

Lesson #2-9*Fire from Heaven*

1 Kings 18:[17-19] 20-39

**Key Verse:**

When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, "The Lord indeed is God; the Lord indeed is God."

1 Kings 18:39

The Point:

A good leader leads us back to God.

Unit Theme (October 20—November 3)

God's Way of Leading

Building Elijah's Altar

Follow Elijah's instructions to build an altar.

You will need:

- † Small stones
- † Small sticks
- † Strips of red tissue paper
- † Small squares of blue tissue paper

Instructions:

1. **In our story today, Elijah built a special place to give offerings to God called an altar. Let's work together to build a version of Elijah's altar.**
2. For each step, select participants to act out the task described.
3. **First, we need to stack these twelve stones to build the base of the altar.**
4. **Next, we need to add the wood (sticks) to Elijah's altar.**
5. **Then, we need to fill four cups with water.** Have cups pre-filled with blue tissue paper "water." **Pour the water over the altar.**
6. **After Elijah built his altar, he prayed to God to send fire. Let's all pray together: Dear God, please send fire. Amen.**
7. **Did God send the fire?** Of course! distribute red tissue paper strips to all participants and lead participants in covering the altar with it as if it were the fire sent by God. **The fire burned everything up, and all the people there fell down and shouted, "The Lord indeed is God!"**
8. **Let's say it all together now: the Lord indeed is God!**
9. *Note: Adjust the altar size as appropriate for your context. You may also have small groups each create their own altar.*