



KIDS HOUSE PARTY

PARENT GUIDE

Life App Definition

Confidence is learning to see yourself the way God sees you.

Main Idea

We finish up the month in **1 Kings 18**. Elijah showed confidence that God could do the impossible. When Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal, He believed that God would come through for him and send fire from heaven. So much so that he doubled-down on the challenge. God showed up and proved His power over the impossible. This simple bottom line is packed with some amazing truth. God has the power to do anything! When we believe that, it can change everything. We hope kids discover how they can live with confidence knowing this truth about God.

Memory Verse

I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Psalm 27:13

Bottom Line

God can do the impossible.

Activity Rotation: "Be the Story"

The point of this activity is to help kids make a deeper connection with the story from today's lesson where the Israelites saw God do the impossible.

- Show kids the "Elijah Cards" one at a time. Model the following motions for each card, guiding kids to imitate you.
 - Elijah—Shout triumphantly, "God can do the impossible!"
 - Ahab—Use both hands to make a crown over your head.
 - Fire—Wave your hands and arms like fire.
 - Rain—Open up both hands, spreading your fingers. Starting with your hands above your head, bring them down. Your fingers are the "falling rain."
- Next, read "Be the Story" Activity Page.
- Pause after each key word (Elijah, Ahab, fire, rain), showing the corresponding "Elijah Card" and cueing kids to do the motion.
- Recap with the kids that the Israelites saw God do the IMPOSSIBLE when they saw Him send the fire that burned up the sacrifice, the wood, and even the WATER.
- Remind them that there might be some things in our lives that seem impossible. God may do the impossible or He might help us trust Him, no matter what.
- Finally, remind them that God loves them, and He is with them and is always in control.

Israel was ruled by many kings who didn't listen to God. But King **Ahab** was the worst. He even built a temple to a fake god and told everyone to worship him! But God sent his prophet, **Elijah**, to give a message to **Ahab**. **Elijah** said, "God will not send **rain** for the next few years except at my word." For three years there was no **rain** in Israel—not a drop! But through it all, God provided food and water for **Elijah**.

In the third year, God spoke to **Elijah**. He said, "Go. Speak to **Ahab**. Then I will send **rain** again." So **Elijah** went to **Ahab** and said, "Gather the Israelites and meet me on Mount Carmel. And bring the prophets of Baal."

When everyone had gathered, **Elijah** called out, "How long will you go back and forth between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him. But if Baal is God, follow him. Get two bulls for us. Let Baal's prophets prepare one of the bulls and place it on an altar to Baal, but not light it. I'll put the other bull on an altar to the Lord. The god who answers by **fire**—he is God!"

The people agreed. So the prophets of Baal prepared a bull and put it on their altar. From morning until noon, they danced around the altar, calling on their false god. But nothing happened. No one answered.

Elijah called out, "Shout louder! Maybe your 'god'" is busy or on a trip—or maybe he is asleep!" So the prophets of Baal danced harder and shouted louder all through the afternoon. But still, nothing happened. No one answered. No one paid attention!

Finally, **Elijah** stood up. He took twelve large rocks and made an altar to the Lord. Then he put the bull and sticks of wood on top of the stones and dug a deep pit around the whole altar. He told several of the Israelites, "Fill four large jars with water and pour it on the sacrifice." He had them do this three times! The wood became SO wet that water even flowed down the altar and filled the pit!

Then **Elijah** prayed, "Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, let everyone know that YOU are the one TRUE God! Answer me, Lord, so these people will know that you are God, and that you are turning their hearts to love You again."

Then **fire** fell from heaven onto the altar! The **fire** instantly burned up the wet wood and sacrifice, even burning up the water in the pit. The people fell on their faces and cried out, "The Lord—He is God! The Lord—He is God!"

Elijah said to **Ahab**, "Go. Eat and drink, for there is the sound of a heavy **rain**."

Though the sky was completely clear, in a short time one tiny cloud appeared. More clouds quickly joined it. The clouds grew dark and black. The wind rose. Then fat drops of **rain** splatted onto the dry earth for the first time in THREE YEARS! Filled with God's strength and joy, **Elijah** raced ahead of **Ahab's** chariot all the way back to the city. God had done the impossible!

What to Do:

Print one for each small group.

"Be the Story" Activity Page

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Elijah



Ahab



Fire



Rain

What to Do:

Print on cardstock and cut apart. Provide one set for each small group.