REFERENCES: 1 KINGS 17:1-16; PROPHETS AND KINGS, PP. 119-131.

Tood for Elijah

Memory Verse:

"My God will meet all your needs" PHILIPPIANS 4:19, NIV.

The Message:

God takes care of our needs.

Parents:

By the end of the month you can help your child:

Know that God takes care of their needs.

Feel grateful that God looks after them.

Respond by praising God for His care.



Mei Ling sees the baby bird. Mother bird brings food for the baby bird. A long time ago birds brought food to a man.

Cod told Elijah to take a message to King Ahab. So Elijah told the king: "God says, 'No rain for one-two-threeyears!" (Count on your child's fingers.) King Ahab (point to the king) is angry at God. He is angry at Elijah, too. (Point to Elijah.) Elijah is God's friend. God will hide Elijah. Run, Elijah, run! The king is looking for you. (Shade your eyes; look around.) Run and

hide Elijah. (Run with child around the table.)









here is Elijah? (Child points to Elijah.) Hiding, hiding. Elijah is hiding from mean King Ahab. (Together, hide behind a chair and finish reading this page.)

The king cannot see Elijah. Nobody can see God's friend. (Shade eyes, look around.) But God can see Elijah. God takes good care of His friend. (Clap.)

hh! (Finger to lips. Whisper.)
Listen, listen. What does Elijah hear?

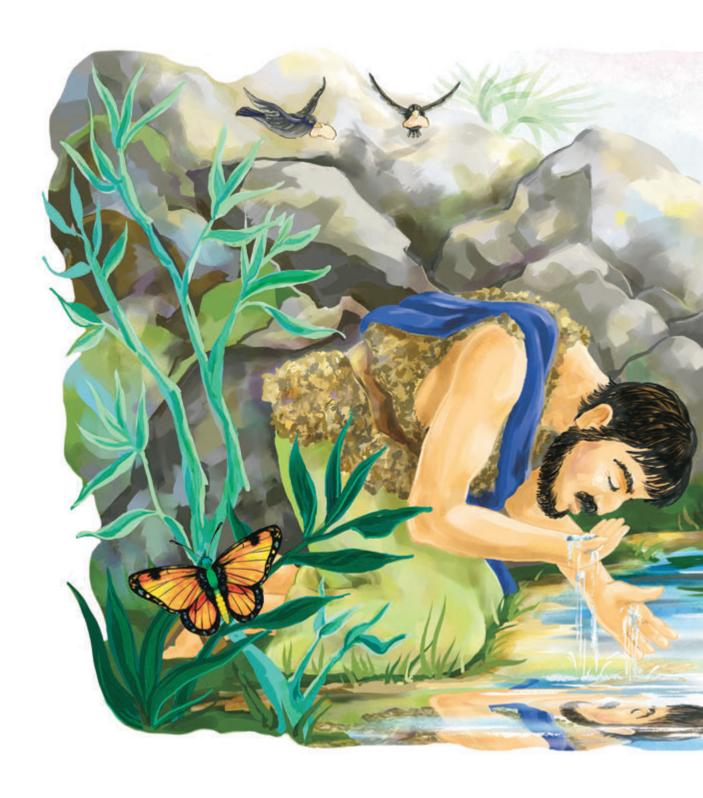
Elijah hears the water. (*Point to the water*.) Elijah hears wind in the trees.

And God hears
Elijah pray. (Clasp
hands in prayer.) Rest,
Elijah, rest. Rest by
the water.









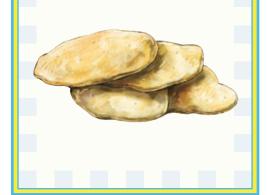


rinking, drinking. (Pretend to drink.) Elijah has lots of water. But where is Elijah's food? (Point to Elijah and the bare rocks around him.)

There is no food for Elijah. No bread. No rice. No potatoes.

