

This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, *we want YOU to be the one to introduce* this part of The Big God Story to them.

For additional support in spiritual parenting and to learn more about creating transforming environments in your home, be sure to pick up **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** from your church or download at HomeFrontMag.com. You can also access the HomeFront app for your iPhone, iPad, or Android device.



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GOD CARES

1 Kings 17

God showed His care for Elijah by sending ravens and a woman to care for him. God also used Elijah to perform a miracle and care for the woman and her son.

JUST FOR FUN

Serve only bread, meat, and water at dinner. When your children ask why, explain that you're going to read a part of The Big God Story where God took care of a man by feeding him like this. (Feel free to add fruits and veggies after you've made this important point.) Read **1 Kings 17:2-16**.

Did You Know?

- At this time in history the king of Israel, Ahab, was married to Jezebel, daughter of the Sidonian king and priestess of Baal.
- Ahab, encouraged by Jezebel, built a temple to Baal and had many prophets of God killed.
- Elijah confronted the worship of false gods by declaring a drought. It was during this drought that God ministered to him by using the ravens and the widow.

Remember Verse

Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced.

1 Chronicles 16:11-12

Your child can take responsibility for those around him in simple ways. Encourage him to be a friend to everyone and to share about Jesus with friends who may not know about Him.

Teachable Moments

- What do you think it would be like to be fed by birds?
- Who has God placed in your life to care for you?
- How can you care for others?

Blessing

For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource**.

A blessing to pray over your child:
(Child's name), may you know and love our God who leads us, calls us, finds us, protects us, and cares for us.