



ONLINE 1ST-5TH GRADE

**January 16/17**

**God is the One and Only**

1 Kings 16-18

### **EXPLORE— Altar Stack**

*During Explore, your kids engage in fun, creative activities designed to pique their curiosity about the day's portion of The Big God Story.*

#### **SUPPLIES**

- Rocks or stones
- Twigs
- ALTERNATIVE: Use blocks or a stacking game

One way to worship God is by presenting offerings to Him. Many times in the Old Testament, the Israelites presented their offerings to God by placing them on a small raised area made of stones. This was called an altar. (You might search the internet for a picture of an altar to show your kids) Let's see if we can build a mini version of an altar and get it to stand.

Invite each child to take a stick and a stone. The kids will take turns placing their items in the center of the group to begin building the "altar." They can make this as orderly or as random as they want. Then they can pick up additional stones and sticks and add those to the altar. Encourage the kids to try to balance their sticks and rocks together. If the pile topples over, the kids can start again. See how high they can build the altar!

### **WATCH THE KIDSWORLD ONLINE VIDEO**

Read 1 Kings 18:16-46 in your Bible, pointing out that God's Word is true and can be trusted.

## RESPOND

*During respond time, kids reflect on what the Holy Spirit is teaching them and respond through creative activities and games.*

- What is a drought? Why was there a drought in Israel? 1 Kings 17:1
- What did Elijah pray before he made a sacrifice to God? 1 Kings 18:36–37
- Why did Elijah cover the altar with water? 1 Kings 18:38
- What happened after God sent fire from heaven? 1 Kings 18:39
- How can you step out in faith and declare God to be the one and only?
- Has God ever asked you to step out in faith to do something? Tell us about it.

## ENGAGE: Fire from Heaven

SUPPLIES:

- Watercolor paints
- paper
- crayons

In the contest between the prophets of Baal and Elijah, God showed Himself as the one and only by sending fire to burn up the wet altar. Let's paint our own "fire" as we remember that God is our one and only.

Start by drawing a fire on your paper with crayons. As the kids draw, invite them to think about God's power and what He can do because He's the one and only God. Then encourage each child to use a marker to write a word about God on their paper in crayon.

After they have drawn a fire, use watercolor paints to paint over the crayon so they can remember how God is the One and Only God!