

Elijah Is Fed by Ravens

Level B | Lesson 1 | Teacher Overview

Key Message: The Lord took care of His prophet, Elijah.

Texts: I Kings 16:29-33
I Kings 17:1-7

Activity Options (choose 2 or 3)

1. Talk About It
2. Memory Verse
3. Make: A Raven
4. Act It Out: Elijah Is Fed by Ravens
5. Color: Elijah Is Fed by Ravens



I Kings 17:6

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Talk About It

I Kings 16:29-33: Ahab Is King

I Kings 17:1-7: Elijah Is Fed by Ravens

1. Today we will be learning about two men: Ahab the king, and the Lord's prophet Elijah. A prophet is someone who hears what the Lord says, and tells all the people what the Lord wants them to do.
2. Elijah the prophet probably dressed in simple clothes. He may have had long hair, and a simple rough cloak. He walked through the country.
3. What was the first commandment the Lord gave at Mount Sinai? (There is one God: you shall have no other gods.) Ahab the king broke this commandment and made wooden images of a false god—Baal. He also set up a temple for Baal, and worshipped Baal instead of the Lord.
4. The Lord sent Elijah the prophet to Ahab so that Ahab and his wife Jezebel would return to worshipping the Lord. Elijah spoke the Lord's word to Ahab. If you were Ahab, how might you feel about this? (As a comparison, think about a time when your parents asked you to do something that you did not want to do. How might you feel if your brother or sister reminds you that you are not doing what you are asked to do?)
5. Elijah told Ahab that there would be a drought—no rain or dew for three and a half years—because Ahab was worshipping Baal. What would happen if there was no more rain? (after a while the plants would die, no food would grow, streams would disappear, etc.)
6. The Lord wanted to take care of Elijah during the drought and told him to go and live by a little stream—the brook Cherith. The Lord sent ravens—huge black birds—to bring him bread and meat each morning and evening.
7. When we do what the Lord tells us, He takes care of us too.

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Cut in quarters and give one to each student to take home.

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Make: A Raven

I Kings 17:1-7: Elijah Is Fed by Ravens

Create a raven puppet or a paper raven to use when acting out the story.

Raven Puppet

Supplies Needed for Each Child

- black sock, glove or mitten
- black beads, buttons or paper cut-out for eyes
- black paper or felt large enough to cut out two wings and a beak
- scissors
- white pencil, crayon or chalk for tracing black wings
- stapler
- needle and thread *or* hot glue gun
- food for the raven to carry (crackers, or pieces of flat bread)

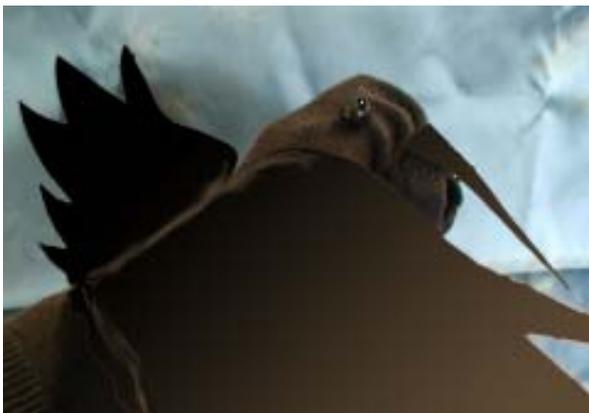


Teacher Preparation

Print templates page on stiff paper. Cut around wing and beak pattern to create template. Templates can be shared.

Project Directions

1. Draw around the wing template twice and beak template once on to black paper or felt using a white pencil, crayon or chalk.
2. Cut out wings and beak.
3. With teacher help, use needle and thread or a hot glue gun to attach “eyes” to the puppet.
4. Attach wings and beak by stapling to the sock.
5. Child puts one hand into the sock or glove, moving up and down to make the puppet “fly.” Shape the fingers and sock to create a “beak” to hold and carry pieces of bread to Elijah.



