

Act It Out: I Kings 17:1-7

Elijah Is Fed by Ravens

The teacher will read the story from the Word while the children act it out. Young children will readily accept the idea that there can be more than one Elijah, Ahab, and multiple ravens. Include all of the children in your play. Children may enjoy acting it out more than once!

Setting the Scene

Choose an open space. Create the brook Cherith with blue fabric (sheets, towels or fabric remnants), ribbons, etc.

Props

- *optional*: large t-shirt or bathrobe as prophet costumes
- *optional*: walking stick(s) for Elijah(s)
- *optional*: crown(s) for Ahab(s)
- bread or crackers for the ravens to feed Elijah
- blue fabric or ribbons for the brook Cherith



Characters

- Ahab
- Elijah
- Ravens

(Helpers who are not involved can make the brook “dry up” by pulling it to one side of the room.)

Story Script

Elijah and Ahab face each other. Narrator reads:

And Elijah the Tishbite... said to Ahab, “As the Lord God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word.”

Ahab leaves. Elijah stands at the side of the room. Narrator reads:

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan.

Elijah walks to the “brook.”

And it will be that you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.”

Elijah stoops and “drinks” from the brook.

So he went and did according to the word of the Lord, for he went and stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan.

Ravens bring bread for Elijah to “eat.”

The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook.

Helpers pull back the brook so that it “dries up.”

And it happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.