

ELIJAH IS FED BY RAVENS

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¹Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.”

²Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: ³“Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. ⁴You will drink from the brook, and I have ordered the ravens to feed you there.”

⁵So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. ⁶The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

⁷Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. ⁸Then the word of the LORD came to him: ⁹“Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there. I have commanded a widow in that place to supply you with food.” ¹⁰So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?” ¹¹As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.”

¹²“As surely as the LORD your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.”

¹³Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small cake of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For

this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD gives rain on the land.’”

¹⁵She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. ¹⁶For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

¹⁷Some time later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing. ¹⁸She said to Elijah, “What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?”

¹⁹“Give me your son,” Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. ²⁰Then he cried out to the LORD, “O LORD my God, have you brought tragedy also upon this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?” ²¹Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, let this boy’s life return to him!”

²²The LORD heard Elijah’s cry, and the boy’s life returned to him, and he lived.

²³Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, “Look, your son is alive!”

²⁴Then the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD from your mouth is the truth.”

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) How did the Lord feed Elijah?
5		2.) How did Elijah get food when the brook dried up?
5		3.) What happened to the widow's son?
5		4.) What did the widow say to Elijah when her son was raised from the dead?

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p><i>“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink...”</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Matthew 6:25</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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Elijah drinks from the brook and is fed meat and bread by ravens

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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: RAVENS

Students will make ravens to remind them that God provided food for Elijah by having ravens bring him bread and meat.

MATERIALS

1. White 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Raven Pattern
3. Crayons, Marker, or Colored Pencils
4. Scissors



DIRECTIONS

1. Copy the raven pattern onto 67 lb. cardstock for each student.
2. Allow students to color the raven using crayons, markers, or colored pencils.
3. Have students cut out the raven body and wings.
4. Fold wings on the dotted line.
5. Cut a slit through the raven's body on the straight black line.
6. Slip the wings through the slit.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their ravens, remind them that God provides for our needs. For Elijah, it was food. For the widow, it was flour, oil, and her son's life. We need not worry about things that are in God's hands.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 10 minutes

