

# **BIBLE HERO'S**

## **FAMILY DEVOTION - DAY 1**

**HERO : ELIJAH**

**SUPERPOWER: OBEDIENCE**

Read 1 Kings 17:7-24

Elijah was a prophet of God in the Old Testament. He performed many miracles for God, and was always obedient to Him. Elijah has complete faith and trust in God, and God was always faithful to Elijah. God is always speaking to us and giving us direction. We need to obey so that He can use us in the way He plans. God will not force us to obey Him. Obedience is a choice that we must make. If we are obedient to God, He will bless us. God's plan for our lives is great, but we must obey His leading to accomplish them.

We learn and practice to be obedient to God by obeying those in authority over us. For example, when your parents ask for you to clean your room, you obey. It's important to honor their authority and say "Yes, sir" and "Yes, ma'am" as well. The more we listen and obey those over us, we will be ready to obey God when He gives us direction too. Mark 16:15 states "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all Creation." As Christians, it's our duty to share the Gospel with everyone we can. That can only be done by obedience to God. When we are obedient to God, it will also rub off on others, just like it did with Elijah. He was obedient and then the widow was obedient as well. Let's follow God's lead and listen and obey.

God can use us to spread the Gospel around the world!

### **SUPER BIBLE TIME:**

**We've all obeyed and disobeyed. Let's look at a Bible character who disobeyed God. Jonah was a man who ran in the opposite direction of the place God told him to go. Jonah allowed his fear of the people to make him disobey God!**

**Read Jonah 1:4-16**

Do you think God honored Jonah's disobedience?

**Read Jonah 2:1 and 2:10**

What did God do when Jonah said he would obey and go to Nineveh?



**PARENT:** Play Simon says or something fun with you children to practice obedience! This is a great opportunity to talk about how it makes you feel when your children obey or disobey. Relate it to how God feels when we follow His voice or when we choose to not obey. Explain to them that even you need to obey those in authority over you.

**PRAYER:** Pray as a family that everyone would be obedient to God's will and that His will would be accomplished every day. Pray that your own obedience would rub off on others around you.