



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:

Elijah's Showdown on Mt. Carmel

Take Home Point:

Worship the only true God.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: Have your child tell you about the mystery bag in Warm-up and how they knew what was in it. *(Although they were blindfolded, they knew what was in the bag – by smell, touch and taste.)* What happened to God's altar and to the prophets of Baal's altar? *(God burned up the wet sacrifice on his altar and nothing happened to the altar of Baal.)*

God Time at Home

Select questions and adapt for your family.

FOR STARTERS: Prepare a mystery bag with the following objects in it: a flower, a cut out paper heart, and a Bible. Ask: "How do you know there is a God when you cannot see him?" Discuss. Pull out objects that demonstrate how God reveals himself to us: 1) Creation—the flower, 2) Conscience—the paper heart, 3) Bible---His word to us that tells us he was the only true God and we are to worship him alone.

READ THE BIBLE: 1 Kings 18:17-45

KEY VERSE: Matthew 4:10b, "Scripture says, 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'"

TALK ABOUT IT: Elijah, the prophet of the one true God, challenged the prophets of Baal to prove the existence of their god. How many prophets of Baal met him on Mount Carmel? *(1 Kings 18:19, 22. 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of Asherah.)* What challenge did Elijah present to the prophets of Baal? *(1 Kings 18:23-24. Both would cut up a bull as a sacrifice but not set it on fire. They would each call on their god and the one who answered with fire would prove to be the real God.)* What did the prophets of Baal do to try and get an answer from their god? How long did they perform these rituals? *(1 Kings 18: 26-29. They called on the name of their god. They danced around the altar they had made. They kept shouting louder and louder and even cut themselves until they bled. They performed these rituals until the evening sacrifice.)* What was the response of Baal? *(Nothing.)* What did Elijah do to make an even greater challenge for his God? *(1 Kings 18:30-37. He built an altar with a trench around it. Then he had water poured on the sacrifice until it filled the trench. He prayed and called on the Lord to make himself known.)* How did the one true God respond? *(1 Kings 18:38. The Lord sent a fire that consumed the burnt offering, wood, stones, and dirt. The fire even dried up the water trench.)* How did the people respond to the fire show? *(1 Kings 18:39. They immediately bowed to the ground and proclaimed, "The Lord is God!")*

Do you think it was easy or hard for Elijah to present this challenge to the prophets of Baal? Why? What do you think gave Elijah the courage to give this challenge? *(Elijah had faith that our God is a powerful, mighty God and the false gods had no power. He had a relationship with God and knew God would not let him down.)* Has anyone ever challenged you to prove that God is real? What can you say to someone who asks for proof?

PRAYER POWER: Pray for courage to trust God like Elijah. Pray also for any friends that may need to "taste and see that the Lord is good."

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

FAMILY TIME OPTIONS: Each day record on a small slip of paper one act of worship that a person did. It could be an act of obedience, a comment of praise for God, or an action that shared God's love. Place these paper slips in a box labeled "Worship the Only True God." Review them next week at devotion time.

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