

Elijah and the Prophets of Baal: Lesson 2

SuperTruth: I will not trust the idols of this world.

SuperVerse: “Dear children, keep away from anything that might take God’s place in your hearts. 1 John 5:21 (NLT)

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

Game Materials

Needed:

- String or painters tape
- Bible or the Superbook

Teaching Materials

Needed:

- Paper Cross Pattern
- Six small paper bags, such as lunch sacks, that can stand upright
- Table
- Marker
- My Time Wheel Pattern from lesson 1
- Bible or the *Superbook* Bible App

SuperVerse Materials

Needed:

- Timer—clock/watch with second hand, stopwatch, timer app
- Whiteboard, chalkboard
- Markers or chalk
- Bible or the *Superbook* Bible App

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard, chalkboard
- Markers or chalk
- Bibles or the *Superbook* Bible App

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Today is the second lesson of our Superbook story, “Elijah and the prophets of Baal.” Elijah wanted God to be #1 in the Israelites’ hearts. God is the one true God, and He is holy!

- 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.
- Watch the Bible Background Video and learn about the time when Elijah was God’s prophet.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: Which Side? (15 minutes)

Objective: Explore the Superbook story by playing a game of choices.

- Elijah called the people to choose God or the idol, Baal! We all must make a choice to trust God above everything else! Today’s game is all about choosing sides!

Game Instructions:

- The leader shouts a command and ends each one by saying either “to the right” or “to the left.” Children immediately jump to the correct side—or stay on the same side—and do the command. If any children jump to or stay on the wrong side, they must sit out of the game for two commands before returning.

Teaching: First Place (15 minutes)

Objective: Demonstrate how nothing can take God’s place.

- Idols like Baal are common in some cultures of the world. However, idols are not only figures or statues; they can be anything that distracts us from putting God first in our lives. God did not limit an idol to a certain shape or material! So, let’s take a look at how different things—even good things—can become idols in our lives and distract us from putting God first!

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- Use the Time Wheels to spend time with Him every day—worshipping Him, reading our Bibles, praying, and listening to His voice in our hearts.

SuperVerse: Superbook Back and Forth (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- This verse is a warning written in love. We are God’s dear children and He wants us to guard our hearts so that nothing takes His place.
- Have the girls form one line standing side by side, and the boys form another line facing the girls with several feet between the two lines. Start the time. The first girl on one end will shout the first word of the SuperVerse, then the first boy directly across from her will shout the next word. Continue in a girl/boy alternating pattern until the entire SuperVerse is shouted.

Prayer: Balance Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- We have been looking at how we can have proper balance in our lives. Name a few things—even good things—that could become idols to us in our world.
- Have children bow their heads and think about any activities or things that may have begun to take God’s place in their hearts. Have them silently confess these things to God and ask Him for help to bring things into proper balance again.

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

Toss Game: Play a game to illustrate guarding our hearts. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Balloon Game: Play a game of keep away from idols. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Sketch Game: Play a game to draw things that could become idols. | **Grades 1–3** | 10 min

Bible Study: Discuss the choice to serve only God. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min