ahab

Described in the Bible as the most evil king of Israel, Ahab was the 7th king of Israel. Not only did he walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat by worshipping the golden calves, he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians. Jezebel brought with her many pagan gods, and Ahab set up an altar and temple for Baal. He promoted idolatry and led the entire nation to sink into deep sin and wickedness. Ahab provoked the Lord to anger more than all the kings of Israel who were before him.

Queen Jezebel

Ahab's evil wife, Jezebel came from the Phoenician city of Tyre where her father had first served as high priest and eventually king. Jezebel worshipped the god Baal, the most popular Canaanite god. Baal idols

were usually molded into the shape of a bull representing strength and fertility. Those who worshipped Baal believed that he was the god who brought the rains and bountiful harvests. So, when Elijah walked into the presence of Ahab and told him there would be no rain for several years, this overthrew their beliefs that Baal was in control.

Raven

Ravens are large black birds very similar to crows, the main difference being that ravens are bigger, with a wingspan that reaches 50 inches. During flight, ravens can perform complicated aerial acrobatics and are considered to be extremely intelligent birds. But that is not their most notable characteristic—ravens are scavengers. They eat berries, fruit, insects, bread, and carrion (the flesh of dead animals). They sometimes kill small birds and mammals, such as rabbits and rats. A person who is so hungry that he will eat anything is said to be ravenous. When God gave the Law to Moses, he declared that ravens were unclean and detestable birds (Lev 11:13-19) and were not to be eaten.

Yet, despite their negative image, God used them to bring food to Elijah during his stay at Brook Cherith. And to bring home the fact that God will take care of His children, Jesus told His disciples to consider the ravens. If God still cared for such lowly birds, how much more will the heavenly Father provide for His children (Ps 147:9; Lk 12:24)?

Sidon

Sidon was the chief city of Phoenicia. Phoenicia had two capitals at different time periods: Tyre and Sidon. Sidon was one of the most important ancient Phoenician cities and was situated in the narrow fertile plain between the mountains of Lebanon and the Mediterranean, 25 miles north of Tyre.

Sidon was a wealthy community and a commercial city, famous for its gold and silver, embroidery, dyes, and metals, but especially for its glass. They founded many commercial colonies along the shores of the Mediterranean.



Reaching Out to Your Students

Although it is important to call our students to obey Christ out of obedience, even when they don't feel like it, what is more lasting is to work diligently on addressing the condition of their heart while we call them to obedience.

We need to let our students know that when they give half-hearted apologies, when they speak the right words in the wrong spirit, when they mumble, roll their eyes, have poor posture (which can represent an unwilling and lazy spirit), or when they fake the right responses, there is a heart issue—sin and rebellion is in their hearts.

To come to true joyful obedience and true repentance, our students need to recognize if sin is in their hearts. We need to let them see that sin works in our heart to make us disobey and rebel. It is important to help our students overcome it by using Scripture and the wisdom and power of the Spirit.



Opener

5 Minutes

The Marks of Disobedience

There was a father who had great difficulty in making his boy obey. No matter what his father said or did, the boy refused to listen and would not obey. One day the father said to the boy, "Here is the shed door. Every time you do wrong, I am going to pound a nail into the door."

One by one, the nails were pounded into the door, until it was literally filled with nails. The boy did not like the look of the door; the thought of it began to trouble his conscience. So he spoke to his father about it. "Well," said his father, "I'll tell you what we will do. Every time you are obedient, every time you listen rather than disobey, we will pull a nail out." The bargain was struck, and as, one by one, the nails were driven in, so, one by one, they were pulled out.

Finally the day arrived when there was but one nail left. You can imagine the joy of the boy when he and his father went together to pull that nail out. With great glee, the claws of the hammer were fastened about the head of the nail and

with one jerk, it came out.

"Oh, but the marks are left," exclaimed the boy. Yes, it was true, for every nail driven in and pulled out, a mark was left, resulting in an ugly door. "That is the sad thing about it all," said the father, "every time you disobey and do wrong, a mark is left upon our lives. It is never the same as if the evil deed had not been committed. It is fine that we have all the nails out, but it would have been much better had they never been driven in."