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Paper Raven

Supplies Needed for Each Child

- black paper 9”x12” (23cm x30cm)
- scissors
- “food” for raven (white paper)
- white pencil or crayon
- glue or tape



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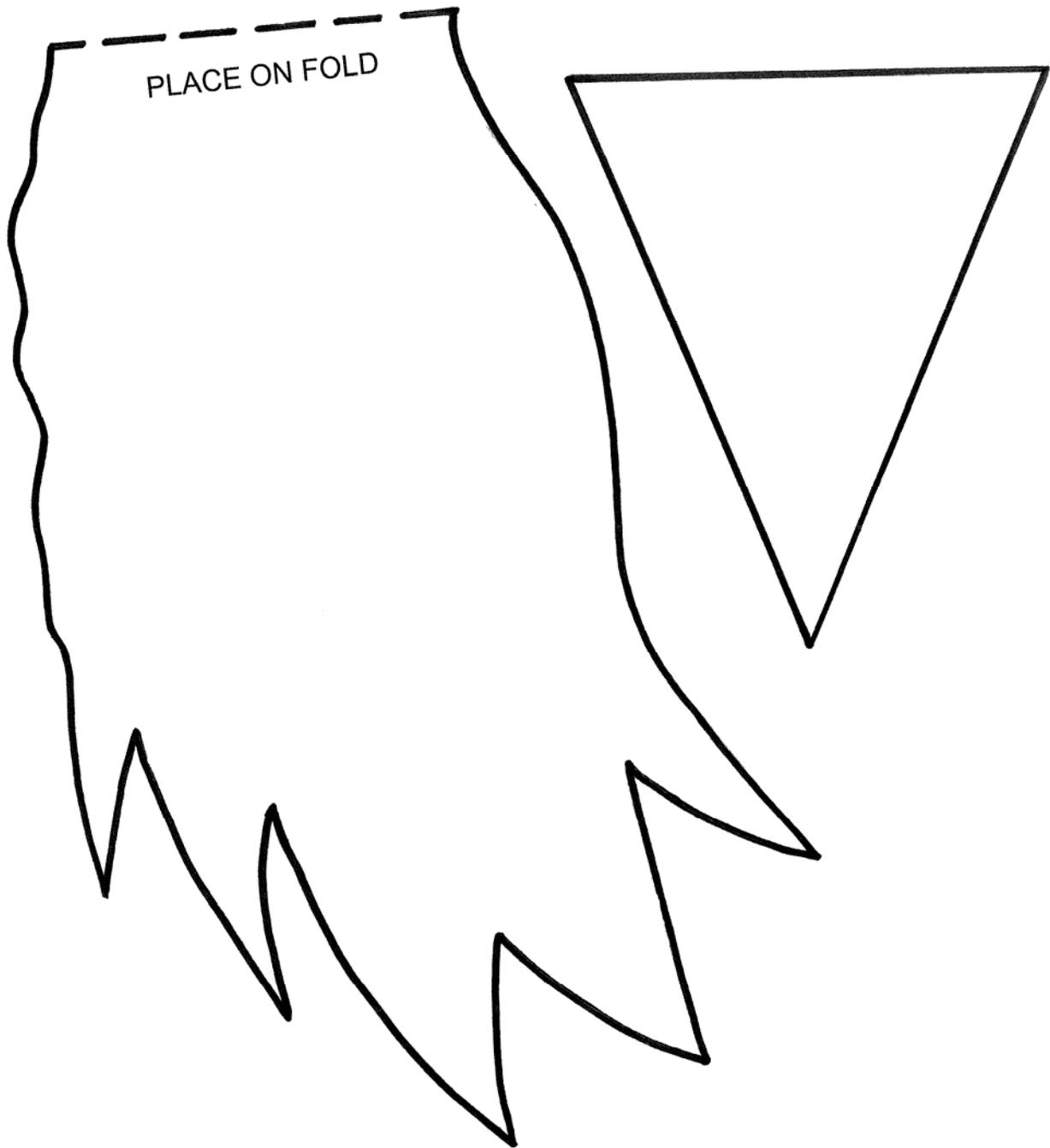
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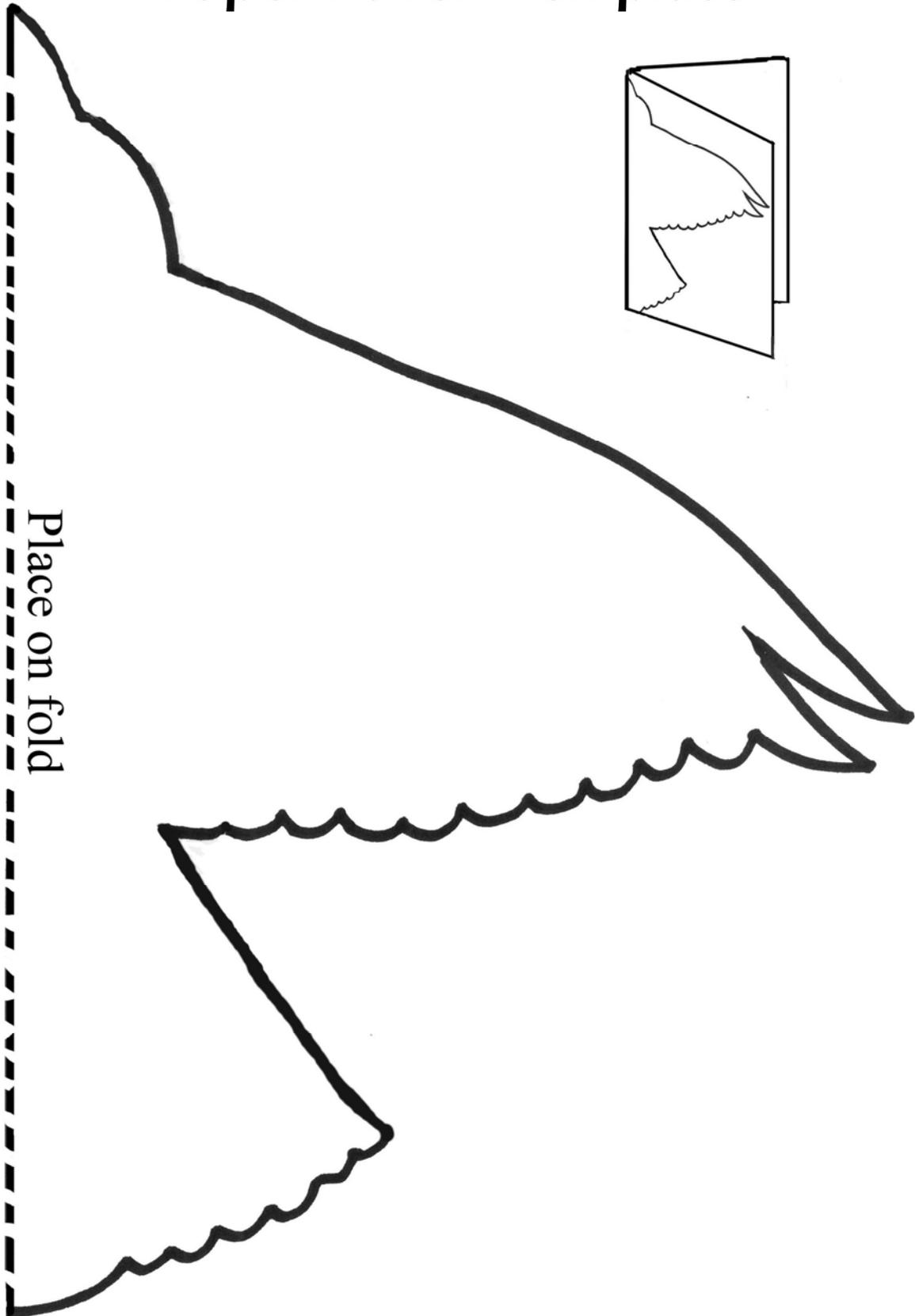
1. Fold black paper in half.
2. Place template on fold.
3. Draw around template with white pencil.
4. Cut raven out. Fold wings and tail down.
5. Tear or cut paper into “food” and tape or glue into the beak
6. Use the Raven to act out the story of Elijah being fed by ravens.



