

Adventures with GOD!

INTRODUCTION – FRIENDS OF GOD (C.2.FALL)

LESSONS FOR CHILDREN AGES 9-11

GOAL FOR THE TRIMESTER: Learn to be faithful to God because throughout history God has been faithful to his people. God promises love and care, even in the most difficult moments. God will be faithful in your life. God is a God of miracles.

MESSAGE FOR THE TEACHER:

Being a Christian is sometimes difficult. It requires us to willingly follow God in every situation of our life. During this quarter the children in your class will study the life of Elijah and Elisha, two men who followed God even in the most difficult times of their lives.

How can you give the children in your class the opportunity to feel useful by serving others? You can do this by including them in each class activity. During the lessons, it would be good to ask the children to help by participating in various activities, for example: taking attendance, passing out materials, welcoming new children, cleaning the classroom, decorating the classroom and so on. If there is a Bible story to be read, let one of them read it. Have them act out the story together. It would be good to give them a portion of the Scripture found in the upcoming week's lesson to read at home during the week. This will also provide time for study for them at home.

In the lessons, you will find crafts and activities. Prepare the craft materials and copies of the worksheets in advance so that when you need them, they are ready.

Together study the life of Elijah and Elisha; these stories will help them grow and learn what it means to live by faith. Each of these men in the Bible, experienced God's faithfulness by seeing the hand of God in times of need. Children should understand that the same God who took care of and used Elijah and Elisha to help others, is the same God we worship.

Pray for help and guidance in preparing lessons and in the teaching time. You can pray with them before starting each class. This will help them understand that we need the help and blessing of God, too. We have included suggested ways of entering the lesson through prayer and Bible reading.

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CRAFT

CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

Making a "Classified Information" booklet is fun for children of this age, especially when they have different colored pages separating the categories or stories. It looks more "official" and important. You can give them the title of "investigative reporters." Encourage them to use their own words in the booklets. They will be investigating the "tasks" or "duties" that God gave Elijah and Elisha, the miracles God did through them, and the "problems" that God helped them solve.

Below you will find sample of booklet.

Materials: 12 sheets of white paper (3 sets of 12 in different sizes 22cm, 25cm, 28cm), markers, pencils, stapler, construction paper, cardstock also cut in the three different sizes

Preparation:

1. Put all of the sheets (22 x 21 cm) together with a top sheet of cardstock.
 - on the sheet of cardstock write "TASKS" vertically on the right side.
 - in the center of the cardstock write "ELIJAH AND ELISHA" and below in brackets (CLASSIFIED INFORMATION).
2. Put another set of sheets together (25 x 21 cm) with the top sheet of cardstock.
 - on the sheet of cardstock write "MIRACLES" vertically on the right side.
3. Put all sheets of 28 x 21 cm together with a sheet of cardstock on top and the other below.
 - on the sheet of cardstock write "PROBLEMS" vertically on the right side.
4. Staple them together (see pattern below)

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Pattern

