



## BIG STORIES OF THE BIBLE 32

### ELIJAH FED BY RAVENS (1 KINGS 17)

**Scripture:** 1 Kings 17

**Open:** Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

**Supplies:** Boxes, balls, ball launcher (either homemade or purchased)

#### Explain:

- We have been learning about Jesus and the gospel of John, but we're going to take a break from that for this week and talk about a story in the Old Testament. Can anyone tell me what they know about Elijah? (He was a prophet, he did many miracles, he built an altar and defeated the prophets of Baal).
- Elijah was a prophet during the time of the divided kingdom of Israel. After Solomon was king, the kingdom split into two kingdoms (Israel and Judah). Different kings ruled each kingdom, and many of them were bad and turned from the Lord. Many worshiped idols and stopped following God. So God sent prophets to the people to turn their hearts back to him.
- Today, we're going to read about Elijah when he was a prophet for the Kingdom of Israel.

**Read:** 1 Kings 17:1-6

#### Explain and Apply:

Even though the country was going to face a severe famine, God protected Elijah and provided for him.

He is able to provide for us, too. This doesn't mean he'll give us everything we want; he isn't a genie. But it does mean that he will meet our needs and help us.

Is there a time God provided for you that you can think of and want to share? Sometimes, God provides miraculously. Other times, he provides in ways that seem ordinary. But the Bible says that all good things come from him, so no matter how we're provided for, we can know God's hand was in it.

**Play a Game:**

Take boxes outside, along with the balls and ball launcher. We are going to play an “angry birds” game. In the video game angry birds, birds fly at things to knock them down. Our birds aren’t angry, they are providing birds. The kids will divide into two teams. One team will work the launcher, one will work the boxes. Have the kids with the boxes set up 3 towers. Behind one of the towers, have either a child or an object that is Elijah. See how many shots it takes for the team working the launcher to knock down the tower hiding Elijah, so bringing him the food. Have the teams switch roles.  
Play for as long as they like

**Memorize:** 1 Kings 17:6**Close in Prayer**