

# Sunday School Family Sheet: First Things First

## Sunday, May 2, 2021

This sheet is for an adult member of the home to use as a guide for discussing the Sunday School Bible lesson with children.

**For this lesson:**

You will need either:

- 1) a Bible, or
- 2) 365 Bible Stories and Prayers

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1. **Read and Talk.** Read aloud 1 Kings 17-18 or pp. 142-145 in 365 Bible Stories and Prayers. Before reading aloud, share the following: “The people of Israel had good and bad kings. The people of Israel would also follow the lead of good and bad kings. Because of the bad kings God had to send prophets so the people and the kings would repent from their evil. This week we come across one very important prophet: Elijah. God would perform miracles for Elijah and through Elijah. We read about three this week: Elijah is miraculously fed by ravens; God feeds a poor widow and her son by a pot that doesn’t empty; and God sending down fire upon water-soaked wood. God can do all things!” Then ask the children to keep these questions in mind as you read. **After reading, go over the answers and guide them towards the answers here:**

- a. Why was there a drought in the land of Israel? *(It didn’t rain for 2 years because Queen Jezebel told the people of Israel to honor Baal and not God. This breaks the 1<sup>st</sup> Commandment!)*
- b. What did God have ravens bring to Elijah? Why did Elijah need help? *(Ravens brought Elijah food, like bread, because there was a drought in the land.)*
- c. How did God feed Elijah and the widow’s family? *(God made it possible the food pot never became empty even after they would take food out of it.)*
- d. How did God prove his power to the evil King Ahab? *(God sent down fire to prove to Israel Baal was a false god, to prove that He was the one true God!)*

2. **Teach.** After you’ve talked a bit, share these or similar thoughts: Leading in the Church and in the world around us matters! So also does leading in a family. We can lead by example in our families, no matter how old we are, by praying to God, by reading the Bible together, and by attending weekly worship. Israel had many bad leaders. We can learn from their example of what NOT to do.

3. **Pray.** Have the children cross themselves and say, “In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Also, lead them in this prayer: “Dear God, you have lead me to the Church in Baptism. Help me to honor you as the one true God and to be faithful and obedient to you all my life. Help me when I fail, always reminding me of your love which never fails. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.”