

Experiential Learning: Elijah Prays for Rain - Activity for Sunday 30th Jan, Year 3 & 4

Aim: To accept the will of God and that praying to God for your wants will help God understand things to provide for you.

Reference: 1 Kings 18:41-45

Then Elijah said to Ahab, “Go up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of abundance of rain.” So Ahab went up to eat and drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; then he bowed down on the ground, and put his face between his knees, and said to his servant, “Go up now, look toward the sea.”

So he went up and looked, and said, “There is nothing.” And seven times he said, “Go again.” Then it came to pass the seventh time, that he said, “There is a cloud, as small as a man’s hand, rising out of the sea!” So he said, “Go up, say to Ahab, ‘Prepare your chariot, and go down before the rain stops you.’” Now it happened in the meantime that the sky became black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy rain. So Ahab rode away and went to Jezreel.

Activity

Celebrity heads:

- PEACE= “To have peace”
- OFFERING= “To give old clothes to the poor”
- COMMANDMENTS= “To respect your parents”
- HUMILITY= “To be humble”
- SCRIPTURES= “To buy a Bible”
- ROLE MODEL= “To be more like Jesus”

1. Choose 3 people from the class, they are known as the ‘celebrity’.
2. Each celebrity sits at the front of the class with their backs to the board/wall.
3. Stick up/write above each head of the child, one of the above quotes-This is what God has chosen for that person.
4. Do not let the child see their “quote”.
5. The rest of the children will be acting like God or the Saints (interceding on their behalf) - by answering the celebrity’s questions and directing them onto the right path.
 - a. E.g. Celebrity (scriptures) = “Am I an emotion?”
Children= “No”
6. The children continue until they have guessed what their characteristic is.
7. This shows that persistence in prayer-which is what they are doing- as they are asking God/through the intercession of the Saints.
8. Sum up by explaining to the children that even though you sometimes want to be/do something and it does not work out- doesn’t mean that God is punishing you. Just like the prophet Elijah when he prayed for rain, it can a long time for there to be your wants. You need perseverance- meaning you never give up.
9. Therefore being persistent in asking God for direction will allow you to have a stronger ability to follow God’s will. And like Elijah, with persistency comes reward and God will set you on the right path- if you are willing to accept it.

Materials/Resources needed:

3 celebrity names for the children. Printed with blue tack

1 white board marker- if the white board is available.