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In the name of the
Father, and the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, one God.
Amen.



Begin with the Lord's prayer

Our Lord and Savior, our King and God, we thank you for gathering us here to stand before you to call on your Holy Name.

Heavenly Father, teach us to trust You in everything we do.

Our God open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds that we may hear Your Word and transform (Change) our lives.

Bless all the children and keep them safe. Hear us when we humbly and thankfully pray to you.

Our Father, who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

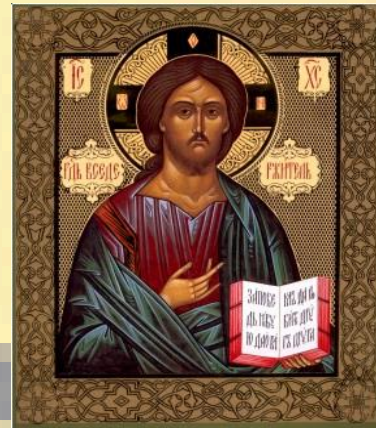
As we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from the evil one

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the

Glory. Forever, Amen.



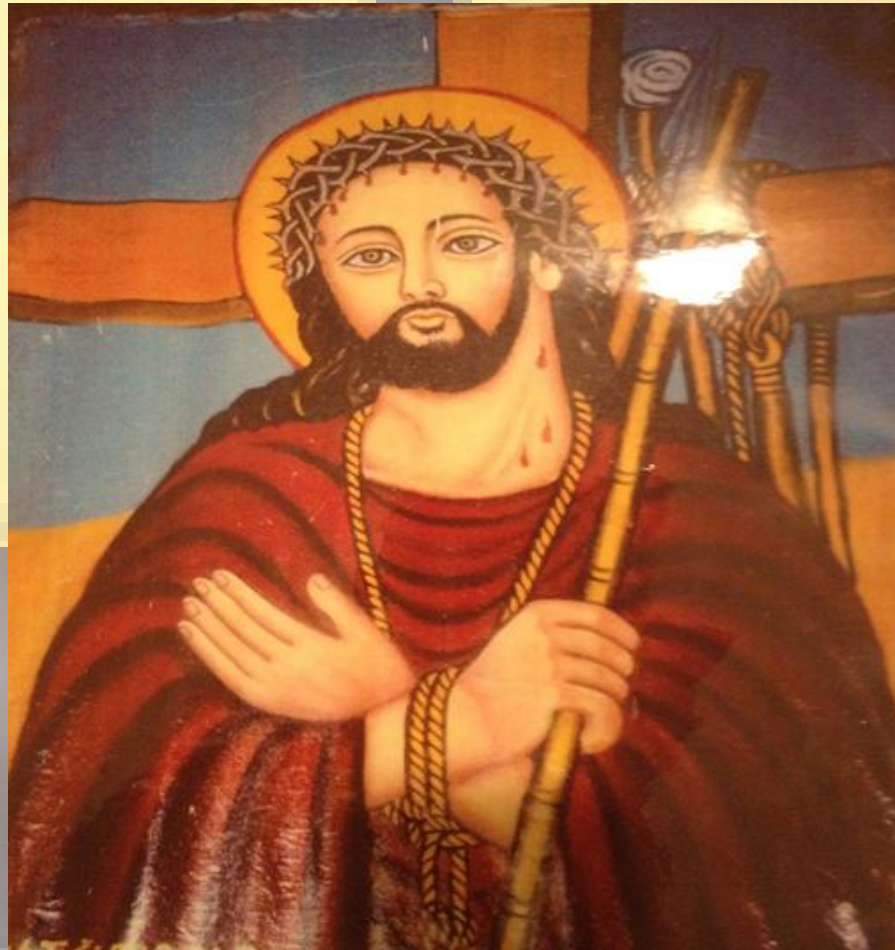
O our Lady, as St. Gabriel greeted you, “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” True Virgin in conscience as well as body, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Holy Mary, the God-bearer, pray that your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, may forgive us our sins. Amen.



Say The Jesus Prayer 3 times

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.**



MEMORY VERSE

**Can anyone tell me
last week's
memory verse???**

Review



1. Who was Solomon's father?
 - a) David.
 - b) Saul.

2. Solomon's father told him not to forget
 - a) to be kind to the people of Israel.
 - b) to walk in God's ways and obey His commandments.

3. Solomon asked God for
 - a) wealth and victory over his enemies.
 - b) wisdom to do what was right.

Review



4. God was pleased with Solomon's request and granted it to him.
 - a) True.
 - b) False.
5. God also promised to bless Solomon with honor and wealth
 - a) if he obeyed His commandments.
 - b) if he defeated his enemies.
6. When two women argued over which one was the mother of a baby, Solomon
 - a) decided to give the baby up for adoption.
 - b) threatened to cut the baby in half.

