



START TIME



STORY TIME



PLAY TIME

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

WEEK ONE

BOTTOM LINE

God will take care of me.

MEMORY VERSE

Neither height nor depth, nor anything else...will be able to separate us from the love of God.
Romans 8:39

BIBLE STORY FOCUS

Elijah and the Widow
God cares for me.
1 Kings 17:8-15

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(15 minutes)

1. Cooking With Dough

Supplies: Play-Doh®, rolling pins, and cookie cutters

How To:

During the Activity: Pretend to cook using the rolling pins and cookie cutters. Show the kids how to knead the Play-Doh® with their hands.

Say This:

During the Activity: "Let's pretend we are making yummy cookies. Do what I do! Yummm . . . what kind of cookies are you making? I'm making sugar cookies with sprinkles! A woman in our Bible story today makes some yummy bread to eat."

2. What Is It?

Supplies: toy food items and a dishtowel

How To:

During the Activity: Choose a food item and cover it with a dishtowel. Ask the kids, "What is it?" Encourage them to guess what is hidden under the towel. Dramatically reveal the hidden food item. "It's . . . it's . . . it's an APPLE!"

Say This:

After the Activity: "We like to eat yummy food when we get hungry. The people in our Bible story today are very hungry and they need some food!"



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1. Bible Story

Supplies: Bible, Pillsbury® biscuit dough, a large bowl, and wet wipes

STORYTELLER: “Good morning! Good morning! Good morning! I am so glad you are here today! I love it when I get to see you on Sunday mornings! Let me see your great, big smiles. Can you smile for me?” *[Kids respond.]*

“Well, I have a great story for you. It’s a story about Elijah. It’s a story from the Bible *[hold up your Bible]*. The Bible is God’s Word and is always true. Now, Elijah loved God very much. He knew that God would take care of him. **Who will take care of you?**” **[Bottom Line]** **“God will take care of me!”**

STORYTELLER: “You are right! God will take care of you. Well, Elijah had been traveling for a long, long way, and he couldn’t find any food. Elijah was soooooo hungry *[rub your tummy like you are hungry]*. Can you rub your tummy like this?

“Elijah was so hungry that his tummy was grumbling and growling. He needed some food. And Elijah knew that God would take care of him. Elijah knew God loved him. One day Elijah came to a poor, little woman. She didn’t have any food either *[rub your tummy]*. She was soooooo hungry. Can you rub your tummy like me?

“Her tummy was grumbling and growling just like Elijah’s. She was hungry. She only had a tiny bit of oil and a tiny bit of flour left. She only had enough to make a small loaf of bread. She was so hungry *[rub your tummy]*.”

“Elijah asked the poor, little woman to make him some bread. She told Elijah that she didn’t have very much food left and that she was soooooo hungry *[rub your tummy]*. She told Elijah that if she made him some bread, then she wouldn’t have any food left. But Elijah told her that God would take care of her. **Who will take care of you?**”

KIDS and STORYTELLER: **[Bottom Line]** **“God will take care of me!”**

STORYTELLER: “God cared about that poor, little woman too. She made the bread for Elijah. She poured in the last of her flour and the last of her oil and made some dough just like this *[hold up the dough]*.”

“Do you want to see my dough? *[Start to knead it and squish it. Let the kids come and stand around you and feel it.]* You can touch it. Isn’t it squishy? Who wants to hold some? *[Let them have a piece for a few minutes if you want to.]*

“This is a lot like the dough the poor woman made for Elijah. Isn’t it squishy and sticky? This dough turns into bread when you cook it! *[Put the dough back in the bowl and have the kids sit back down.]*

“Guess what happened when the poor woman made the bread? She gave it to Elijah. She shared and gave Elijah her very last loaf of bread. And then do you