

Discussion Questions Course 213–1

Large Group

1. Chris and Gizmo were obsessed with a new videogame. What does “obsessed” mean?
2. Can anything ever be more important or more powerful than God, who is alive and loves us so much that He sent His Son to die for us?

Small Group

Game

1. In the Superbook adventure, Chris and Gizmo were playing a videogame about false gods. We worship the one true God. Is there any other god that deserves to be worshiped?
2. Why did Chris throw his video game in the trash after he returned from the Superbook adventure?
3. Before Elijah asked God to send fire, he stacked some stones to rebuild God’s altar that had been neglected and torn down. How many stones did he use?
4. Why do you think he used twelve stones?

Teaching

1. Why wasn’t God pleased with King Ahab?
2. Ahab had built a temple to a false god. That is why Elijah spoke God’s words of judgment, stopping the rain and causing a drought. What happens when there is a drought?
3. Hundreds of years earlier, God delivered the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. Do you think God set His people free so they could worship idols?
4. How sad that the people would not speak up and say they would follow God! Why not?
5. Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal to a showdown, and he let them go first. They prayed, pleaded and danced for hours, but Baal did not respond. Why not?
6. 1 Kings 18:39. Were the people silent, now?
7. Is an idol only a man-made figure or statue like Baal was?
8. Idols can be many things in our lives, today. Can you name some things that might be an idol in our lives?

Prayer

1. Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal to ask their idol to send fire onto their altar. After the prophets had prayed, shouted and danced for hours, Baal was silent. Why do you think the idol did not answer the prophets?

Additional Activities

Object Lesson

1. Would it matter if you chose one type one day, and the other type another day?
2. Is one object more important or superior to the other, or are they basically the same and equal?

Craft

1. What did Elijah do first after he called all of the people to come near him?

2. He had to rebuild the altar because it had been torn down. How many stones did Elijah use for the altar?
3. Why were there twelve stones?
4. Try to imagine what it would have been like to be King Ahab, one of the false prophets, or the people of Israel who had chosen to worship idols instead of God. How do you think they felt when the idol Baal did not answer?
6. What were they thinking and feeling as the fire fell from heaven?