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# Elijah: A different man



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## Introduction

Our hero for the month of July is Elijah. Elijah was a man of faith who did great things for God. We trust God to use each of our children to walk in obedience to Him, sanctified for a divine purpose.

Our lesson objectives for this week:

- Teach the children to be obedient, people of power and different from others.
- Teach the children to recognise right and wrong behaviour.

## Lesson Context:

- The story takes place on mount Sinai, the mountain of God.
- Elijah called all the people to the mountain because the dreadful Jezebel was leading them all astray.
- Elijah was unequalled in his time, because he was the only active prophet of the true God.

## Read in advance:

- 1 Kings 19

## Memorize the Word:

"Don't copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think."

Rom 12:2

## This week's Declaration:

I am obedient to God and I am pleasing to Him.

## Word of the week:

Obedient



## Opening Activity:

Ask: Who has been your favourite hero so far this year.

Let the kids talk about their hero and what they have learned from each hero.

## Opening Prayer:

Prayer: (Let the children repeat after you)

"Father God, thank You for a new day and a new month. We celebrate Your goodness today.. Teach us how to be"

# Discussion points:

1 Kings 19:10

10 Elijah replied, “I have zealously served the Lord God Almighty. But the people of Israel have broken their covenant with you, torn down your altars, and killed every one of your prophets. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me, too.”

These passages show us how important the actions of a hero are:

- Elijah was not swayed by the fact that everyone else was disobedient. He was simply concerned about always obeying God and serving Him as best as he could.

A hero makes every effort to obey.

- Elijah knew that although everyone was against him, God would protect and defend him.

A hero knows that there is no one stronger than God.

- Although the people at that time did not take God into consideration, Elijah was not like them. He served God with all His heart.

A hero does what pleases God.



## Application:

Remind each child that it will not always be easy to stand for what is right and to do what is right but God will help us every step of the way. Help the children commit to living a principled life through the help of the Holy Spirit.

Pray: (let the children pray after you)

Father, I thank You for forming me to be a hero with strong principles like Daniel. Please be with me always and help me to be brave. I will always serve You and do what is right. In the name of Jesus, amen.

## Ask and understand:

Ask: What specific things should we obey God in?

Why was Elijah obedient?

Let the kids talk through their answers.

Tell them: We obey God because we love and trust Him

Ask: What big miracles do you know from the Bible?

Let the kids answer.

Tell them: God still does miracles today. Let's continue trusting Him.

Ask: Why was Elijah different from everyone else? Are you different from those who do not know God. What specific things can you do to be different?

Let the kids answer.

Help kids commit to obeying God and choosing to do what God says. They can write down things they will do differently from others.



Remember we have age specific devotionals for the kids to help consolidate the lesson.