

**LESSON 12**  
**“COURAGE”**  
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**BIBLE CONNECTION**

1 Kings 18:20-39  
(KBC Study Bible, pages 378-379)

**CHARACTER WORD**

*Courage* – Standing up for what I believe in; bravery

**TEACHING OBJECTIVE**

*I can have courage because God is on my side.*

**MEMORY LINK**

**1 Kings 18:39b**

*“The Lord, He is God!  
The Lord, He is God!”*

(KBC Study Bible, page 379)

**SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK**

**GET CONNECTED**

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

**MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY**

Option 1: None

Option 2: None

**BIBLE CONNECTION**

Paper bags, newspaper, beach pails

**SURF TEAM LEADER**

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

**MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME**

Option 1: Plastic cups

Option 2: Plastic cones

# Elijah Defeats the Prophets of Baal

## WHAT’S THE POINT?

It’s hard to hear the word courage without thinking of the Cowardly Lion from “The Wizard of Oz.” He was a bully who masked his fear by intimidating others. As believers, we know true courage is found in the power of God. Many times, in Scripture, God reminds people “Do not be afraid.” Because God is always with us, we can take courage in His power. Today’s story teaches students that even when you think you’re alone, God is with you - ready to supply the courage you need.



## GET CONNECTED

Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today’s lesson

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the students in your surf team and to introduce today’s lesson.

- *Today’s character word is courage. What does courage mean to you?*
- *How do you define courage?*
- *Share an example of courage.*
- *Finish the sentence: I need courage when \_\_\_\_\_.*



Guide students to locate and mark today’s Bible Connection and Memory Link in their Bibles, if they brought one, so they can find the pages quickly as directed in the session.

## WORSHIP TIME

Pointing hearts toward God

Keep things moving! Dead air will kill the worship spirit that you have helped create for the students. We encourage you to sing songs you sing in your church. O you may consider these song selections:

“You Are God Alone” by Hillsong

“One True God” by Steven Curtis Chapman, Chris Tomlin



# MEMORY LINK

2 Minutes – Teaching the Bible verse to students  
8 Minutes – Activity to help them memorize the verse



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Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

## Focus on the Bible

Ask students who remembered to bring their Bibles to hold them up high in the air while you count. Let them know you will keep a running total and try to increase the number of Bibles brought every week.

## Focus on Today's Memory Link

*Is it easier to have courage when you are alone, or when you know people are on your side? Most of you said you would rather be with others or have others on your side. Today you will learn that you can have courage because God is on your side.*

*You are about to hear a story about a man named Elijah who was a prophet of God. A prophet is someone who heard from God and spoke to the people for God. Elijah was alone in standing up for God, but he showed great courage. As a result, God showed up and the people trusted God as the One True God. Our Memory Link is what they proclaimed. Read 1 Kings 18:39b from the KBC Study Bible (found on page 379).*

*Is this what you believe? When we invite Christ to come into our lives and be our forever friend, we too should be willing to proclaim this verse boldly with courage. Let's practice courage while we memorize our Memory Link.*

### 1 Kings 18:39b

*"The Lord, He is God!  
The Lord, He is God!"  
(KBC Study Bible, pg. 379)*

## Bible 101

Continue to build excitement in your Beach Club® about the KBC Study Bible. Encourage students to bring theirs and use it as much as possible during Club. Consider a contest between surf teams or boys versus girls and award the group who brought the most Bibles with a ticket or piece of candy.

## Option 1 – A FRIEND ON YOUR SIDE

No supplies needed

Ask your Beach Club® students for a volunteer – someone who wants to practice having courage. Explain that you want them to stand in front of their surf team and read the verse aloud. Explain that if they are afraid to read the verse out loud, they can select a friend in their surf team that can stand with them. Repeat until everyone has a chance to read the verse.

For extra challenge and courage, volunteers can say the verse from memory in front of their Surf Team Leader.