In today's story, we will learn about characters that chose either to obey or rebel against God. We will also learn about the consequences of their choices.



Bible Discovery & Spiritual Teaching

30-35 Minutes

FOR TEACHERS

Hand out Bible Discovery Worksheet #1. The students will fill in the blanks as you go over this section. The answers have been underlined.

1. King Ahab and Queen Jezebel

When King Solomon died, the nation of Israel divided into two parts—the Northern Kingdom and the Southern Kingdom. Most of the kings who ruled during that time did not follow God. In the Northern Kingdom of Israel, wicked kings ruled. Jeroboam was the first king, and he made two golden calves for the people to worship. Next came Nadab, Baasha, Elah, Zimri, and Omri.

Each king led the people of God down the wrong direction. But in the case of Ahab, the Bible gives an even more dismal account. Let's read 1 Kings 16:30-33. Here it says that Ahab did more evil than all the kings before him.

What did Ahab do that angered the Lord so greatly?

- Ahab walked in the sins of Jeroboam by worshipping idols and the golden calves that King Jeroboam had made.
- And as though that was not enough, Ahab married Jezebel, the daughter of King Ethbaal of Sidon. Jezebel worshipped the god Baal and brought her pagan gods with her to Israel.
- In order to please his wife, Ahab built a temple and altars for her gods and even went into the temple to worship her gods. This brought much distress and wickedness into the land of Israel because the people of God also started to follow the king by worshipping Baal.

2. Elijah Is Sent to the King's Palace

It was during these evil and wicked times that God sent the prophet Elijah to see the king in his palace.

What judgment did Elijah pronounce upon the king? Read 1 Kings 17:1.

Elijah proclaimed that there was to be no rain on the land until he said so. And so, for three and a half years, no rain fell on the land. Without rain, the crops and vegetation could not grow and there would be famine.

Why did God punish Ahab and the land with drought? Ahab, Jezebel, and the people of Israel worshipped Baal. They believed that Baal was the god who brought the rain that watered the crops and that it was he who gave the bountiful harvest. The drought proved that Baal in fact had no power. He could not bring the rain. The God of Israel is the one true God who brings the rain and the drought.

3. Elijah Is Sent to the Brook Cherith

After Elijah spoke to King Ahab, he was sent by God to hide by the Brook Cherith. Let's read 1 Kings 17:2-6.

Why did Elijah have to hide by the Brook Cherith? At first, Ahab probably did not believe in Elijah's words. There was still water in the cisterns and food in the storage rooms—how could there be a drought? But as the months and years passed without rainfall, causing the famine to become severe, Ahab remembered Elijah's words and blamed Elijah for all the trouble and sorrow that was upon the land.

Let's read 1 Kings 18:10. Here it tells us how desperate Ahab was to find Elijah. Ahab sent out a search party to different nations and kingdoms to hunt for Elijah. When he couldn't be found, Ahab made the kings swear that they could not find Elijah in their country.

Elijah Is Fed by Ravens

Let's read 1 Kings 17:4-6. Imagine that you were Elijah and that you have come to the Brook Cherith. One thing you may be wondering is "How am I going to survive

here?" Perhaps Elijah thought the same thing but before he even asked, God told him where his food was to come from. The ravens brought bread and meat in the morning to last the day and again in the evening to keep him nourished during the night. Just enough and nothing more.

Let's look at the ravens that fed Elijah.

- Ravens are large black birds similar to crows, the main difference being that ravens are bigger, with a wingspan that reaches 50 inches. During flight, they perform complicated aerial acrobatics and are considered to be extremely intelligent birds.
- Ravens are scavengers. They eat berries, fruit, insects, worms, and carrion (the flesh of dead animals). They sometimes kill small birds and mammals, such as rabbits and rats. They are even used to describe a person who is so hungry that he will eat anything. Such a person is said to be ravenous.
- When God gave the Law to Moses, he declared that ravens were unclean, detestable birds and were not to be eaten (Lev 11:13-19).

