

PECULIAR TREASURES LESSON

OPEN HEAVENS 2 - Senior

Lesson 2: Plenty Plenty Rain
Text: I Kings 18:1-46 (focus verses – 1, 15-17, 26, 36-39); James 5:16-18
Central Truth: Out of the spiritual comes the physical.
Memory Verse: Colossians 4:2 "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving."

GETTING STARTED

1. One or two of the children to talk about the water cycle. **OR**
2. A few of the children can talk about the sources of water, and whether it is easy to difficult to get water from those sources. **OR**
3. A few of the children should talk about the benefit of water.

INTRO

Four people will read and act the skit "Bold and Humble" The children will discuss their understanding of what they had heard.

THE WORD

We want to receive many things from God, however there are several reasons why we sometimes don't receive those things. We'll look at a story (true story) that will show us what we can do to receive answers to prayers.

At a particular time, many years ago, there was a drought in Israel. It was during the time of King Ahab and Prophet Elijah. One day Elijah **heard God** telling him that rain was going to fall. (*1 Kings 18:1*) Elijah didn't just stay at home and dance. He decided to **pray** it in. He stayed in his **quiet** place, away from distractions and prayed. He **prayed with boldness** (come boldly before the throne of grace), but he was also **humble**.

Elijah prayed **straight to the point**. He didn't tell God stories. This is similar to how the church prayed for Peter when he was imprisoned. (*Acts 12:5*) The prayer was **intense, earnest, and fervent**.

After praying, Elijah **actively waited** for the answer to the prayer. (*Colossians 4:2, Psalm 130:5, 6.*)

Waiting for the answer to your prayer might require a lot of patience. For example, George Mueller who founded an orphanage and maintained it through faith, 'waited' 52 years before two of his friends got born again. (*Psalm 40:1*)

The servant of Elijah went seven times before the manifestation of rain coming surfaced. However, not long after the manifestation of the small cloud, the rain came down in torrents. There was now not just the sound of abundance of rain, there was abundance of rain. There was plenty, plenty water.

Earlier, Elijah had told Ahab to enter his chariot and hurry home that rain was about to fall. After he had seen the cloud, Elijah began to run home. The power of God was upon him mightily that he overtook Ahab and his chariot.

MEMORY VERSE

Colossians 4:2 "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving."

SONG – IT IS RAINING

It is raining all around me.

I can feel it. It's a lot of rain. *(or It's the latter rain.)*
Ride on Jesus, give us more rain,
Until we are wet and we are soaked in the latter rain.

AT OUR LEVEL

- What have you believed God for?
- What scripture did you use to back up your prayers?
- Share some of the things you did when praying.
- Share some of your answers to prayers.

CONFESSION

I am a blessed child of the living God. I am under open heavens. I hear the sound of the abundance of rain. I know that there will be a great rain of blessings upon me, my family, my church, and my nation. God's word is living and active. I am bold and I am humble. I will testify of God's goodness in my life, in the life of my family, in my church, and in my nation.

REVISION

1. What is our topic for today?
2. Who are the two main Bible characters in today's story?
3. What is the name of the person who waited maintained an orphanage by faith?
4. The memory verse for today's lesson is _____
5. What word did Elijah receive from God?
6. What did Elijah's servant see that showed that rain was going to fall?
7. How did Ahab and Elijah go down the mountain when the rain was about to fall?

ACTIVITY

- 1) The children will do the rain sound. They will start by hitting one finger against the palm of the other hand, and when the teacher indicates they will use two fingers, then three fingers, then four fingers, then they will clap. They will then reduce the speed and the number of fingers until it is quiet again.
- 2) The children will be given numbers. Number 1 will start clapping, then number 2 will join, then number 3 until everyone is clapping. Then number 1 will stop clapping, then number 2 and they continue until it is quiet again.

CLOSING

Conclude and pray.

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GETTING STARTED

1. The teacher will guide the children through the water cycle. **OR**
2. A few of the children can mention where people can get water. **OR**
3. A few of the children can mention uses of water.

INTRO

Everyone will sing one or more of the following nursery rhymes and the teacher will briefly explain one or two of them.

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| 1) It's raining, it's pouring
The old man is snoring.
He jumped in bed
and bumped his head
And couldn't get up in the morning. | 3) Insy winsy spider ran up the water
sprout
Down came the rain and washed
the spider out
Out came the sun and dried up all
the rain
So insy winsy spider ran up the
sprout again. |
| 2) Rain rain go away
Come again another day
Little children want to play. | |

THE WORD

There was a time when everywhere was dry because rain had not fallen for a long time. Ahab was the king and Elijah was a prophet at that time.

One day Elijah heard God telling him that rain was going to fall. (*1 Kings 18:1*) Elijah prayed that what God said will come to pass. He prayed knowing that God was a good God and not a wicked God. He prayed with his whole heart. He then waited for God to answer his prayer. We need to wait on God until our prayers are answered. (*Colossians 4:2, Psalm 130:5, 6.*)

The servant of Elijah went to check if there was any sign of rain. There was none and he returned to Elijah to tell him. Elijah sent him again to go and check. The second time the servant went and returned with the same answer. This happened seven times. It was on the seventh time that Elijah's servant saw the sign, a small cloud. Elijah got up and started running. Soon after the rain came down heavily and there was abundance of rain – plenty, plenty water.

MEMORY VERSE

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AT OUR LEVEL



- When you ask your father or mother for something and they say no, do you always say okay or do you sometimes ask for that thing again?
- When you ask your father or mother for something are you afraid of them?
- When your father or mother promises you something do you believe them? Why or why not?

CONFESSION



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REVISION

1. What is our topic for today?
2. Who prayed to God?
3. What is the name of the king in our story today?
4. The memory verse for today's lesson is _____
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