Raven Puppet Wing and Beak Templates



Paper Raven Template



Place on fold

Act It Out: I Kings 17:1-7

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The teacher will read the story from the Word while the children act it out. Young children will readily accept the idea that there can be more than one Elijah, Ahab, and multiple ravens. Include all of the children in your play. Children may enjoy acting it out more than once!

Setting the Scene

Choose an open space. Create the brook Cherith with blue fabric (sheets, towels or fabric remnants), ribbons, etc.

Props

- *optional:* prophet costumes (see directions in this lesson)
- *optional:* crown(s) for Ahab(s)
- *optional:* walking stick(s) for Elijah(s)
- bread or crackers for the ravens to feed Elijah
- blue fabric or ribbons for the brook Cherith
- *optional:* raven puppets (see Week 1, Level B for simple puppet directions) or act out



Characters

- Ahab
- Elijah
- Ravens

(Helpers who are not involved can make the brook “dry up” by pulling it to one side of the room.)

Story Script

Elijah and Ahab face each other. Narrator reads:

And Elijah the Tishbite... said to Ahab, “As the Lord God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word.”

Ahab leaves. Elijah stands at the side of the room. Narrator reads:

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan.

Elijah walks to the “brook.”

And it will be that you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.”

Elijah stoops and “drinks” from the brook.

So he went and did according to the word of the Lord, for he went and stayed by the brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan.

Ravens bring bread for Elijah to “eat.”

The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook.

Helpers pull back the brook so that it “dries up.”

And it happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

