

# CONNECTING FAITH AND LIFE

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN | YOUTH | FAMILY | ADULT

## KEY POINT

God uses Elijah to heal a young boy. It is through Elijah that God is made known. God uses us, our words and our actions, to make himself known in this world.

## KEY VERSE

1 Kings 1:24

Nathan said, "Have you, my lord the king, declared that Adonijah shall be king after you, and that he will sit on your throne?"

## CONNECT

Share highs and lows

## READ

1 Kings 17:1-16 [17-24]

(Spark Storybook Bible - P. 140 Elijah and the Widow)

## SHARE

- If you only had one piece of your favorite candy or cookie, how willing would you be to give it to someone else? Why might you try to keep it all to yourself?
- When has God met your needs in an unlikely way?

## DO

### DAILY NEEDS

*Supplies could include:* cash, grocery store ads

God uses Elijah in unexpected ways whether it is healing a young boy or the miracle with the widow. This week take the opportunity to explore how God provides for us. There are 2 options of how you could do this as a family.

1. Use grocery store ads to do your shopping.
2. Physically go to the store to do the shopping.

This activity can be done with a great amount of flexibility to meet both time constraints and your family values. Here are a few guidelines below:

1. (Optional) Have them plan their meal/menu in advance.
2. Set an amount you want each kid to spend and what you want them to shop for. Use real cash if you like so they can see what they spend.
  - a. Younger students start with one meal.
  - b. Older students maybe do a who day, a couple days or a week.
  - c. Challenge: Add in other necessities.
3. Set a time limit for how long they can "shop" for.
4. Using ads or head to the store - let them shop for food. It will be hard as a parent to not step in and guide them but let them do the shopping!

(activity continues on the back)

When your student is all done shopping. Talk through the following questions.

- What was the meal/s that your were planned?
- Did the meals cover the nutrients that we need? Did it miss anything we need.
- Did you get everything you needed to cook the meal? (i.e. the necessities for the meal)
- Did you get everything you wanted for the meal? (i.e. extras - chocolate milk, dessert, etc.)
- Was this activity hard? Why or Why not?
- Parents share with your student what was valuable/fun to do with your student.

Say: God knows what we need every day, and sometimes it is not what we think we need or in the amount we think we need.

## PRAY

Thank you God, for all you have made. Help us share your love and goodness with others.  
Amen.

## BLESS

Share this verbal blessing with one another: "You have been filled with God's love today.  
Amen."