If you were Elijah, how would you feel about being fed by an unclean bird? Perhaps you may have thought, "Lord, I've got a better idea. How about sending a dove or a pigeon? Ravens are scavengers. Who knows which animal leftover he's bringing me?" From this, we can see that Elijah had to have complete faith and trust in God to eat the food brought by the ravens.

Another miraculous thing is that ravens, who normally care only for their own and eat whatever they can find, brought food to Elijah, and twice a day at that. The Bible does not mention how long Elijah was at Brook Cherith, but he stayed until the brook ran dry. For that entire duration, the ravens served Elijah's meals every day, without fail. While the rest of the land had severe famine, God did not allow His prophet to go hungry. At Brook Cherith, Elijah learned that God could use anything to achieve His purpose and that God would provide for his every need.

4. Elijah Is Sent to the Widow of Zarephath

After some time, the brook dried up, as no rain fell upon the land. Where did God send Elijah to next? Read 1 Kings 17:6-10a.

What aspects about the woman might have made it difficult for Elijah to obey God?

1. Elijah had to go and stay with a woman who happened to be a widow. It was probably not easy for Elijah to have to live with a woman who did not have a husband around.
2. The widow was a Gentile. The place where God sent Elijah was Zarephath, a small village in Sidon. A region north of Israel, Sidon was a Gentile country. It is where Ahab's pagan wife Jezebel came from and it was the center of Baal worship. For a God-fearing Jewish man, this must have been doubly difficult.
3. The widow was extremely poor.

Why did God want Elijah to leave Israel and venture into a Gentile, idol-worshipping land? Why did God want him to stay in a poor widow's house? If it had to be a Gentile widow, surely there must have been a rich widow in all of Sidon with whom Elijah could have stayed. God's ways are oftentimes very mysterious, but they are always the best. Difficult though it may be, Elijah learned to deny his thoughts and his own will completely and submit to God's plan wholeheartedly.

The Widow's Faith and Love

Read 1 Kings 17:10-12. Immediately after meeting the woman, what did Elijah ask her to do?

It appears that Elijah was rather rude and selfish. He had only just met the woman before asking her for water and a piece of bread. The woman did not have bread, but only just a little flour and oil, which she planned to use to bake bread as a last meal for her son and her.

Elijah understood the widow's concerns. What did Elijah promise the widow? Read 1 Kings 17:13-14. He told her not to be afraid but to first do as he said. If she did, the flour and oil would not be used up until the day the Lord sent rain and when the crops grew again.

If you were the old woman and the flour and oil was to be the last meal for you and your son before you die of starvation, what would you do? [Allow students to respond.] Remember: Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Heb 11:1).

When the widow heard Elijah's words, she completely believed in the promise and went and did as Elijah asked. The widow responded in faith to what she hoped for, yet could not see. "She went away and did according to the word of Elijah" (v. 15).

Because of her immense faith, love, and sacrifice, the poor widow experienced God's providence and care in a time of famine. God's apply of flour and oil was a miracle. Just as

it says in Matthew 6:33, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." Students, let's put God's kingdom first and your needs will be graciously provided!

Hundreds of years later, the Lord Jesus spoke about why Elijah was sent to the widow of Zarephath and not to the many widows in Israel (cf. Lk 4:25-26). While the people of God and King Ahab stubbornly refused to obey God

and worshipped idols, a poor Gentile widow completely believed in God's words, obeyed, and received blessings from God.

FOR TEACHERS

Hand out Bible Discovery Worksheet #2. Pair up the students and have them complete the table using what they've learned. When they have finished it, come together as a class to discuss the answers.



Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs

2-5 Minutes

One True God

Jesus Christ is the Creator of the heavens and the earth, the only Savior of mankind and the one and only true God. There is no other God besides Him whom we should worship, honor, and obey.



