

GOD IS ON OUR SIDE

Elijah - 1 Kings for Sunday, September 13, 2020

INTRODUCTION (words written in bold italic are intended to be said out loud)

Have you ever tried to tell someone something true and they didn't believe you? How did that make you feel? Interact with response. In this story, Elijah was telling a lot of people something true about God and they didn't believe him. Let's see what happened!

Pray as a family for God to bless your time before you open God's Word.

BIBLE EXPLORATION Recommended resources: God is on Our Side - Elijah Video

Today we are learning about a man named Elijah, he was a prophet of God. A prophet's job was to deliver God's message. But back in those days, prophets also worked for kings. And the king usually didn't like it when the prophet gave him bad news—even if the prophet was only doing his job by saying what God told him to say. Let's see what Elijah is up against when he delivers some bad news to the King. Begin the video. Can you imagine what it would be like to be outnumbered 450 to 1? Think about having everyone in your whole school against you. But Elijah didn't bat an eye. He didn't worry about the odds. Because he knew God was on his side. God is on our side, too, if we choose to worship him as Elijah did. Close your time in prayer thanking God for being with you.

MEMORY VERSE

"You shall not fear them, for it is the Lord your God who fights for you." Deuteronomy 3:22 (ESV)

RESPONSE ACTIVITY

What an incredible reminder today that God is on our side! For our activity today, let's recreate the moment that God set the altar on fire, with a fun twist!

What you'll need: Four marshmallows, two pretzel sticks, and red/yellow gummies. Stack your pretzels on top of the four marshmallows. Then, place your gummies on the pretzel sticks to make your fire! Click here to see what it looks like!

BLESSING

Read these words from Romans 8:31b (NIV) over your family as a prayer: *If God is for us, who can be against us?*

