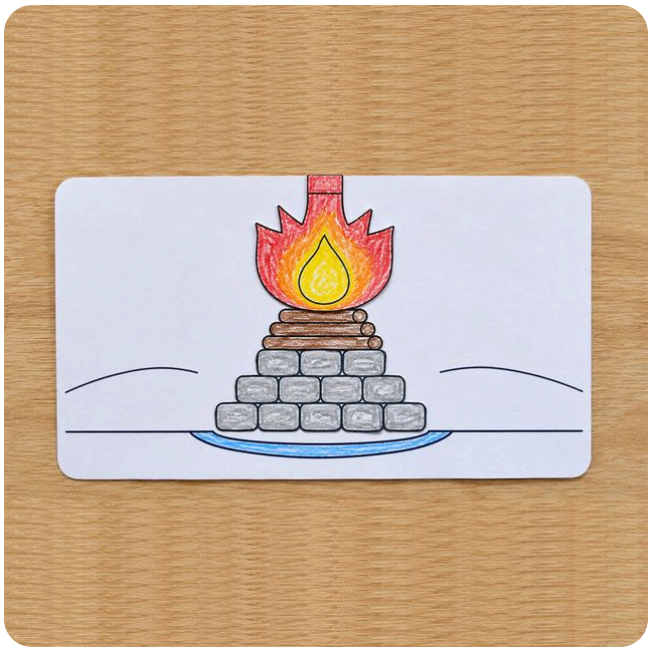
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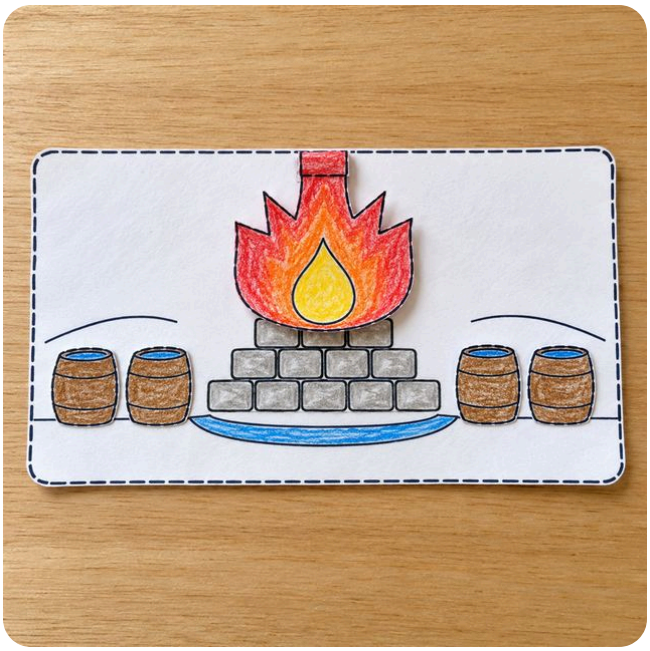
Elijah on Mount Carmel Craft

The altar of twelve stones and the fire of the LORD · 1 Kings 18 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



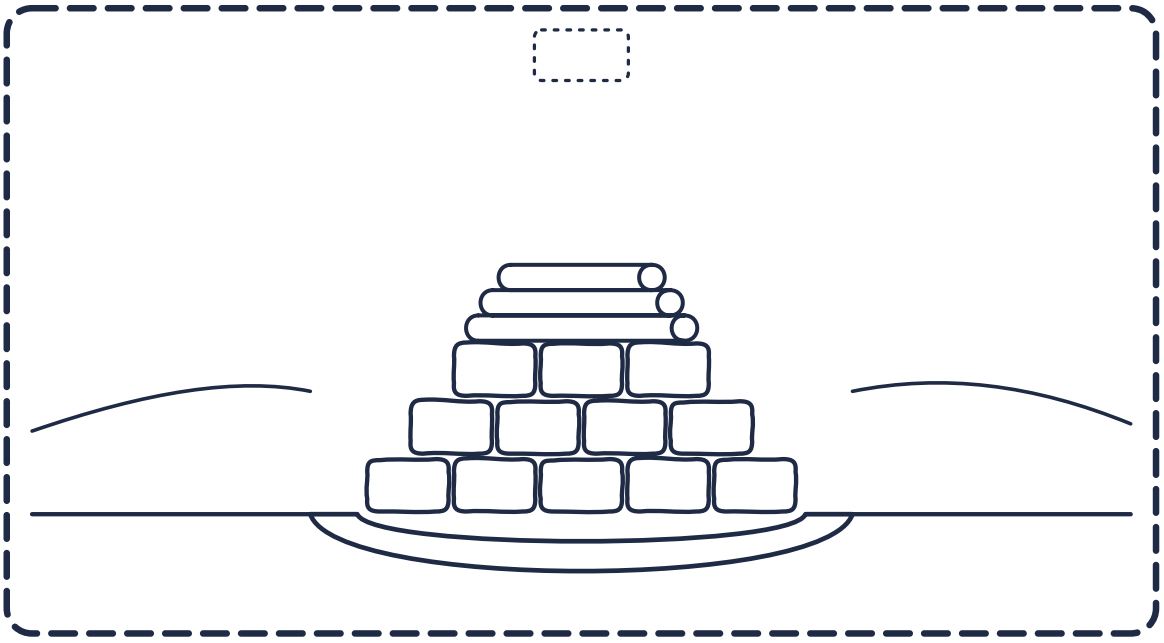
Harder

Medium (left): a paper card with an altar of twelve gray stones in three rows, brown wood on top, a blue trench around its foot and a ridge line in the sky. A flap of red, orange and yellow fire hangs from a tab at the top of the card down over the wood. Harder (right): the same card with four brown barrels of water standing on the ground, two on each side of the altar.