Check for Understanding

5 Minutes

- The Bible describes Ahab as the most evil king in Israel because he worshipped idols and married a Gentile woman named Jezebel.** True.
- Elijah was told to hide by the Sea of Galilee.** False; he was told to hide by the Brook Cherith.
- Elijah refused to eat of the food brought by the ravens because they were unclean birds and scavengers.** False; Elijah had complete faith in God and ate the food that the ravens brought.
- By first baking bread for Elijah, the widow demonstrated her faith and obedience in Elijah's words.** True.
- God promised the widow of Zarephath that from now on she would always have flour and oil in her house.** False; the flour and oil would last until the end of the drought.
- If we want to be blessed in our life, we must obey God's commands.** True.
- Why did God punish Ahab and the people with a drought?** Ahab, Jezebel, and the rest of Israel worshipped Baal. They believed that Baal was the god who brought the rains that watered the crops and that it was he who gave the bountiful harvest. God sent a drought to prove that Baal had no power; he could not send the rain. It is the God of Israel who controls the rain.
- How was the widow of Zarephath better than King Ahab and the people of Israel?** Although the widow of Zarephath was a Gentile who did not know God, she believed in God's words and did what Elijah told her. King Ahab and the Israelites, on the other hand, knew God, but they refused to obey God and worshipped idols instead.



Life Application

10 Minutes

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO OBEY

In our lesson today, we have learned about characters that responded differently to God's commands. One group obeyed God's commands and the other group rebelled against God's commands.

I. What is rebellion?

Rebellion is disobedience. It is having a stubborn heart that refuses to obey and instead says, "I don't need to listen to you. I want to do things my own way! Adam and Eve rebelled, and King Ahab and the people of Israel rebelled, as well. Rebellion is likened to witchcraft and is a great sin in God's sight (1 Sam 15:23).

II. Whom should we obey?

A. God has laid down laws and order for His creation.

When God created the universe, He laid down laws and principles to protect and bless mankind and to establish order. As the sovereign and almighty Creator, God is the highest authority, and He expects the entire creation to obey Him.

Nature and the living creatures in this world know and obey the laws that God has established.

Read Jeremiah 5:22-23. God sets the shorelines of the world by a perpetual law. No matter how the oceans toss and roar, the waves never trespass the boundary God has set for them.

Read Jeremiah 8:7. The birds know the time and season God has set. The stork knows the time of her migration, as does the turtledove, the swift, and the swallow. They all return at God's appointed time each year.

B. God has established an order for mankind.

God has given us principles and laws that we, as man, need to follow. God uses two ways to teach us:

- Direct authority. This means God tells us by His word or by His Spirit what He wants us to do.
- Delegated authority. This means God delegates His authority by putting certain people to represent His authority here.

When God puts someone over us, that person is God's delegated authority. Since this person represents God's authority, he or she must be obeyed, in accordance with God's commandments. Some examples of God's delegated authorities are:

- Parents
- Pastors
- R.E. teachers
- Principal and teachers at school
- The government

God has given all these people the authority to raise us, teach us, and guide us. Wise parents, pastors, and teachers set limits on us and tell us not to do certain things because they love us and want what is best for us.

The way we treat God's delegated authority shows the way we treat God. If we obey them, we obey God, but if we are disrespectful and disobedient to them, we are disobedient to God. There is one situation in which we are not to obey the person who is over us. That situation is one in which someone tells us to do something wrong—something that is against God's commandments.

C. Obeying God's laws is the way to blessings and happiness.

Read Deuteronomy 28:1-13.

Here God promises us that if we obey Him and all those He has assigned to guide us, He will shower down His blessings and His protection upon us. If, on the other hand, like King Ahab, we refuse to listen to God, He will take away His blessings. God took away peace and joy from King Ahab and the Israelites. He took away the rain and the food. He stripped away all the things that Israel had grown to respect and worship more than God. Without these things, the people knew that they couldn't do anything, and their lives were miserable and bound by sin. Disobedience only leads to sin and death.

[Hand out the Life Application Worksheet. Read the scenarios together with the students and discuss the questions as a class. Then, ask the students to complete the second part on their own. If time allows, ask some volunteers to share their answers.]

