



## SESSION 3

# EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE STORY

### BIBLE STORY

Elijah Thinks Fast  
1 Kings 17:7-24

### HERO CODE

God's Heroes Have Wisdom

### HERO VERSE

"Do good! Seek peace and go after  
it!" Psalm 34:14B

### MATERIALS

- Bible Story Poster

### TRANSITION INTO THE BIBLE STORY

Invite children to stop their current activity and prepare for the Bible Story by joining in this Action Rhyme.

**Calling all Heroes** (cup your hands around your mouth)

**Far and Near ...**

**Gather around. There's a story to hear!**

**Oh my goodness, there's so much to do ...**

**Come on, Heroes ... We're waiting for you!**

### BIBLE STORY POSTER

Place the poster for Session 3 at child's eye level.

**Have the children gather around the poster. Let's use our superhero vision to look at today's story poster! Look carefully, Heroes. What do you see?**

Invite the children to place their hands around their eyes (like binoculars) and use their "hero vision" to look at the Bible story poster. Invite the children to take turns identifying story elements from the poster. Ask question to review today's story. Show children the poster before and after the telling of the Bible story.

### GET READY

**It's time for today's Bible story. Let's move to our story circle together.**



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# TELL THE BIBLE STORY

Elijah lived during a time when it was dangerous to be a faithful to the LORD and he boldly followed the Lord wherever the Lord led him. God led him to a Widow who was able to provide bread and water for him every day even though she did not have enough flour and oil. After a while, the widow's son became sick and died. Elijah prayed for the boy and the Lord restored him to life. When the widow's son died she lost all hope. Not only did she lose her son, but any chance of ever having a future. She blamed this death on herself and some unnamed sin. She had given up all hope but Elijah did not. Elijah carried the boy upstairs and prayed that God would heal the widow's son. God heard Elijah's prayer and healed the boy. From this story we learn that God forgives us of our sins, the power of prayer, and God's ability to use ordinary people to achieve the extraordinary.

## THINK ABOUT IT

- Why was the widow upset? *Because her son was dead.*
- What did Elijah do when he saw that the boy had died? *He prayed that God would heal the boy.*
- Did God heal the widow's son? *YES!*
- Would Elijah have been able to heal the boy without God? *NO. God uses ordinary people like you and me to bring about his purpose.*



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### MATERIALS

- Baby Doll (2)
- Beach Blanket (2)
- Items for obstacle course

# RESPOND TO THE BIBLE STORY

## RESPONSE PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank you for giving us people like Elijah who faithfully believe that you can do anything. Please use us today and every day so that we may be pleasing to you. Thank you for hearing us when we pray. Amen.

## RESPONSE ACTIVITY

### CARRYING THE WIDOW'S SON

Set up an obstacle course in your classroom and divide the children into teams of four. One team will run the obstacle course at a time. Give the first team a beach towel and a baby doll. The baby doll will be the widow's son. The four children will work together to carry the widow's son through the obstacle course by each holding a corner of the towel. Since the widow's son is ill, the children must carry the baby doll through the obstacle course back to the starting line. Then pass the baby and towel to another team and so on until everyone has had a turn. Time each group and the group with the fastest time wins.

## HERO VERSE

Open the Bible to Psalm 34:14b

God's Word says, "Do good! Seek peace and go after it!"

Heroes, let's give a thumbs-up whenever we say "Do good!" Okay, show me those thumbs when we say it. *(together)* "Do good!"

Now let's add a peace symbol when we say "Seek peace!" Like this: *(demonstrate)*. All together, now: "Seek peace!"

For the last part, we're going to make a superhero pose, with one fist stretched way up high and the other about shoulder height. *(Demonstrate the superhero pose.)* "Go after it!" Now you try!