



## Benjas (0-5 years)

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**Lesson:** ELIJAH AND THE DROUGHT

**Reference:** 1Kings 16:29-17:24

**Point:** God will judge those who turn away from him to false gods, but save those who trust his word



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**Memory verse:** Acts 17:24

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## Judges (6-7 years)

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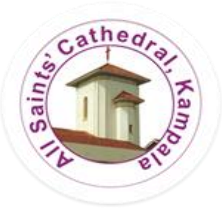
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#### Read the full story from 1Kings 16:29-17:24

Ahab was one of the kings of the Northern kingdom (Israel), after the kingdom was divided. Ahab was leading God's people but he was a wicked king. He married someone from Sidon and worshipped Sidonian gods - baal and asherah. The worship of false gods was displeasing to the Lord. God judged Ahab and Israel by causing drought. Elijah, God's prophet, told king Ahab that there would be no rain until he said so. When there was no rain, God provided for Elijah and for a widow and her son who were in a foreign land.

Ahab could have obeyed the God of Israel and worshipped only him but he served the gods of his wife. Even when Elijah told Ahab about God's judgement, Ahab did not repent.

While king Ahab (one of God's people) turned away from God and did not believe the word of the Lord from prophet Elijah, the widow, (from a land of other gods) believed Elijah when he spoke God's word to her.

So, Ahab turned away from God to worship false gods and he was judged; while Elijah obeyed God's word and God saved him by providing food for him through ravens. The same happened to the widow - she obeyed God's word and was saved; God miraculously made sure her flour and oil don't run out. When the widow's son died and was brought back to life, she trusted God's word more -even when she was in a land of other gods.

God's word can be trusted and should be obeyed. God kept his word about no rain, providing for Elijah and providing for the widow. We can confidently trust God and his word to us in the Bible because he has the power to do what he says. We can be confident that God's word is true and that his promise to save those who have trusted Jesus will be fulfilled.

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False gods do not have to be some small gods or images that we worship somewhere. They can be anything that is more important to us than God. So we need to be careful how we live, so that we do not turn to false gods. We also need to be careful to believe and obey God's word.

**Think:** What position does God hold in your life? How do you respond to God's word?



Which false gods did Ahab worship? (16:31-33)

Circle all the correct answers.

Zeus

Baal

Apollo

Asherah

What did Elijah tell Ahab? (17:1)

"There will be no d \_ \_ or r \_ \_ \_ until I say so."

How did God provide for people during the drought? (17:6, 14, 22)

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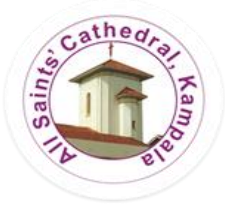
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What idols/false gods do people worship today, instead of the one true God?

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