Scenario 1

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Discuss

- What was Amanda's reason for not obeying her teacher?
- If we do not like a person, is it okay not to listen to him/her? Explain your answer.
- How can Amanda change her attitude?

Scenario 2

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Curtis does not move.

Discuss

- Why does Curtis refuse to listen to his mother?
- Why do you think Curtis needs to listen to his parents?
- What can Curtis do to overcome this problem?

III. What kind of heart do I have?**1. Examine our heart**

To know what's in our hearts, let's think about these questions:

- Do I obey or do I reject God's words?
- Do I have stubborn habits and attitudes that I have not gotten rid of?
- Do I obey or do I complain and argue when my parents (RE teacher/pastor) tell me to do something?
- Do I insist on doing things my own way?

In the heart, write down the times when you did not obey. Write down the people that you did not obey.

2. Ask God to create in us a clean and submissive heart

Perhaps you are thinking, "I know my attitude has not been right, but how do I change my attitude?" We change our attitude by changing the reason we do things. Instead of pleasing ourselves, we choose to please the Lord. When we choose to please God, we willingly give up our own will and do whatever God wants us to do.

Write a short prayer asking God to create in us a pure, soft, and obedient heart.

3. Walk in obedience

We do not obey just when we feel like it, when we can get something out of it, or when we like the person whom we are obeying. Obeying is something that we choose to do, whether we feel like it or not, whether we want to or not.

It may seem difficult at first to change our stubborn ways, but the more we do it, the easier it becomes, and God will bless us for our efforts. *Think of something that you will do to walk in obedience.*



Activity

Elijah Confronts Ahab

10-15 Minutes

Instructions: Find the following words. The words can be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal, and forward or backward.

Ahab
brook
Cherith
drought

Elijah
famine
flour
Jezebel

obey
oil
prophet
ravens

rebel
Sidon
widow
Zarephath

H F O L T B R D O I L S
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HOMEWORK ANSWER KEY

1. False; Elijah had faith in God and ate the food that the ravens brought.
2. True
3. True
4. True
5. B
6. C
7. C
8. A
9. Although the widow of Zarephath was a Gentile who did not know God, she believed in God's words and did what Elijah told her. Conversely, the people of God and King Ahab stubbornly refused to obey God and worshipped idols instead.
10. Answers may vary.

WHO WAS REBELLIOUS? WHO WAS OBEDIENT?

Instructions: Using what you learned today, determine whether King Ahab, Elijah, the Widow of Zarephath, and the Ravens were rebellious or obedient. Then, fill out the rest of the columns.

Rebellious	Obedient	What did he/she or they do?	What were the consequences?
King Ahab	[Empty]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He worshipped idols and the golden calves. • He married a pagan woman named Jezebel. • He built a temple and altars for her gods and even went into the temple to worship her gods. 	Ahab was killed in a battle and the dogs came and licked the king's blood, just as the Lord had said would happen (cf. 1 Kgs 22:37-38).
[Empty]	Elijah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He went to the Brook Cherith. • He stayed with a poor Gentile widow. • He ate the food brought by the ravens. 	God abided with him and provided his every need in a time of famine.
[Empty]	Widow of Zarephath	She used the last of her flour and oil to make bread for Elijah.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was flour and oil to last the whole famine so that she and her son did not die. • She came to know God.
[Empty]	Ravens	Obedied God by delivering food to Elijah.	[Empty]



ELIJAH CONFRONTS KING AHAB

Instructions: Fill in the missing words.

1. King Ahab and Queen Jezebel

Ahab did more evil than any other king before him. What did Ahab do that angered the Lord greatly?

- a. Ahab walked in the sins of _____ by worshipping idols and the _____ that Jeroboam had made.
- b. Ahab married Jezebel of _____. Jezebel worshipped _____ and brought her pagan gods with her to _____.
- c. To please his wife, Ahab built a _____ and _____ for her gods and even went into the temple to _____ her gods.

2. Elijah Is Sent to the King's Palace

Elijah pronounced to King Ahab that there would be no _____ upon the land of Israel. Rain did not fall for _____.

