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Ravens Bring Elijah Food

1 Kings 17:1-7



YOUR BIBLE READING

God cared for Elijah through an unexpected provision.

Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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Beside the Brook

1 Kings 17:1-7



Elijah was a prophet, a person who brought God's message. He spoke to King Ahab about a coming drought. There would be no rain or dew except according to the word God gave through him. This was a serious message for a land where people and animals depended on water. A royal palace could not command the rain to return simply because a king wanted it.

After this, God gave Elijah an instruction for his own next step. He was to leave, turn eastward, and hide near the brook Cherith, close to the Jordan. A brook is a smaller stream of flowing water. Elijah would not remain at the king's court. He was directed to a particular place where he could stay out of sight and drink while the drought continued.

God's instruction included a surprising promise about food. Ravens would bring it to Elijah there. Ravens are birds, not people who prepare a table or carry supplies in the usual human way. The account presents this as God's unusual provision for his prophet. Elijah was not asked to arrange a delivery himself. He was told where to go and what God had appointed for that place.

Elijah went and did as God had told him. He stayed by Cherith and drank from the brook. The story gives us this clear action without describing a long speech from Elijah. He heard an instruction and followed it. His shelter and water belonged to a real location within a difficult time. God's message about the drought and God's care for the prophet appear together in this brief account. His next task was to live where God had directed him.

Remember: I can receive help with a thankful heart.

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Food, Water, and a Changing Place

1 Kings 17:1-7



The ravens brought Elijah bread and meat in the morning. They brought bread and meat again in the evening. Between these deliveries, the brook supplied drinking water. The repeated meals are a simple part of the story's wonder. Elijah needed food more than once, and the provision met that continuing need. God's care was shown in something practical: there was food to eat and water to drink.

The passage does not tell us where the ravens obtained the food or how they carried it. We can leave those questions open instead of filling them with invented details. What the account does tell us is enough to follow its meaning. God had promised to provide in this unexpected way, and the food arrived as promised. The ordinary need to eat was met through an extraordinary event.

Then the situation changed. After some time, the brook dried up because rain had not fallen in the land. Elijah's presence did not keep the stream running forever. This detail matters: the story does not end by pretending the drought had become easy. The place that had supplied water could no longer do so. The account stops this scene at that change, leaving Elijah at the edge of a new need.

We can understand this account without turning it into a rule that every empty table will be filled by birds. It describes a particular provision during Elijah's work as a prophet. Its ending also reminds readers to notice changing circumstances. Receiving help at one stage does not mean every later step will look the same. The dried brook belongs beside the morning and evening meals as part of the whole story.

Pause and think: Which ordinary form of care could you notice and appreciate more carefully today?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Recognizing Practical Care



Food and water can seem ordinary when they are easy to reach. Elijah's story asks us to notice their importance. Think about the work behind a meal you have eaten: growing, carrying, preparing, and sharing. Giving thanks can include gratitude for the people involved. It can also help us remember families whose meals are uncertain, without assuming that their hardship says anything about their goodness.

The ravens belong to a particular miracle in the Bible. In our lives, practical care often arrives through people: a neighbor shares food, a school offers lunch, or a grown-up helps a family find support. These are present-day examples, not added events in Elijah's account. If you are hungry or worried about having enough, tell a trusted adult. Asking for help is a sensible thing to do.

The brook eventually dried. That ending makes room to speak honestly about change. Something that helped yesterday may not be enough today. A wise response is to notice the need rather than pretend it is gone. We can receive care with gratitude, pay attention when circumstances change, and learn to offer practical kindness when another person needs food, water, or support.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

God's provision for Elijah was practical and surprising, and the changing brook still mattered.

Which ordinary form of care could you notice and appreciate more carefully today?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. Where did Elijah stay?

2. What happened to the brook after a while?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ The brook eventually dried up.
- ☐ Ravens brought Elijah food morning and evening.
- ☐ God sent Elijah to the brook.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw ravens near the brook where Elijah drank.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

I can receive help with a thankful heart.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: 1 Kings 17:4-6

A thoughtful conversation

This is a particular miracle during a drought, not a promise that food or water will always arrive without human help. The dried brook is part of the story.

Activity answers

1. Beside the brook Cherith, near the Jordan.
2. It dried up because there had been no rain.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 3, 2, 1. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

God, thank you for food and for those who help us. Amen.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

Sources and sharing

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