

Riverside Young Vineyard Session Plan

Date: 23rd June 2019

Theme: Taking risks- Healing

<p>Worship</p> 	<p>Allow space to do some healing ministry during worship.</p>
<p>Story</p> 	<p>Today in our groups we are going to be reading in 1 Kings 17:17-24 but first we need to know what happens before that to help us understand. Explain that last week we learnt about Elijah and how God told him to hide from the king. After a while the stream where Elijah was hiding and where he got his water from dried up (because remember God said there would be no rain until He said so). So God told him to go and live with a woman and her son. When Elijah found the woman and her son they were starving and had only enough food for one more meal. She said to Elijah she was about to cook her last meal and then die from hunger. Elijah tells her to cook her meal but to first make him a small loaf of bread from the small bit of flour and oil she had left. Elijah then tells the woman that God says the jar of flour will never run out and the jug of oil will always have oil in it. So Elijah lived with this woman and her son and they were all able to eat from the flour and oil jugs that never ran out!</p> <p>And now we get to what we are learning about today!!... The son who Elijah became very ill. He got worse and worse until eventually he stopped breathing. The woman obviously wasn't very happy with this and was angry at Elijah! Find out what happens next in your groups...!</p>
<p>Teaching/ Discussion</p>	<p>Read 1 Kings 17:17-24</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Why did the woman blame Elijah? (She probably lived a fairly quiet life until Elijah showed up and so maybe she thought this was God's doing. She may have been regretting letting Elijah into her home even though he had saved her and her son from starvation but then only to have her son die in front of her)2. How did Elijah respond to her anger towards him? Did he yell back at her saying it wasn't his fault? Did he feel bad and think that it was his fault? (He was calm and prayed to God. He thanked God for her for allowing him to stay in her home even just after she had yelled at him!) How would you respond if she had just yelled at you? Have you had someone yell at you before for something that wasn't your fault? How did it feel/ how did you react?3. Read verse 21 again. Have a little giggle at the first half!! Now this is a little strange isn't it! We have no idea why Elijah did this! Maybe God told him to do it. We don't really know the answer- ask Elijah when you get to heaven! Then talk about the second half (Elijah prayed to the Lord, "Lord my God, let this boy live again!").

What do you notice about how Elijah prayed? (He doesn't plead with God begging Him to heal the boy. He says it almost like a command!)

We don't need to beg and plead with God- so often when we pray for healing it goes something like this; "Please God please if it is your will would you please make this person better!". When in reality we can tell the sickness to leave. Jesus has given us authority over sickness and we can be bold and confident when praying for people just like Elijah was.

Craft/ Activity

The boy is healed!

You will need:

- Paper
- Colouring pencils/pens
- Scissors
- Paper fasteners

1. Draw a boy and cut him out (like shown in the picture). We have provided a template of a boy at the bottom of this session plan if the children don't want to draw their own.
2. On a fresh A4 piece of paper draw a bed. You could draw Elijah praying next to him if you like.
3. Poke the paper fastener carefully through the boy and the bed and bend the metal strips so they stay together.
4. Write *"The Lord answered Elijah's prayer. The boy began breathing again, and he was alive."* 1 Kings 17:22 on the piece of paper
5. Don't forget your name!



Chat & Catch/ Response	Practice praying for healing for people remembering to speak with confidence and authority. Practice different phrases and see the difference between when you plead with God and when you speak boldly- how does it feel? If there is anyone who would like prayer for healing? If so pray for them. Go through the ask, pray, ask model.
Game	Stuck in the mud! One person is "it". They have to run around tagging as many people as they can by touching them on the shoulder, arm or hand. If you are tagged you have to stand frozen to the spot with your arms and legs out in a star shape. Everyone else can free you by crawling through your legs. After a while switch the person who is "it".