## Option 2 – COURAGE CHALLENGE

No supplies needed

Take turns asking each surf team to stand in front of the entire Beach Club® and proclaim the Memory Link boldly and with courage. Once all surf teams have had a turn, say it again all together.

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## BIBLE CONNECTION



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Teaching today's Character Word through a gospel-centered Bible story

Fill 12 paper bags with old newspaper, 4 beach pails

### Set the Stage

God told Elijah to go meet with Ahab because he did not believe in the One True God. Ahab worshipped a stone statue named Baal. Baal was a false God. There had been no food for many years. When Ahab saw Elijah, he blamed him for the famine in the land. Elijah said, "I did not cause this famine. You, Ahab, are the one who has forsaken the commandments of the Lord and have followed Baal." Elijah told Ahab that they needed to settle, once and for all, who was the One True God.

### Tell the Story

Our story is found in 1 Kings 18:19-39. Turn with me in your KBC Study Bibles to page 378. Elijah told Ahab to bring all 450 prophets of the idol Baal, plus 400 prophets of the idol Asherah, and meet him at Mount Carmel. How many prophets were on Ahab's side? (850) How many prophets were on Elijah's side? (Just one, Elijah.)

All the people in the area went up the mountain for the big showdown to see who was declared the One True God. Once they got to the top, Elijah went to the people and said, "How long will you go back and forth? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal is god, follow him." Elijah told the prophets of Baal to prepare their altar. He told them to not put fire under the altar, but to call on their god to supply the fire. He would also make an altar and call on his God. Whoever answered by fire was the One True God.

Everyone agreed. The prophets of Baal went first. They called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. "Oh Baal, hear us!" But there was no voice, no one answered. Then they danced around the altar. Still no response.

Elijah started to taunt them. "Maybe he can't hear you, call louder! Maybe he is busy, or meditating! Could he be asleep?"

The prophets of Baal called out louder and began to cut themselves. They kept trying until evening time, but there was no voice. No answer. No fire.

Finally, it was Elijah's turn and he told the people to gather around. He took 12 stones and built an altar for his sacrifice. Have a student take the paper bags and build an altar. Elijah made a deep trench around the altar. Three times Elijah told people to pour four buckets of water over the altar to make sure the altar would not easily catch fire. Now give four students each a bucket. Instruct them to pretend they are pouring water over the altar. Ask them to do this three times. The water ran all around the altar and filled the trench. (With courage, read Elijah's prayer, verses 36-37 on page 379.)

Then it happened. Fire from the Lord fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, the wood, the stones and even all the water that was in the trench. When the people saw this, they fell on their knees and proclaimed, "The Lord, He is God! The Lord, He is God!"

### As You Prepare

Take time to read the Scripture references in their entirety. You will not read every verse aloud during Bible Connection, but you need to have a good grasp on the story so you can have authority and wisdom as you tell it. Keep your KBC Study Bible with you as a reference so that the students can follow along and can see that you are not telling a story you made up, but one that is in God's word and is truth.

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**Application**

*Sometimes following God takes courage. Elijah showed courage by standing up to all the false prophets. Jesus showed courage when He took the punishment for our sin and died on the cross. One way you can show courage is to decide to follow Jesus and stand up for what is right, knowing that God is on your side. You can also have courage and show other people that you are a follower of Jesus when you bring your Bible to school and tell people what you believe.*

**Gospel Connection** 

*Some of you today may want to start a relationship with the One True God. But in order to do that you have to understand that there is something that separates people from God. Who knows what that is? Sin. But there is good news! We have a loving and forgiving God. Our hope is in Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us in John 3:16 that God loves us so much that He gave His one and only Son, Jesus, to die in our place for our sins, and that whoever believes in Him will live with Him forever.*

*Jesus wants to be your Forever Friend! If you have never prayed and told Jesus that you were sorry for your sin and invited Him into your life, then you can do that today. It's as simple as A-B-C. Please come see me after I pray. ADMIT you are a sinner and ASK Jesus to forgive your sin. Next, BELIEVE that Jesus is Lord and He is God's Son who came to earth, lived a perfect life, died on the cross to pay the penalty for your sin and then rose from the dead! Then CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus and make Him the boss of your life.*

Invite students wanting to know more about praying to ask Jesus to be their Forever Friend to move to the designated counseling area to talk with a leader one on one. Be sure to have all of the decision supplies available.

