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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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JUNE 1ST

This week, kids hear how God provided for Elijah and a widow during a drought.

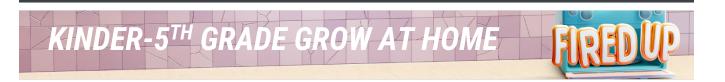
BIG IDEA: God can give me what I need.

BIBLE: 1 Kings 17:2–16

ASK:

- What was the name of the prophet in our story? *Elijah.*
- What did Elijah need? Food and water.
- How did God provide for Elijah? God led him to a brook for water, sent ravens to bring him meat and bread.
- What did Elijah have to do when the brook dried up? God sent him to the widow at Zarephath.
- What did Elijah ask the woman at Zarephath? To fix him a meal before she fed herself and her son.
- Why was this a problem? The widow didn't have enough ingredients for everyone to eat.
- Through Elijah, what miracle did God provide the woman and her family? Her jar of flour and her jug of oil did not run out.
- Name one need you have that God has given you already.
- Who are some people you need that God has given you?

CHALLENGE: As a family make a list of your wants and your needs. Talk about the difference between the two. As you hear your kids talk this week, listen for them to say "I need..." and remind them in that moment if what they're saying is truly a want or a need!



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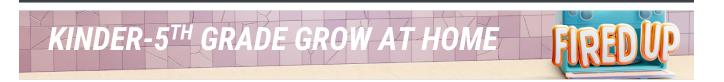
JUNE 8TH

This week, kids hear how **Elijah** challenged the prophets of Baal and **proved God** is the real god.

BIG IDEA: God is the one true God. BIBLE: 1 Kings 18:16–39 ASK:

- Who were the people of Israel worshiping instead of the real God? Baal, Asherah
- What did Elijah suggest doing to prove which God the people should worship? Set up a sacrifice and see whose prayers would get God to light them on fire.
- How do you know God heard Elijah's voice when he prayed? Fire from heaven came down and burned everything that Elijah had set up, even though it was wet.
- Was there a time when you felt like nobody heard you? What did you do about it?
- What are some ways you can use your voice for God, knowing God hears your voice?

CHALLENGE: If possible, have a campfire with your kids and consider making smores! Talk about how the fire reminds you of this story. Can't have a real fire? Put one on the TV and eat a fun treat together! Remember to practice fire safety and never leave your kid unattended near an open fire.



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This week, kids hear how **Elijah ran away** from Queen Jezebel and how God kept Elijah safe.

BIG IDEA: God guides me when I'm scared. **BIBLE:** 1 Kings 19:1–9a **ASK:**

- Why was Elijah on the run? Jezebel was after him because he defeated her false prophets.
- What did God provide for Elijah while he rested before going to Horeb? Baked bread and a jar of water.
- Why do you think Elijah needed these at the time? Possible answers: We can experience big feelings when we're tired and hungry; once he got food and rest, he regained strength to continue his journey.
- What are some things that scare you?
- Who in your life helps you to feel less scared?

• How can you remember God guides you when you're scared? CHALLENGE: Kids have fears about a lot of things. Be validating with your kids in their fears and help them find ways to see the truth or show them how they can bring their fears to God! Remind them that everyone gets scared sometimes, even you! Consider making a Family Worry Jar – whenever you have a fear, first you write it down/draw a picture on a piece of paper, then pray about it! Once you've prayed, put the paper/your fear in the jar then let God worry about the rest!

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BIG IDEA: God is always in control. BIBLE: 1 Kings 19:9b-18

ASK:

- Where was Elijah hiding when God spoke to him? Mount Horeb.
- In what ways did Elijah think God was going to speak to him? *Through the wind, earthquake, and fire.*
- How did God speak to Elijah? In a gentle whisper.
- What was Elijah's response to God's gentle whisper? He pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.
- Why do you think God told Elijah about the seven thousand who had not bowed down to Baal? God might have been letting Elijah know that he was not alone.
- How have you heard God talk to you before? Did you recognize that it was God?

CHALLENGE: Challenge your kids to only talk in a whisper for an entire day! Too long? Try just an hour! Talk about the difference they feel when someone is yelling at them versus whispering – ask them which they think holds more power. Talk about how God, in his power, can talk to us in so many ways, both big and small!!

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This week, kids hear how **God took Elijah up to heaven** and how Elisha became God's messenger.

BIG IDEA: God is always with me. **BIBLE:** 2 Kings 2:1–14 **ASK:**

• Who was going to take Elijah's place? Elisha!

- What did Elisha ask of Elijah before Elijah was to be taken away? A double portion of his spirit.
- What happened both times Elijah and Elisha struck the water with the cloak? The water in the Jordan parted and the men were able to cross on dry land.
- In what way did Elijah go up to heaven? In a chariot and horses of fire that carried Elijah away in a whirlwind.
- Does anyone in your life guide you as Elijah did for Elisha?
- If you were asked what Elisha was asked in 2 Kings 2:9, what would you ask for? How would that help you get closer to God?

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CHALLENGE: Help your kids make a "whirlwind" paper airplane that can fly "forever" to remind them that God is always with them. Follow <u>this tutorial</u>. Have them write the Big Idea on their cardboard, then practice making their whirlwinds go!