

## Good Weather

“God Controls the Weather,” based on 1 Kings 17 and 18. This lesson focuses on how God showed His power over nature during Elijah’s time.

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Theme: God Controls the Weather

**Bible Passage:** 1 Kings 17:1-16; 18:41-45

**Key Verse:** Psalm 135:6-7 - “Whatever the Lord pleases, He does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps. He it is who makes the clouds rise at the end of the earth, who makes lightning for the rain and brings forth the wind from His storehouses.”

**Big Idea:** God demonstrates His power and care through His control of the weather.

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### Lesson Objectives:

By the end of the lesson, students will:

1. Understand that God is in control of all creation, including the weather.
  2. See how God provided for Elijah and used him to show His power.
  3. Trust God to provide and care for them in all circumstances.
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### Lesson Outline

#### 1. Welcome & Opening (10 minutes)

- **Greeting & Check-In:** Greet each child warmly.
  - **Prayer:** Ask God to help us learn more about His power and love.
  - **Icebreaker:** “What’s your favorite kind of weather and why?”
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#### 2. Bible Have students write CD1 88 by all scripture references so they can cross reference with their notebook.

#### **Read and Explain the Scriptures:**

##### Part 1: God Provides in a Drought (1 Kings 17:1-16)

- Storytelling:
  - Share how Elijah announced the drought to King Ahab.
  - Explain how God cared for Elijah by sending ravens to bring food and providing water from a brook.
  - Tell how God provided for the widow at Zarephath with the miracle of the never-ending flour and oil.

##### Part 2: God Sends Rain After the Drought (1 Kings 18:41-45)

- Storytelling:
  - Share how Elijah prayed for rain after the contest on Mount Carmel.
  - Highlight how God sent rain after three years of drought.

#### Discussion Questions:

- Why did God stop the rain?
  - How did God take care of Elijah and the widow during the drought?
  - What happened when Elijah prayed for rain?
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#### 3. Activities (20 minutes)

##### Option 1: Weather Wheel Craft

- **Materials:** Paper plates, markers, fasteners, and printable weather symbols (sun, rain, clouds, etc.).

- **Activity:** Create a "Weather Wheel" to remind kids that God controls all types of weather.

Option 2: Science Connection – Rain in a Jar

- **Materials:** Glass jar, hot water, plate, ice cubes.
- **Activity:** Demonstrate how rain forms using steam and condensation. Discuss how God makes the rain.

Option 3: Skit – Elijah Prays for Rain

- Act out the story of Elijah praying for rain, including the servant checking the sky multiple times.

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4. Life Application (10 minutes)

- Discussion:
  - How does knowing God controls the weather help us trust Him?
  - What can we do when we're scared during a storm or bad weather?
- **Memory Verse Activity:** Teach Psalm 135:6-7 with hand motions to help kids remember.

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5. Closing (5 minutes)

- **Review:** Recap the stories and the key idea that God controls the weather and provides for His people.
- **Prayer:** Thank God for His power and care in our lives. Pray for trust in Him no matter what happens.

**Take-Home Sheet:** Include a coloring page of Elijah praying for rain and a reminder of the memory verse.

Answers in Genesis has a good article on Global Climate change [AIG Climate Change](#)