

DRAW NEAR

And Be Strengthened!
1 Kings 18

Message: October 18, 2020

Key thought: God is real, the only one true God.

Parent Helps:

- Invite your child to think about the number one. Ask: “What is something that you only have one of?” (If your child needs help getting started, mention that he/she only has one nose and one mouth. He/She might mention having one sibling, house, pet, toothbrush, and so on.)
- Explain that the Bible tells us something very important about the number one. The Bible teaches that there is only one true God. There is no one greater than God. He is all-powerful, all-knowing, all-loving, and all-wise.
- Read aloud 1 Kings 18:20-39.

Discussion Questions:

Younger Kids Questions:

1. What is God like? (Encourage descriptive words. God is: “good,” “kind,” “powerful,” and so on.)
2. Why should people obey and worship God?
3. What is something you could tell a friend about God?

Additional Older Kids Questions:

1. How can a person know God?
2. How do you know that God is real? (Parent help: We believe in what we can't see. Your child cannot physically see hunger, but he/she knows it exists. He/she feels and experiences evidence of hunger, therefore he/she is confident of its existence. Explain that we cannot see God, but we can see the evidence of His existence. We see God in the order of His creation, and in the miracles Jesus performed on the earth. We also see evidence of His work in our own lives as He answers prayer.)
3. Why is it important for you to stand firm in your faith in God?

Apply:

- Acknowledge that God is real, the only true God. (Genesis 1:1; Psalm 14:1; John 17:3; 1 Corinthians 8:6)
- Choose to worship only God. (Exodus 34:14; 1 Kings 18:21; Joshua 24:14-15; Matthew 6:24; 1 Timothy 1:17)
- Be strong in your faith. (Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 16:13; Ephesians 6:10-18; Colossians 2:8)

Activity:

Set a hula-hoop on the floor (or a bucket). Give your child a beanbag or soft ball. Challenge your child to do a “trick shot” and toss the bean bag into the hoop. For example, challenge him/her to toss the bean bag with eyes closed, under one leg, from a far distance, over his/her shoulder, and so on. If your child is willing to accept the challenge, lead him/her to shout: “I can do it!” Mention that something everyone can do is tell others what they know about the one true God.

Pray Together:

- Thank God for giving us the Bible and for sending His Son, Jesus, so we can know Him.
- Pray for those who do not know about the one true God or His Son, Jesus.
- Ask God to help your family stand firm in your faith and share it with others.