Review



7. The real mother was happy to divide the child with the other woman.
 - a) True.
 - b) False.

8. Who travelled a long distance to ask Solomon her questions?
 - a) The Queen of Sheba.
 - b) The Queen of Babylon.

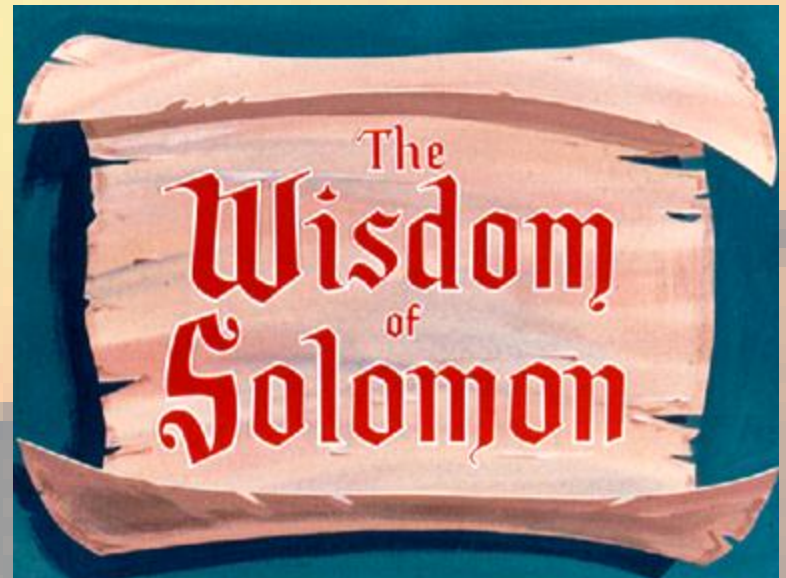
9. Why did Solomon's people love and serve him?
 - a) Because he gave them lots of money.
 - b) Because he was a wise and good king.

10. We can find the treasure of real wisdom by believing in the Lord Jesus Christ and following Him.
 - a) True.
 - b) False.




Recite Last week's memory verse

**“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of
wisdom”**

(Psalm 111:10)



Class Covenant

I will keep my  on my teacher,
my  in control,
my s on God's Word;
knowing God is my goal.

Elijah and the Prophets of Baal



October 27, 2013

Memorize today's Verse

“As the Lord the God of Israel lives, there will be neither dew nor rain these years except by my word”

(1 Kings 17:1)

Practice this verse again during the week.



Purpose:

To show that God is not willing that men should perish, but calls them to repentance.





After Solomon's death the Israelites started quarreling among themselves. The land was divided in two and each part had its own king. The people did not care about the true God anymore and worshipped idols which they themselves made of stone and wood. One of their kings was named Ahab.



When Ahab became king of Israel, he did more evil in the sight of the Lord than all the kings of Israel before him.



King Ahab not only turned away from God himself to worship Baal (False God), he led the entire nation of Israel to do the same.



People who refused to worship Baal were persecuted or driven out of the country, and every prophet of God that could be found was put to death.



Suddenly, one day the king heard a voice burst forth like a thunder! And there before him stood a stranger.



“As the Lord God of Israel lives before whom I stand there shall not be dew or rain until the time I call for it!” Elijah the prophet had come to call Israel back to the Lord God!

- ▶ **A prophet is a man of God that brings messages from God to the people.**
- ▶ **A prophet can also inform people of things that will happen in the future that are revealed to him/her by God.**





The people stood in stunned silence as Elijah turned to leave. No prophet of God had spoken for a long time. Still the people paid little attention to Elijah's message or to its real meaning.



Elijah had uttered a warning! Hunger was coming to the land of Israel, for drought and famine go hand in hand. Elijah was going to show Israel that they were serving a dead god. Only the Lord could send rain.



For three years no rain fell in the land of Israel. The grass disappeared from the hills. The cattle became lean and thin. Nothing grew in the farmers' fields, and day by day the people had less to eat.



In every home in the land people suffered from hunger. Unless rain came soon there would be no food at all! But day after day passed, and no rain came.



People began to think more and more about what Elijah had said. Elijah must be a great prophet! Only a prophet with mighty power could hold back the rain.



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And when the king saw his land turning to desert, his animals dying of hunger, even the king believed Elijah's words and sent messengers to find the prophet.



The messengers always returned with the same answer: “Elijah is nowhere to be found.”



King Ahab grew so desperate that he sent to every city and country around, and made people swear they were not hiding the prophet.



Messengers came to fear for their very lives, for the king was furious at their failure to find Elijah. And as the famine increased in the land the king's fury increased with it.



The Bible tells us that after many days the word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, “Go show yourself to Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth.”



So Elijah suddenly appeared again. He stood in the path before Obadiah, the king's servant, and said, "Go tell your king that Elijah has returned." And Obadiah hurried to obey.



King Ahab listened to Obadiah's report with a grim silence. Elijah would find, it was a serious matter to stand in the way of the king!



But Elijah was not afraid. He waited calmly for the king to come, and when the king cried angrily...



... “Are you the one who’s been troubling Israel?”



Elijah answered, “I have not troubled Israel. It is you and your father’s house because you have not followed the commandments of the Lord!



“You have worshipped Baal, the god of the heathen!” Elijah boldly accused the king.



And King Ahab found he couldn't answer the prophet of God. The king had no authority before the word of God as spoken by Elijah. If Ahab wanted rain, he would have to do the listening.



