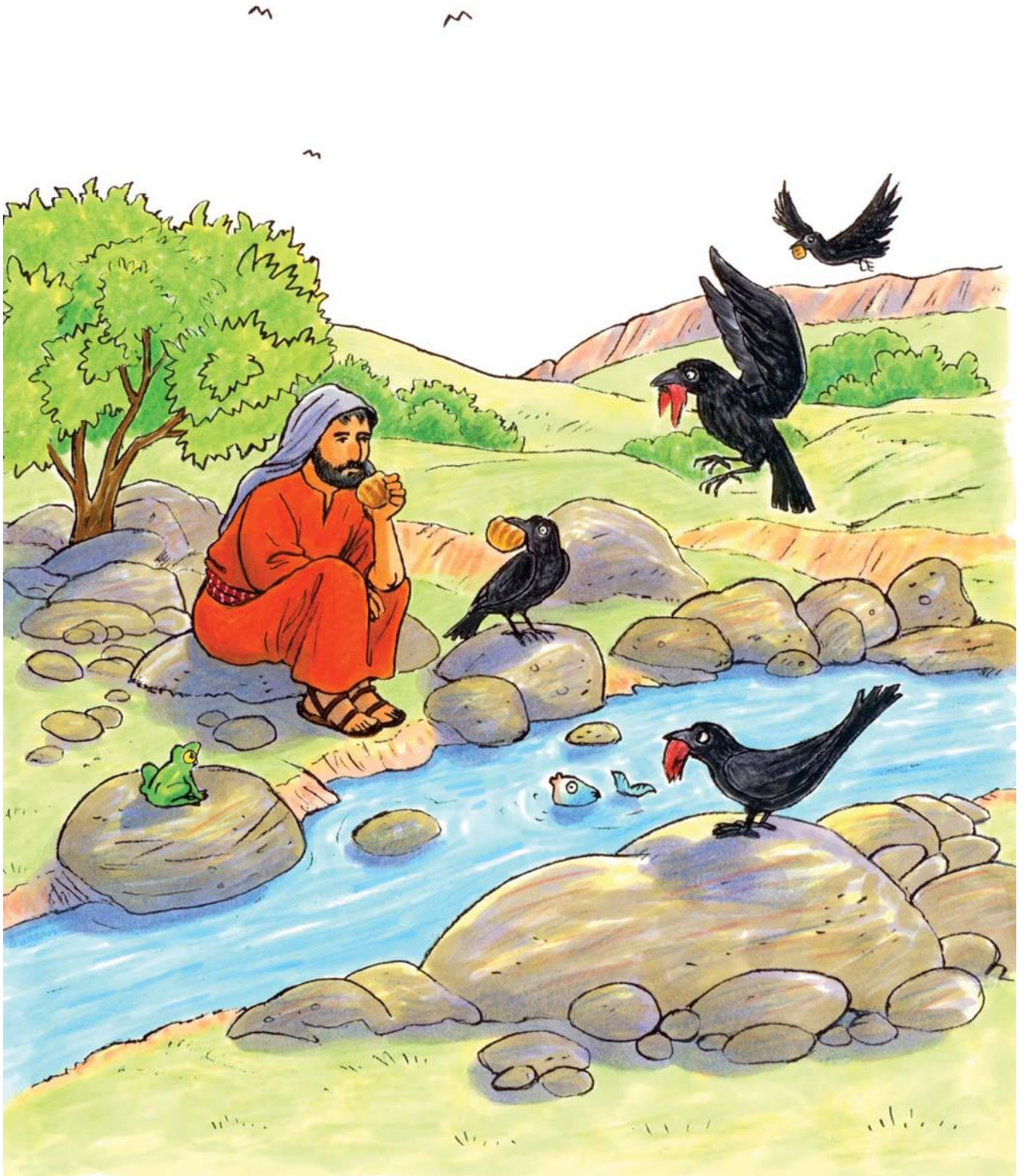


ELIJAH AND AHAB

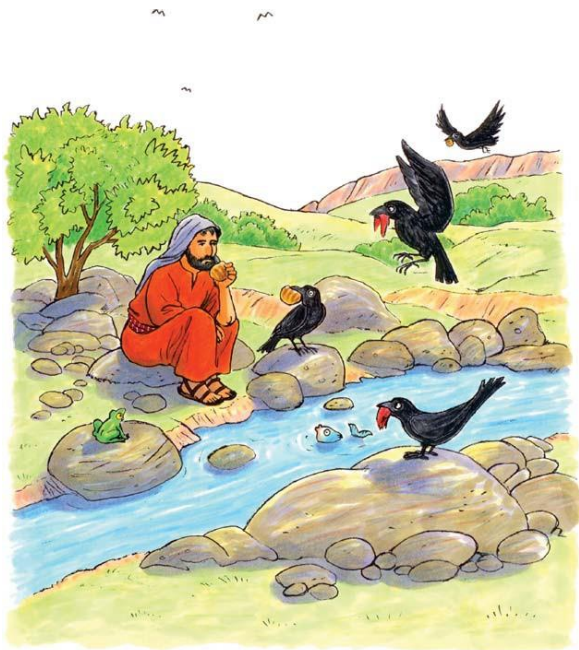
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Message	We believe in the One true living God.
Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Elijah did not let Ahab and Jezebel influence his belief in God.■ We should not have other gods.■ We should not bow down to other gods.
Bible Text	1 Kings 16:29-33; 17:1-7

Elijah and Ahab



One day Elijah went to King Ahab and warned him, "As the Lord-the God of Israel-lives, whom I serve, I tell you there will be no dew or rain in the next few years except at my word!"

God then spoke to Elijah and said, "Go eastward and hide at the brook of Cherith. I have ordered the ravens to feed you and you can drink from the brook."

Elijah did what God told him to do. He went to the place where the Lord had sent him. The ravens brought him bread and meat in the mornings and evenings. He also drank from the brook of Cherith.

After a while, the brook dried up and God told Elijah to travel to Zarephath.

Ahab was the king over Israel. King Ahab married Jezebel from Sidon. She brought her gods and prophets with her from her homeland. One of the gods was Baal. Not long after, Jezebel persuaded King Ahab to worship Baal as well. They believed that Baal ruled over heaven and earth. They built temples and altars for their god.

Suggestions for the Teacher

Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Let some of the children play the story in a role-play. Instruct them before.

Provide disguise / fancy dress and additional materials like an idol, a crown.

Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- Why do you think Elijah goes to King Ahab? (Ahab allows his wife to worship a false god.)
- What makes it so difficult for them to remain faithful to God?
(The idols are made visible in magnificent temples, statues and images.)
- Ahab worships Baal and is a bad example for the Israelites.
- Why does God send ravens to Elijah with food? (God helps Elijah because he serves Him.)
- What does Elijah do? (He remains steadfast. He obeys God.)

Have the children repeat...

- Elijah did not let Ahab influence his belief in God.
- We should not bow down to other gods.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- Ahab worshipped idols. In our time, there are a lot of strange idols too.
- What are idols today?
(Things which draw us away from God. They may not be bad.
However, if we spent more time with them than with God, they can draw us away from God.)
- What are examples for this?
(We only use time for pleasure, parties, social media, we imitate stars more than our parents)
- We shall only worship God our heavenly Father.

Repeat the Message
We believe in the One true living God.