

FAMILY LESSON - WEEK 3

Materials Needed: Pirate Says Sheet

Bible Story: Elijah (1 Kings 17:1-16, 17:24)



CIRCLE UP

Use this time to gather together and get everyone talking.

DO Use the **Pirate Says Sheet** to play a fun game of "Pirate Says!"

SAY That was so fun! We can trust and believe every word we read in God's Word, the Bible, because everything in it is true! Let me hear you say this after me:

God's Word (make book with hands)

Is True (thumbs up)

WATCH

*Watch today's Elementary and/or Preschool video on the web page
<http://www.3rivers.church/children.html>*

ASK your Elementary Schooler:

What was the message that God told Elijah to tell King Ahab? (There would be no rain for several years)

How did God take care of Elijah? (He gave him water to drink from the brook, and He had the birds bring food to Elijah)

What did God tell Elijah to do when the brook dried up? (Go find a woman who would help him)

When the woman's son had died, what did God do? (He heard Elijah's prayer and healed the boy)

ASK your Preschooler:

Did God make it rain every day or not at all? (Not at all)

What brought Elijah food to eat — birds or frogs? (Birds)

Did God help the woman by giving her food or giving her a treasure chest? (Food)

Aye, mateys! God gave the woman something better than gold! God gave the woman His true words! And we can read God's true words in the Bible!

HAVE FUN TOGETHER

DO & SAY

Play "I Spy" with your family. Ask any of the following questions as you "spy," with your pirate eye, objects of these colors:

- Orange - Tell us one true thing about you! (Kids respond) That's so fun! Reading God's true words is fun, too!
- Blue - Is it true that your name is Polly Parrot? (No) No way! When we read God's Word, we read true stories of who God is and all of His true words!
- Yellow - True or false: It's OK for you to eat ice cream for dinner. (Kids respond) Shiver me timbers! It's not true that you can eat ice cream for dinner! But what is true is every word in the Bible, God's Word!
- Red - True or false: Another name for the Bible is "God's Word." (True) Yes! The Bible is full of God's true words, so we can call it "God's Word."
- Green - What is one thing that is not true about you? (Kids respond) While that's not true about you, every word we read in the Bible is true!
- Purple - What is one true story you like to read in the Bible? (Kids respond) Everything we read in the Bible is God's true words to us!

Then say: The Bible is God's true story about all the things He did to show us His love! Say this after me:

God's Word (make book with hands)

Is True (thumbs up)

PRAY

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Hey God! Thank You for every true word we read in the Bible! We are so thankful for the treasure we have in Your Word. Help us to want to read it and treasure it every day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

MEMORIZE IT

SAY & DO

There's a verse in the Bible that helps us know that God's Word is better than gold, and we can treasure it more than anything else! Say this after me in your best pirate voices:

"Your Word (make book with hands)

to me, Your servant, (thumbs to chest)

is like pure gold; (wiggle fingers)

I treasure what You say." (hands over heart)

Psalm 119:140 (make book with hands)

PIRATE SAYS SHEET

Directions: Read the following, and have your family only do the motions/actions that the pirate says. *NOTE: For Preschoolers, say, "Pirate says," before each motion.

- Pirate says to stand up tall.
- Now hop on one foot.
- Pirate says to hop on one foot.
- Pirate says to stop hoppin' and start hoistin' the sail.
- Pirate says to stop hoistin' the sail and start tiptoeing.
- Stop tiptoeing and start a-stompin'.
- Pirate says to start a-stompin'.
- Pirate says to shout, "Ahoy!"
- Now whisper, "Ahoy!"
- Pirate says to cover one eye and say, "Arrrrrgh!"
- Let me see you dance the jig.
- Pirate says for all the mateys to dance the jig.
- Pirate says to stop a-dancin' and start swabbing the deck.
- Pretend to walk the plank.
- Pirate says to dig for treasure.
- Stop digging and start picking up treasure.
- Pirate says to stop digging and start swimming.
- Pirate says to keep swimming.
- Now stop.
- Pirate says to stop.
- Pirate says to sit back down in your spots.
- Say, "Away we go!"
- Pirate says to say, "Away we go," in ye best pirate voice!
- Good job, mateys! Now let's have fun!