So the king listened as Elijah told him to gather all the people of Israel and all the prophets of Baal and bring them together on Mount Carmel. And the king did all that Elijah said to do.



From every corner of the kingdom the people came, wondering what this strange and terrible prophet would do now. Would Elijah bring back the rain?



But Elijah had something to do first that was more important to the lives of these people than rain. Elijah must show Israel they were serving a dead god – that only the Lord could bring rain.



Elijah came straight to the point. “Why do you follow first, one god and then another?” he asked. “If the Lord is God, follow the Lord. If Baal is god, then follow him.”



And the people answered him not a word! Famine and hunger had made them willing to listen, but sin had blinded their eyes and made their ears slow to hear.



Then Elijah spoke again. “I, even I only, remain a prophet of the Lord. But Baal’s prophets are 450 men.



Let them prepare a sacrifice. I will do the same. Then we'll call upon our gods. And the God that answers by fire, let Him be God.”



And all the people answered and said, “It is well spoken.”



Elijah just stood by as the prophets of Baal prepared their sacrifice, and called on their god from morning even until noon: “O Baal, hear us!”



The prophets leaped and danced about their altar. But there was no sign from Baal. Baal did not answer.



At noon Elijah teased the prophets, and said, “Cry louder! For Baal is a god! He may be talking, or away on a vacation. Maybe he’s asleep and needs to be awakened!”



Then the prophets of Baal cried louder than ever. They leaped about in a wild frenzy and begged their god to answer.



They even cut themselves with knives, that Baal might take pity on them. And all the time the people watched, and waited.



Then Elijah called the people to come near him as he prepared a sacrifice.



First, Elijah took twelve stones and built again the broken altar of the Lord.



He put the wood in place and laid the sacrifice upon the altar.



And Elijah made a great trench all around the altar of the Lord. Then he did a very strange thing.



Elijah told the people to bring barrel after barrel of water.



and pour them over the altar, until all of it was soaked, and the trench was filled to the brim. If fire consumed this sacrifice nobody could say it started by accident!



In tense silence the people watched as Elijah came to the altar and said, “Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel, and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word.



“Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that You are the Lord God, and Thou hast turned their heart back again!”



**And suddenly.....the fire of the
Lord fell!**



And the sacrifice, the altar, the water, even the dust of the ground was consumed before the eyes of the people!



And they fell on their faces and said, “The Lord, He is God. The Lord, He is God!” The whole nation of Israel turned again to the Lord and worshipped Him as the only living God. Only then did Elijah begin to think about rain.



The Bible says that Elijah went up to the top of Carmel and cast himself down upon the earth to pray. And he said to his servant, “Go up now, look toward the sea.”



And when the servant looked and said, “There is nothing,” Elijah sent him seven times until the servant reported, “Behold, there arises a little cloud out of the sea, like a man’s hand.”



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Then Elijah sent his servant to warn the king that rain was coming. The Lord had called His people to repentance, and when they turned back to God, He blessed the people with a great rain.

Through His Word, the Bible, the Lord still calls:

Act 3:19

**Repent therefore and be converted,
that your sins may be blotted out, so
that times of refreshing may come
from the presence of the Lord.**

Movie Clip

Show a short movie clip about the story, if available.



Pop Quiz



1. During the time of King Ahab, people who refused to worship Baal were persecuted or driven out of the country.
 - a) True.
 - b) False.
2. The prophet Elijah warned the people there would be no rain
 - a) so that they could store up grain in advance.
 - b) to show Israel that they were serving a dead god.
3. When the drought continued for a long time, the people began to believe that Elijah must be a mighty prophet of God.
 - a) True.
 - b) False.

Pop Quiz



4. Which man was truly troubling Israel?
 - a) Elijah.
 - b) King Ahab.

5. Elijah told the King to gather all the people and the prophets of Baal together on
 - a) Mt. Zion.
 - b) Mt. Carmel.

6. Why couldn't the people answer Elijah's challenge about following God or Baal?
 - a) Sin had blinded their eyes and made their ears slow to hear.
 - b) They were too tired after climbing up the mountain.

Pop Quiz

7. What would be the proof to determine which god was the living God?
 - a) He would blot out the light of the sun.
 - b) He would burn up his sacrifice with fire.

8. When Baal could not answer the prayers of his prophets, Elijah rebuilt the broken altar of the Lord and laid a sacrifice on it.
 - a) True.
 - b) False.

9. Did the Lord God of Israel respond to Elijah's prayer to burn up the sacrifice?
 - a) Yes.
 - b) No.

10. What happened when the people turned back to God?
 - a) God punished them for their disobedience.
 - b) God blessed the people with a great rain.

The End

Next Week

We will learn about
Elisha and the Syrian
army.



3 things we all can do to strengthen our relationship with God

1. Read the Holy Bible daily preferably when we get up in the morning. 5 minutes to start.
2. Partake Holy Communion regularly.
3. Remember God throughout the day. We can repeat short prayer such as “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me.”

JESUS CHRIST

- “For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12)





*“And you shall know
the truth, and the
truth shall make you
free.” John 8:32*

Any question?

Close with prayer.