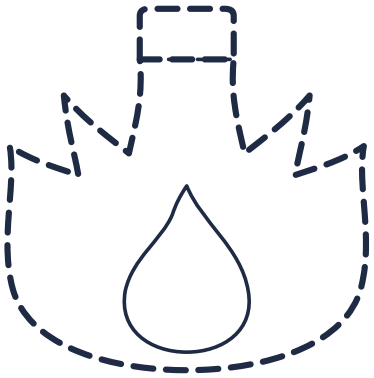
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Name: _____

✂ Cut on the dashed lines



altar card: color the 12 stones gray, the wood brown and the trench blue
glue the fire's tab on the dotted box at the top



fire: red on the outside,
orange and yellow in the middle

And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.

1 Kings 18:39 (KJV)

verse card: glue it on the back
of the altar card

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Name: _____

✂ Harder level



4 barrels: color them brown, with blue water at the top

How to add the four barrels

1. Make the altar card from page 2, with the fire flap glued at the top and the verse card on the back.
2. Color the four barrels brown, with blue water at the top. Cut them out on the dashed lines.
3. Glue two barrels standing on the ground line at the left of the altar and two at the right, next to the trench, not on it.
4. Count: four barrels, poured three times. Elijah said, "Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood." Then, "Do it the second time," and "Do it the third time" (1 Kings 18:33–34).
5. Say 1 Kings 18:39 from memory, then lift the fire flap and let it fall.

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/elijah-on-mount-carmel-craft
Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels
You need: page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), gray, brown, blue, red, orange and yellow crayons or markers, scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child.
Before class: for preschoolers, cut out each child's altar card, fire and verse card. Make one finished craft to show the kids.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out the altar card, the fire and the verse card. Kids color the stones, wood, trench and fire. Then help them glue the fire's tab on the dotted box and the verse card on the back. Count the stones together: "One, two, three … twelve!"
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, cut out the three pieces, glue the fire flap at the top of the card and glue the verse card on the back. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make it like the medium level, then add the four barrels from page 3, two on each side of the altar. They say 1 Kings 18:39 from memory before they take it home. This is the craft in the second photo.

Why there are no people: the craft draws no people. It shows the altar of the LORD that Elijah built with twelve stones, the trench, the wood and the fire of the LORD (1 Kings 18:31–38). While the kids work, tell them about Elijah, the people and the prophets of Baal.

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Steps (medium level)

1. **Color the altar card:** color the 12 stones gray, the wood on top brown and the trench around the bottom of the altar blue, for the water that filled it (1 Kings 18:35).
2. **Color the fire:** red on the outside, orange and yellow in the middle.
3. **Cut:** cut out the altar card, the fire and the verse card on the dashed lines.
4. **Hang the fire:** fold the fire's tab back on the dotted line. Put glue on the back of the tab only, and press it on the dotted box at the top of the altar card, so the fire hangs down over the wood.
5. **Verse:** glue the verse card on the back of the altar card and read it together.
6. **Tell the story:** lift the fire and see the wet wood and stones. Then let it fall: "Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench" (1 Kings 18:38).

Questions to ask while kids work

- What did Elijah ask the people on Mount Carmel? *("How long halt ye between two opinions?" 1 Kings 18:21)* What does it mean? *(How long will you go back and forth between the LORD and Baal?)*
- What did the prophets of Baal cry all morning? *("O Baal, hear us," 18:26)* Did anyone answer? *(No, there was no voice, 18:26, 18:29)*
- Count the stones. Why twelve? *(For the twelve tribes of the sons of Jacob, 18:31)*
- Point to the trench. What filled it? *(Water, 18:35)* How many barrels of water did they pour, and how many times? *(Four barrels, three times, 18:33–34)*
- Let the fire fall. What did the fire of the LORD burn up? *(The sacrifice, the wood, the stones, the dust, and the water in the trench, 18:38)*
- What did all the people say? *("The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God," 18:39)*

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Tips

- **Old Bible words explained:** halt between two opinions = go back and forth, unable to choose; bullock = a young bull; dress = get ready; repaired = fixed; trench = a ditch; consumed = burned up; licked up = dried up every drop; fell on their faces = bowed down to the ground.
- **What the Bible says:** Elijah took twelve stones (1 Kings 18:31), built an altar in the name of the LORD, made a trench about it, and put the wood in order (18:32–33). The Bible doesn't say how the stones were stacked or what the barrels looked like. The craft shows the wood but not the bullock on it, and the colors are only for fun.
- **Preschool:** pre-cut the three pieces. Use glue sticks, not liquid glue. Hold up a finished craft so they can see the goal.
- **Gluing the flap:** glue only the tab, never the fire itself, so it can lift up and fall down. Fold the tab firmly on the dotted line first.
- **Harder level:** the barrels are small. Cut around them slowly, or let kids cut a rough box around each barrel and then trim it.
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Elijah on Mount Carmel Sunday school lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/elijah-on-mount-carmel.

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