



Fearless faith! Undaunted assurance! Today Elijah boldly speaks against the numerous false prophets of Baal. Join your kids as they explore the realness of God and follow where He leads.

So, choose your Exploration Stations, practice the story, gather supplies, and set up your classroom. It's time to go exploring!

Before You Explore

The Basic Supplies

- Discovery Guide* for each kiddo
- Story Cards*
- Eureka! Jr. Stamps*
- Eureka! DVD or CD*
- DVD or CD player
- Empty can or bottle
- Tape
- Ball

Exploration Station Supplies

- Soaked Altar**
 - Plastic tub, water, sticks, and battery-operated candles
- Let's See! Story**
 - *Story Cards*, 32-38
- Picture the Story**
 - *Discovery Guides* and crayons
- Sculpt the Story**
 - Play-Doh
- Play the Story**
 - Dolls, action figures, kid's meal toys



1 Here We Go!

- Tape Scout's card (#52) on an empty can, bottle, or something that can be knocked over easily. Take turns rolling a ball across the room to knock down Scout's card.
- Option: Hide the Kai and Scout cards (#51-52) from the **Story Card** deck. Have kids try to find the cards when they arrive.
- Play *The Come Along Song* from the **Eureka! Jr. DVD** or **CD**. Invite kids to come to your gathering spot (at a table, on the floor, etc.).

2 What's That Word?

- Show the Bible picture from page 1 of this lesson. Invite kids to find the hidden word in the picture. Say **imagine** out loud as a class. (Option: Pass out the **Discovery Guides (DG)** now and let kids find the hidden word in the picture on their own **DG**.)
- Chat about the word. **Does anyone know what imagine means?**
 - **To imagine is to picture something great or wonderful that could happen.**
 - **Our faith grows when we are able to imagine new possibilities of what life could be like.**
 - **Unlike what we imagine, God creates! God gives! He is doing more than what we can picture. He won't stop until everything has been made new.**
- Listen for the word **imagine** in our **Remember Verse**.

3 Remember Verse

- Invite everyone to stand up. Play the **Remember Verse Video** for **Ephesians 3:20** on the **Eureka! Jr. DVD**. (Find descriptions of the motions on FoundryLeader.com.)
- Ask for volunteers to say the verse from memory.
- **"God is able to do far more than we could ever ask for or imagine. He does everything by his power that is working in us." Ephesians 3:20 (NirV)**



4 Happy & Sad

- Invite kids to share something happy and not-so-happy that happened this past week. Pray together.

5 Explore the Story

- Invite kids to prepare themselves to listen to this week's passage. Gather them to a place where they can move around. Remind kids to follow Scout's exploring instructions while they listen.
- Play the **Let's Go! Bible Story** audio from the **Eureka! Jr. DVD** or **CD**. Follow Scout's instructions along with the kids.
- Option: Read (or have another adult read) the **Let's Go! Bible Story** script on page 3. The exploring instructions are italicized.

Explore the Story

Let's Go! Bible Story

King Ahab was a bad king. He worshipped the false gods of Baal. He had over 450 prophets teaching the Israelites about Baal instead of about God. *With your hands can you show me how big the number 450 would be? That's BIG! I wonder if the Israelites began to believe in the gods of Baal?* They did!

There was only one prophet who worshipped God. *Show me one finger.* This prophet was Elijah. Even though he was the only one, he was not afraid! *Let's make brave faces with Elijah.* It was time to teach people the truth. He suggested a challenge between the gods of Baal and God.

Elijah explained the rules. *Let's nod our heads up and down while we listen to the rules.* Both groups would make an altar and gather wood for a fire. Instead of lighting the fire, they would pray to their God. Whichever God answered the prayers and lit the fire would be the true God. *Let's give a thumbs up.* King Ahab agreed to this challenge.

Elijah let the prophets of Baal go first. They made their altar. *Pick up some heavy rocks. Stack them high! Gather some sticks to make a fire. Stack those too!* Once it was completed they began to pray to the gods of Baal. Nothing happened. *Reach up and touch the top of the altar they built. See? No fire!* The prophets of Baal began to cry out louder! They danced, trying to get Baal's attention! **I wonder what they looked like?** *Can you show me how you think they prayed and danced?* They looked so foolish!

Elijah was watching this silly act. The prophets of Baal tried everything but nothing worked. Elijah wondered if the gods of Baal had gone on vacation! **I wonder, does God take a vacation?** *Wave "bye-bye" to the prophets of Baal.* Their turn is over.

It was now Elijah's turn. *Quick, build another altar and gather wood like you did before! Make it tall!* Before praying, Elijah asked for some buckets of water. *Let's help! Grab a bucket and scoop up some water. Be careful not to spill it; it's heavy!* Elijah wanted the water to be poured onto the wood. *Pour your bucket of water onto the altar.* The wood was wet! **I wonder what happens when wood gets wet?** Elijah instructed the people to do this two more times. *Fill your buckets again and pour two more times!* Wet wood doesn't light on fire! This would be impossible!

Elijah smiled! He knew nothing was impossible for God! *Smile big like Elijah while you look at the altar.* He prayed and asked for God to light this altar on fire. After he prayed, fire came down and burned everything up on the altar! *Step back! Can you feel the hot fire?* It was a huge fire! At that moment the crowd realized the truth! *Raise your hands high to the sky!* God is the one true living God! The crowd was sorry. They promised not to worship Baal anymore. They would only worship and follow God.



6 What's This Say about God & Us?

- ❑ I wonder why this story is important?
- ❑ I wonder what we can learn from this story?
- ❑ I wonder how the prophets of Baal felt when their altar didn't light on fire?
- ❑ I wonder what we learn about God through this story?
- ❑ I wonder what are some other ways God shows His power?

7 Exploration Stations

- ❑ Introduce the Exploration Stations you'll be doing. Review your rules for the Exploration Stations (quiet voices, share items, etc.).
 - **Soaked Altar Station:** Drop the sticks in the water. Feel how wet the wood becomes. Stack the sticks up. Turn on the battery-operated candles and imagine this altar being lit on fire.
 - **Let's See! Story Station:** Re-create the story with the **Story Cards**.
 - **Picture the Story Station:** Color the picture on your **Discovery Guide**.
 - **Sculpt the Story Station:** Use Play-Doh to make something from the story.
 - **Play the Story Station:** Set out an assortment of toys (dolls, action figures, toys from a kid's meal). Act out and play through the story with the different toys.
- ❑ Invite kids to choose which station they go to. Kids can stay at one or visit multiple stations.
- ❑ As kids play, visit each station and ask questions about their play and how it relates to the story.
- ❑ Allow 15-20 minutes to explore. Announce when it's almost time to stop. Bring kids back to the gathering area before cleaning up.

8 Share Your Discovery

- ❑ Invite kids to share what they discovered about the Bible story. Share what you discovered as you interacted with the kids.
- ❑ Remind kids to use their **Discovery Guide** to keep exploring at home. Pray as a group, thanking God for leading their discoveries.
- ❑ Use a **Eureka! Jr. Stamp** to stamp each kid's **Discovery Guide** to show that they completed today's expedition.
- ❑ Play *Tidy-Up Song* from the **Eureka! Jr. DVD** or **CD** as the kids clean up the room.

9 Goodbye Blessing

- ❑ Using the other **Eureka! Jr. Stamp**, stamp each child's hand as you share the following blessing with each one.
 - **May God bless you and help you to see how He is working in your life each day!**

