

**CHARACTER TRAIT:** HOPE

**FINISH LINE:** People may disappoint us, but God never will

**SCRIPTURE:** 1 Kings 18

## ACTIVITY 1: MEMORY VERSE GAME

**SUPPLIES:** Ball to either toss or kick

**EXPLAIN:** All you need for this game is a ball. Say one phrase of the verse. Have your kid repeat the phrase with you. Then, toss (or kick) a ball back and forth. As you toss the ball, say one word of the phrase. Your kid will catch the ball and toss it back to you, saying the next word. Play again, varying who starts the phrase, until your kid knows the phrase by memory. Then, repeat this game with the next phrase of the verse and continue until you both know the whole verse!

**Multiple kids?** Stand in a circle and toss or kick a ball back and forth as you say the words. You can choose to have the whole group or individuals say the words with each pass.

**MEMORY VERSE:** "I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit." **Romans 15:13 NLT**

## ACTIVITY 2: LESSON REVIEW

**SUPPLIES:** Props and costumes

**DIRECTIONS:** Get creative and reenact the story of Elijah and the prophets of Baal found in 1 Kings 18. You will need to start by assigning characters (Examples: Elijah, prophets of Baal, Israelites). Then create your costumes and find props that will help you retell the story. You can act out the story in a variety of ways. You could have your actors pantomime the actions when someone reads it from the Bible or a kids story Bible. You could write your own script or use the following key events as acting prompts. Whatever you do, have fun together!

- God sends Elijah to Mt. Carmel
- Elijah tells the Israelites they have to choose between Baal and God
- Prophets of Baal make fun of Elijah
- Prophets of Baal pray all day, but nothing happens
- Elijah builds an altar and then pours water on the altar
- Elijah asks God to show His power
- God shows His power by sending fire and burning up everything
- The people choose to hope in God

**PROP IDEAS:** If you are inside, you could use pillows to build the altars, stuffed animals as the sacrifices, a blue sheet as water, and tissue paper as the fire. If you head outside, you could build altars with rocks and use big sticks as the sacrifice. If you are outside, you could even consider using real water and fire.