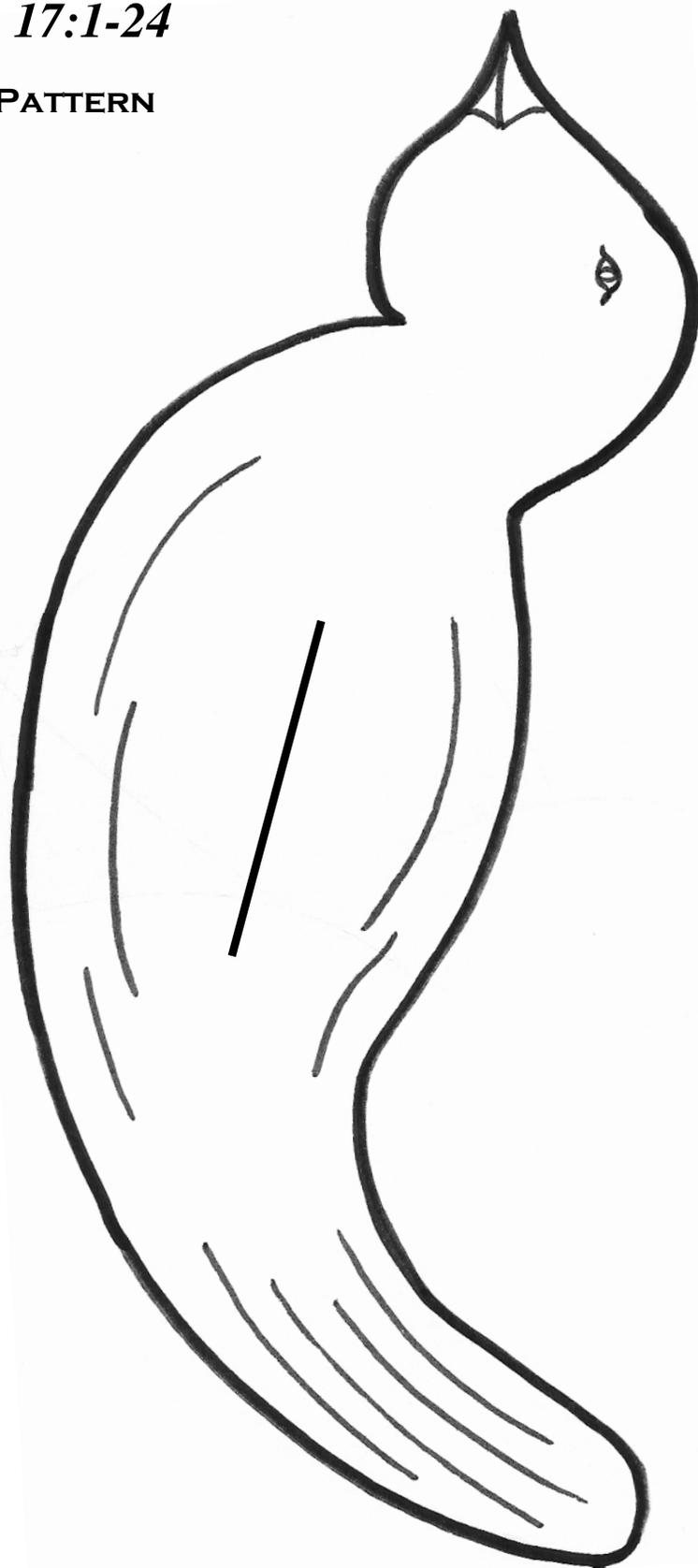
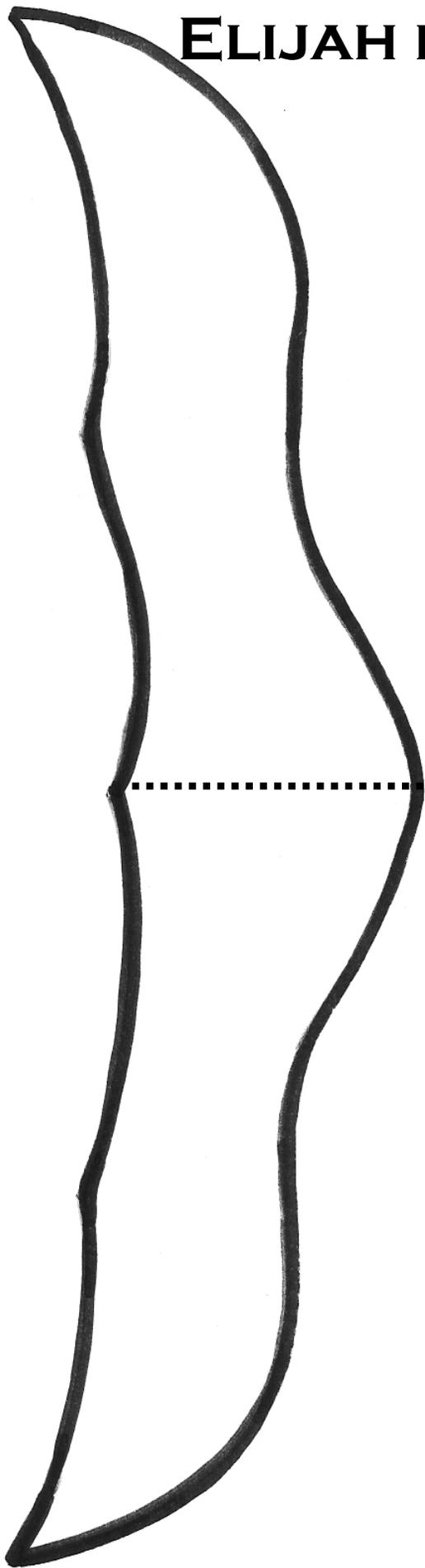
MEMORY VERSE

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RAVEN PATTERN



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Elijah told wicked King Ahab that there would be no rain in Israel for several years. Then Elijah went into hiding to save his life. Write the letter that comes two letters before the letter given to discover the strange menu God provided for Elijah while he was in hiding.

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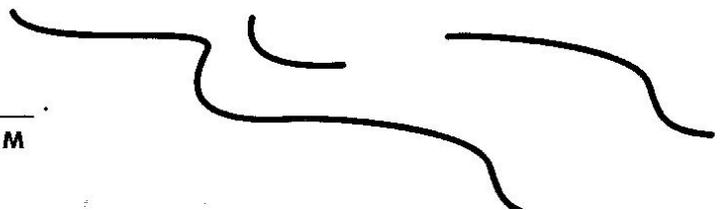
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The Israelites began to worship idols and the Lord was not pleased. He sent Elijah to King Ahab to let him know that there would be no dew or rain for the next few years because of their idol worship.

The Lord told Elijah to hide in a ravine. Elijah drank water

from the brook and ravens fed him bread and meat in the morning and in the evening.

Because there was no rain, the brook dried up. The Lord told Elijah to go to Zarephath and stay there. A widow would provide Elijah with food.

Elijah did as the Lord commanded. When he arrived in Zarephath, he saw a widow gathering sticks. He asked her, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink and also bring me a piece of bread?"

The widow replied, "I don't have any bread - only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug."

Elijah told her, "Don't be afraid. Make a small cake of bread for me and then make something for yourself and your son. The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord gives rain on the land." There was food every day for Elijah and for the widow and her family.

Sometime later the widow's son died. Elijah took the boy to the upper room and prayed to the Lord. The Lord heard Elijah's prayer and the boy came back to life. Then the woman said, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord from your mouth is true."