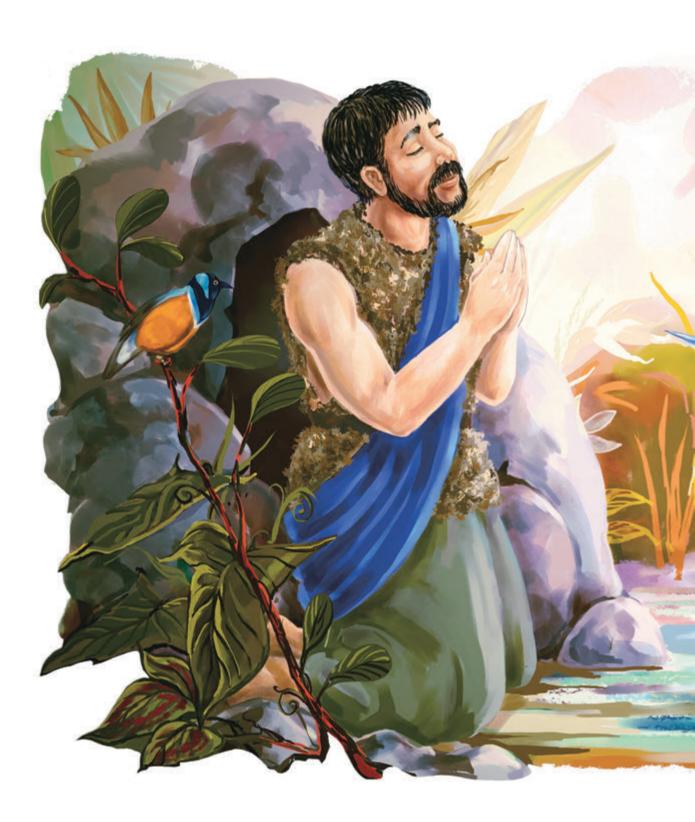


ee the big black birds. They fly in the sky. (Pretend to fly.) Big black birds bring food for Elijah. They bring bread. (Pretend to eat.) Yum-yum-yum! The birds brought bread for Elijah to eat. (Clasp hands in prayer.) "Thank You for the bread. Thank You, God, for sending the big black birds."











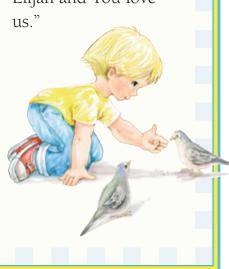
t is time to sleep. Elijah kneels and talks to God. (*Kneel and close eyes.*) "Thank You, God, for this safe place. Thank You for the water. Thank You for the big black birds and for the food. Thank You for loving me. Amen." (*Hug your child.*)



very morning and every night big birds fly to Elijah. (Pretend to fly.) Big birds bring him bread.

For one-two-three years there is no rain. (Count on your child's fingers.) The trees dry up. (Point to a dry leaf.) The water dries up. (Try to drink from an empty glass.)

But God takes good care of Elijah. "Thank You, Jesus. You love Elijah and You love







Play a hiding game such as Elijah hiding from King Ahab. Sing a song of thanks to Jesus for taking care of your family.

a thank-You prayer

to God for your

family.

Help your child say tudy these suggestions for something to do each day. Select those that are appropriate for your child's developmental stage and repeat them often.

Look at pictures of birds in a book; find a raven. Thank Jesus for the birds we enjoy.

Take a walk and name all the things that need water to grow. Thank Jesus for good water that makes things grow.

Sprinkle water on your child while he or she is in the bathtub. Talk about how God sends the rain. Thank God for the rain.



Find a picture of an angel and talk about how angels watch over us. Tell your child about his or her guardian angel.

Look at pictures of firefighters, police officers, etc., and talk about how they keep us safe. Drink a glass of water and talk about how good it is for your body.



Ask your child to pretend to do things such as run, sleep, eat, etc. While they do, ask, "Is God taking care of you?" Then say, "Yes, God is taking care of you."

Pretend you are birds and fly to each other with a cracker in your "beak." Thank Jesus for your food.

Visit a brook or stream and talk about how Elijah lived by a brook.

Watch it rain. Go outside afterward and notice how the water soaks into the ground.
Or let your child use an umbrella and walk in the rain.

Visit an aviary, pet store, or zoo to see different kinds of birds. Notice all the different kinds of bread at the grocery store. Let your child pick a favorite. Or let your child help you make bread.

Let your child use a doll to pretend to be a mommy or daddy. Talk about and count the ways your child can show kindness at home.

My God Will Meet Your Needs

My God



(Point upward.)

Will meet all your needs,



(Point to others.)

All your needs,



(Point to others.)

All your needs;



(Point to others.)

My God



(Point upward.)

Will meet all your needs,



(Point to others.)

Thank You, thank You, Lord.



(Put hands together as if praying.)

—Carolyn Burge. Adapted.

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