

# Elijah and the Prophets of Baal: Lesson 1

**SuperTruth:** There is only one God.

**SuperVerse:** “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.” Deuteronomy 6:4–5 (NKJV)

**Bible Story:** 1 Kings 16:28–34; 17:1–4; 18

## Game Materials

### Needed:

- 24 small stones or pieces of gravel
- Two small boxes to hold the stones
- Table
- Optional: plastic spoons or index cards, one per child, plus extras
- Bible or the Superbook

## Teaching Materials

### Needed:

- Masking or painters tape
- My Time Wheel Pattern
- My Time Wheel Instructions
- Scissors for children
- Brass roundhead paper fasteners, one per child plus extras
- Pencils
- Marker
- Figure Pattern for Optional Object Lesson
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

## SuperVerse Materials

### Needed:

- Whiteboard or chalkboard
- Markers or chalk, erasers
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

## Prayer Materials

### Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

## LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Today we will watch an exciting Bible story called “Elijah and the Prophets of Baal.” God is the one true God who deserves all of our worship and devotion!

- Chris is so obsessed with becoming the most powerful “god” in a video game that he neglects his friends and family.
- Superbook takes Chris, Joy and Gizmo back to ancient Israel. They meet Elijah, a prophet of the Lord, who boldly stands alone to challenge 450 prophets of the false god Baal in an epic showdown. The Lord clearly demonstrates that He is the one true God.

## SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

### Game: Stack the Stones (15 minutes)

**Objective:** Race to stack twelve stones.

- Before Elijah asked God to send fire, he stacked some stones to rebuild God’s altar that had been neglected and torn down. Today, we will have a relay race to stack up twelve stones.

**Game Instructions:**

- This will be a relay race to pass, then stack, the twelve stones. Only four stones can be at the bottom of the pile, with the other eight stacked on top! The first child on each team is the “stone picker” and the last child is the “stone stacker.”

### Teaching: The Only True God (15 minutes)

**Objective:** Discuss the True God.

- Elijah challenged the Israelites to choose which God they would love and follow. Would they choose the one true God—the Lord, who is alive and who made the entire world? Or would they follow Baal, an idol that people made out of wood, metal or stone?

**Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)**

- Our challenge is to use our My Time Wheels as a reminder to put God first in our lives. Each day, ask Him how to use your time, then listen for His answer in your hearts.

### SuperVerse: Superbook Signs (5 minutes)

**Objective:** Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- We should love God with all our heart, with all our soul, and all our strength—not keeping anything back from Him!
- Children will learn the SuperVerse with some simple hand motions today. Say each phrase and do the hand motions with the children.

### Prayer: Come back Prayers (5 minutes)

**Objective:** Communicate with God.

- Elijah did not issue this challenge to show off or to bring glory to himself. Elijah wanted one thing—for God’s people to know that the Lord is the true God of Israel. Elijah’s desire was that the people would come back to God, and that they would worship Him alone.
- Today, we are going to pray for our community—our neighbors, family, friends, and classmates. Let’s pray as Elijah did, that people would come to the Lord and recognize that He alone is God!
- Allow time for children to pray quietly, and encourage a few of them to pray out loud if they feel comfortable doing so.

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

**Challenge Game:** Play a challenge game to reinforce the SuperVerse. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

**Object Lesson:** Present an object lesson about the only true God. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

**Craft:** Create a picture of God answering Elijah. | **Grades 1–3** | 15 min

**Skit:** Interview people at the Mount Carmel Challenge. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min