For more details, please read 1 Kings 17:1-24 in the Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. How did the Lord feed Elijah?
2. How did Elijah get food when the brook dried up?
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MATCHING

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|----------------|-----|--|
| 1. RAVENS | ___ | A woman whose husband has died |
| 2. ELIJAH | ___ | Birds that fed Elijah |
| 3. FLOUR & OIL | ___ | What the people were worshipping |
| 4. IDOLS | ___ | Did not run out until there was rain again |
| 5. WIDOW | ___ | The man who told King Ahab that there would be no rain for several years |

Ideas For Home:

Today your child learned how God provided Elijah with food brought to him by ravens.

1. Have your child finish coloring this book.
2. Help your child learn the *Memory Verse*.
3. Practice the *Bible Story Rhyme*.
4. Read and discuss the bible story with your child.
5. Discuss ways in which God has provided for you. Encourage your child to depend on God for all their needs.

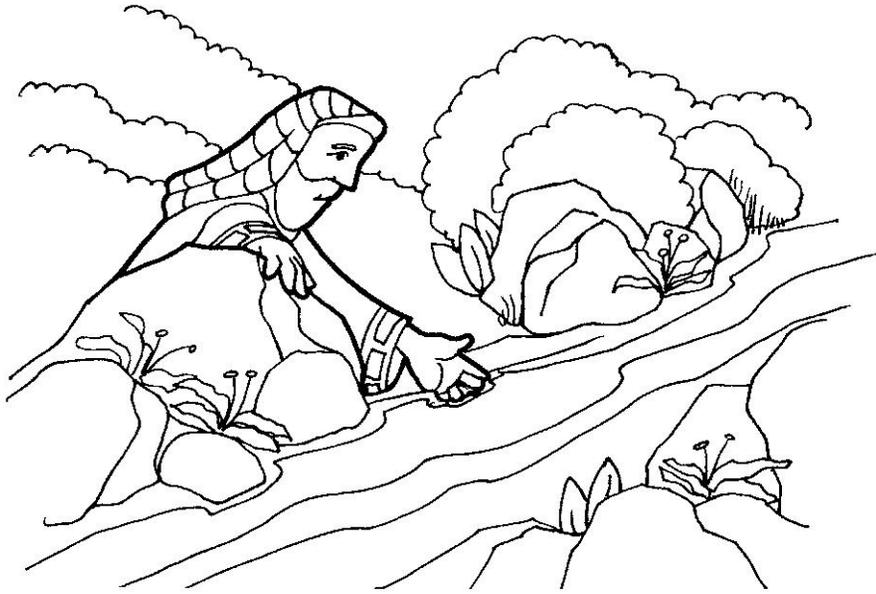
Bible Story Mini Book

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Colored by: _____



Elijah drank water from
the stream.



Elijah told King Ahab that
there would be no rain for
a long time. This made
the king mad.

Memory Verse

“...do not worry about...what
you will eat or drink...”

Matthew 6:25

Bible Story Rhyme

God told Elijah to leave this place,
*(Hold left arm out as you “walk” on it
with you right pointer and ring finger)*

He should hide in a secret space.
(Cover face with both hands)

Ravens brought him bread and meat,
(Flap arms up and down)

Near a river he would eat.
*(Place hands together palm to palm and
swerve them from side to side like they’re
going down a river)*



The Lord told Elijah about
a secret place to live.

Have You Ever Sinned?

The Bible teaches that we have *all* sinned and do not measure up to God's glory. It also teaches that the price for sin is death which separates us from God. But even though we are sinners, Christ died for us and paid the price for our sin. We just need to ask him to forgive us and receive his free gift of salvation. Just pray this prayer, with a sincere heart, and Jesus will forgive you of your sins. You will become a child of God and live with Him in heaven.

“Dear Jesus,

Please forgive me for the bad things that I have done. Please come into my heart and be my Lord and savior. In your name I pray, Amen.”



God sent ravens to Elijah every morning and evening with bread and meat.

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PRESCHOOL GAME

Supplies: A bowl, napkins, and some fish-shaped crackers

Kids can “fly” like ravens in this game to accompany the story of Elijah.

Seat children in a circle around a chair with an empty bowl under it. Choose one child to be Elijah, and have him or her sit in the chair. Give each of the seated children a napkin and a fish-shaped cracker. Tell them to wrap the crackers inside the napkins.

Say: **God told Elijah to go to a special place where he would send ravens to feed Elijah. Everyone in the circle is going to be a raven. While Elijah is sleeping with his or her eyes closed, I am going to tap one of you on the head. The one I tap is going to fly like a bird over to Elijah. That person will put the cracker into the bowl and then fly back to sit down. We will all say, “Elijah, Elijah, open your eyes and you will find a big surprise!” When we say that, Elijah’s eyes will open. Then Elijah can guess which of you little birds brought dinner. (Elijah may eat the cracker after he or she guesses.)**

After three guesses, the person who fed Elijah becomes the new Elijah and the retired Elijah joins the circle. Continue playing until everyone has had a turn.

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PRESCHOOL BIBLE STORY RHYME



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