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Scriptural Basis; 1 Kings 16:29 – 17:24; Deuteronomy 18:14-22



The gospel in the story:

Like all humanity, the people of Israel have a rebellious nature that cannot be rectified by human leadership. And though we all are prone to depravity and wandering, even going so far as to pursue false gods, God has a steadfast love that pursues and provides hope even in the most hopelessness situations. God's hope is portrayed in the prophets he sent to His people. And all the prophets point to THE prophet – Jesus – referred to in Deuteronomy 18:15

Application:

Head: What did we learn?

- Q: Who is Ahab? A: An evil king of Israel who began worshiping a false god (Baal).
- Q: Who is Elijah? A: A Prophet, sent by God
- Q: What message does Elijah deliver to Ahab? A: That God would bring a severe drought.
- Q: How does God take care of Elijah during the drought? A: Sends ravens to feed him.
- Q: How does God take care of the widow (through Elijah)? A: Miraculously providing flour and oil, and bringing her son back to life.

Heart: Memory verse:

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Hands; How does this affect the way I live my life?

God has proven he is a God of hope by sending His son Jesus. By His Spirit he gives us the ability to live bold lives of faith, clinging to the hope that is in Jesus.

Home: How does this affect my household?

Households under human authority ultimately do not have any hope.

Heaven; How can we be intentional about sharing our faith?

God showed hope, to Elijah AND sent a message of hope through him to the widow and her child. In the same way, we have our hope in Christ, and by loving our neighbors, we bring the hope of Christ into their lives.