**Gospel Tip**

Students are exposed to many different world religions through school and even in their homes. It is important to share with them that Jehovah God is the One True God. We do that through scripture, not our own opinion. Please be sensitive to students whose families have a different faith than yours. Pray for them and simply show them what God's word says, then let the Holy Spirit do the rest.

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## SURF TEAM TIME

Connecting with students in small groups; applying today’s Bible Connection and Character Word



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Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

### Today’s Bible Lesson

- Before you begin, ask if there are any students who would like to talk with the Bible Connection Leader about praying to ask Jesus to become their Forever Friend. If so, let them go to the designated area.
- *What questions do you have about today’s story?*
- *How did God use Elijah to convince the Israelites to acknowledge God?*

### Use the Bible

Give each student a Memory Link card. Review today’s Memory Link and Character Word. Guide them to use cards to mark today’s story in their KBC Study Bibles, if they brought one, and highlight today’s Memory Link verse.

### Hang 10 Pages

Give each student a Hang 10 page. Challenge them to hang out with God 10 minutes each day by praying and reading the Bible, using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage them to do the Weekly Challenge and bring back their Hang 10 pages next week for a time of discussion.

Reference Day 4 on the Hang 10. Remind students to share any hope they have in Jesus with family and friends.

### Pray

Give the students a few minutes to share their prayer requests or write them on index cards. Ask someone to lead the surf team in prayer. Take the cards home and remember to pray for the students in your surf team this week.

*Jesus, You give us courage because You did the most courageous thing anyone could do, You died for our sins and rose again. Please help us be more like You. Build courage within our souls. In Jesus’ name, amen.*

### Connection Tip

Build deeper relationships by becoming more involved on your school campus. Be visible on campus and get to know the school faculty in addition to the students. Investing your time shows you care about them. You could invite the principal to special days or pop into the teacher’s lounge just to give a word of encouragement or pray for teachers. Go above and beyond with your school.

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# MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME

Playing a game to review today’s Bible Connection and Character Word



### Option 1 – BUILD AN ALTAR

12 plastic cups per surf team

Instruct each Surf Team Leader to invite one student to send to the front. Remind students that Elijah built an altar to God using 12 stones. Explain that they will use 12 cups to build an altar (like a pyramid). The first person to build the altar with all 12 cups and also say the Memory Link gets to answer the question. Play until all students have a turn.

### Option 2 – WHAT? WATER!

One plastic cone per surf team

Remind students that Elijah poured 12 buckets of water on the altar before God sent fire from heaven. Ask each surf team to pass a plastic cone around the circle as students count to 12. The person holding the cone on 12 gets to answer the review question. For extra fun, fill the cone with water!

### REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is today’s Character Word? (courage)
2. Give an example of courage. (Answers may vary.)
3. What book of the Old Testament was the story from? (1 Kings)
4. Say the Memory Link from 1 Kings 18:39b. (“The Lord, He is God! The Lord, He is God!”)
5. Who showed courage because God was on his side? (Elijah)
6. What was the name of the false god/stone statue? (Baal)
7. What did Elijah do to the altar he built to make sure it would not easily catch fire? (poured water on it)
8. How did God show He is the One True God? (sent fire to consume the sacrifice)
9. What did the people say when God sent the fire? (“The Lord, He is God! The Lord, He is God!”)
10. We can have courage because \_\_\_\_\_. (God is on our side)

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1 Kings 18:39b