God punished Ahab and the land with drought because they believed that it was _____ who brought the _____ and the harvest.



GOD'S MIRACULOUS PROVISIONS



3. Elijah Is Sent to the Brook Cherith

Ravens are _____ and _____ birds.

What did God want Elijah to learn by using ravens to feed him?

4. Elijah Is Sent to the Widow of Zarephath

Write down three things about the widow of Zarephath.

1. She was a _____.
2. She was a _____.
3. She was extremely _____.

Why did God send Elijah to this widow's house?

1. Elijah learned to _____ himself and _____ to God.
2. To bring _____ upon the widow.



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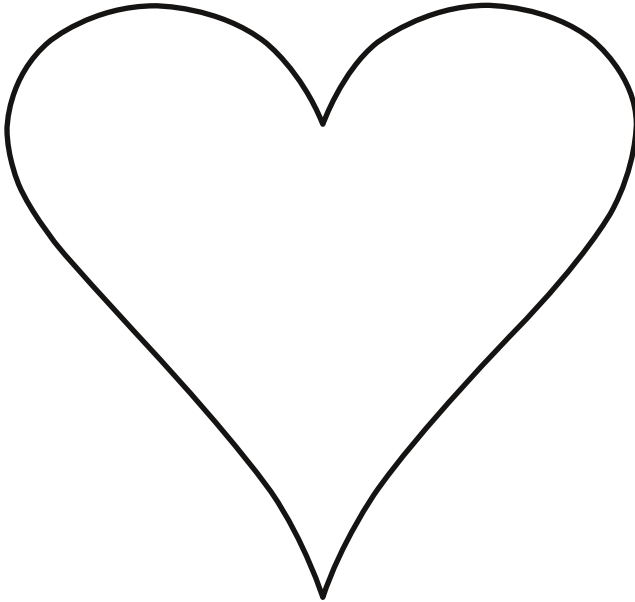
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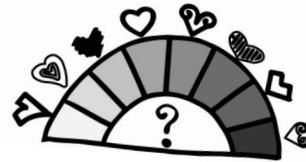
B. What kind of heart do I have?

1. Examine our heart

In the heart, write down the times when you did not obey. Write down the people you did not obey.



What Kind of Heart Do I Have?



2. Ask God to create in us a clean and submissive heart

Write a short prayer asking God to create in us a pure and soft heart.

Dear Lord, ...

3. Walk in obedience

Think of something that you will do to walk in obedience.

This week I will...



E2 Year 3 Book 2 Lesson 2—Elijah Confronts King Ahab, and God's Miraculous Provisions

Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Weekly Bible Reading: _____

Bible Reading: Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

Prayer: Check each box after you pray to God that day.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

2. _____

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. **(Deuteronomy 28:2)**

True or False

1. Elijah refused to eat of the food brought by the ravens because they were unclean birds and scavengers. _____
2. The Bible describes Ahab as the most evil king of Israel because he worshipped idols and married Jezebel, who brought her false gods to Israel. _____
3. By first baking bread for Elijah, the widow showed her faith in Elijah's words and her love and sacrifice. _____
4. If we want to be blessed in our life, we must obey God's commands. _____

Multiple Choice

5. _____ : God promised the widow of Zarephath that _____.
 - a. From now on, she would always have flour and oil in her house.
 - b. The flour and oil would not be used up until the day the Lord sent rain and when the crops grew again.
 - c. She would never face another famine.
6. _____ : Elijah was told to hide by the _____.
 - a. River Jordan
 - b. Sea of Galilee
 - c. Brook Cherith
7. _____ : Elijah survived the famine by _____.
 - a. Eating wild berries and drinking water from the brook
 - b. Fasting and praying
 - c. Drinking water from the brook and eating the food brought by ravens
8. _____ : In the Bible, rebellion is described to be as bad as _____.
 - a. Witchcraft
 - b. Adultery
 - c. Pride

Short Answer

9. How was the widow of Zarephath better than King Ahab and the people of Israel?

10. This week, I can learn to obey [a person] _____ better by [an action] _____.