



BIG IDEA

It's amazing! God takes care of me.

THE BIBLE

God Provides for Elijah: I Kings 17; (1 Peter 5:7)

MUSIC | Worship

INSTRUCTIONS: Spend some time in worship with your kids with songs like:

- "Amazed" by Phillips, Craig, and Dean
- "One Thing Remains" by Kristian Stanfill.

QUESTION | Who Do You Take Care Of?

- Can you name some things or people you help take care of?
- What kinds of things do you do to care for them?
- Is it always easy to take care of them?
- In today's Bible story, we are going to hear about how God took care of Elijah, but God did it in a very unusual way.

THE BIG IDEA | It's amazing! God takes care of me.

- INSTRUCTIONS: Present the Big Idea with these hand motions:
- It's amazing [Open your hands and make a big circle with "spirit fingers."]
- God [Raise both of your arms, making a V shape.]
- takes care of me [Squeeze yourself in a hug.]

VIDEO | Amazed, Episode 1

• INSTRUCTIONS: Play this week's <u>teaching video</u>.

SCRIPTURE | 1 Kings 17

- INSTRUCTIONS: Find the Bible story in 1 Kings 17 and read it together.
- Have you ever been on a road trip and your stomach started growling? You ask when it's going to be time to stop for lunch, but you are told not for a while. That's like what happened to Elijah.

AMAZED | OCTOBER 4 AT HOME LESSON

- There was no food or water in the land, but God took care of him. God provided water for Elijah at a brook, which is a stream of water.
- How did God provide meat and bread to Elijah? God took care of Elijah by sending ravens to provide his food.
- The widow only had enough oil and flour to make one more meal for herself and her son. Elijah assured her that her jar of flour and oil would not run out until God sent the rain again.
- Not only did God take care of Elijah, but God also took care of the widow and the son.
 There was food every day for Elijah and the widow and her son. It was amazing!
- One day, the woman's son got sick and died. It was very sad, but Elijah prayed to God and do you know what? God took care of the boy and the boy was alive again!
- What an amazing way God took care of Elijah! And God takes care of us, too.

DISCUSSION

- How did God take care of Elijah?
- How did God take care of the widow?
- How did God take care of the boy?
- Read 1 Kings 17:14. What is something God has for you that will never run out?
 This may be family, love, salvation, grace, etc.
- How is God taking care of you now?
- Why is it amazing that God takes care of us?
- How can God use you to care for someone else?

SCRIPTURE | 1 Peter 5:7

- INSTRUCTIONS: Look up the verse and read it aloud.
- What kinds of things are you worried about these days?
- God cares about us so much, God actually wants us to give all of the things we're worried about over to God. We don't have to worry about anything because God is going to take care of us.
- When you are feeling overwhelmed, sad, or afraid, how can you give your cares to God?
- Elijah had to have been feeling overwhelmed, sad, or afraid, too, when he realized there would not be enough food to eat. God provided for him in amazing ways. We will also be amazed by how God cares for us.

CRAFT | Elijah Door Hanger

Follow the craft provided in the Week 1 folder in your activity bag. If you did not pick up an activity bag you may print the craft below.

ACTIVITY | You Care for Me

• **INSTRUCTIONS:** Provide construction paper and art supplies for your kid to create a card for someone who takes care of them. This might be a parent, teacher, babysitter, or other family member. Allow them to write or draw why they are thankful to have this person caring for them.

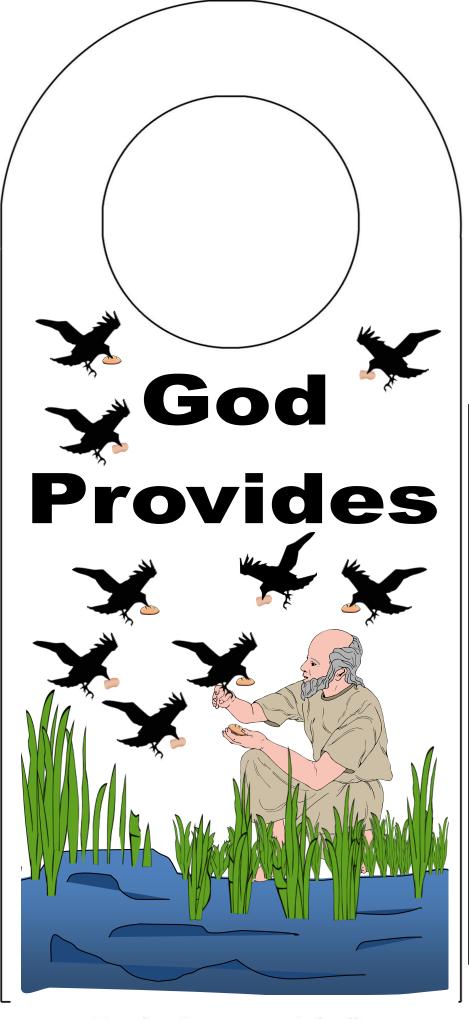


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- o **SPECIAL NEEDS HACK:** Guide them with special needs throughout this activity by asking what they would like to express. You can also add in a message on their cards to their parents and caregivers, thanking them for trusting you with their children.
- You have people in your life who care for you. We are going to make a card, thanking that person for taking care of you.

MEMORY VERSE | Deuteronomy 7:21 (NIV)

Practice this month's memory verse together.



Name some things
God provides for you: