## Birds Feed Elijah

**Summer Unit 2:**God Cares for His People

## **Bible Verse:**

"Whenever I'm afraid, I will trust in You."
Psalm 56:3

God's Word & Me (Bottom Line):
God is powerful and can always help me.



## 1 Kings 17:1-6

Where do you go to get food? Let's listen to a story about a man who got food in a very unusual way.



One day God gave His helper Elijah a very important message. "There will be no **rain** for a long, long time," God said. *If there is no rain*, Elijah thought, *I'll have nothing to drink*. And no food can grow, so *I'll have nothing to eat!* 

"I will take care of you," God said to Elijah. "I have a special place for you to live. This special place is by a little stream of water. I will send food to you."



Elijah began the long **walk** to the place where God had told him to go. Step, step, step. Elijah walked down hills. Elijah walked up hills. Tap, tap, tap went his strong walking stick on the rocky path.

Finally, Elijah came to the place by the little stream. Elijah was very tired. He drank the cool water from the **stream**. He felt better! Elijah sat down by the stream and looked around.



Not far away, all the plants were dry and brown. There was no food growing here. There were no people. There were no houses. There weren't even any stores where Elijah could buy food.

What am I going to eat? Elijah thought. Then he remembered, God said He would take care of me. And God always does what He says.

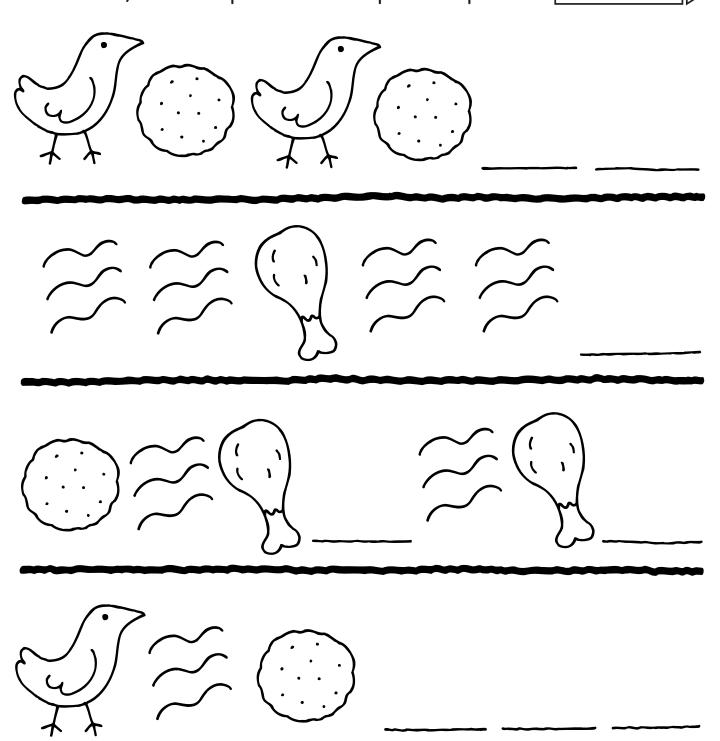


Elijah waited by the stream. Soon he saw **birds**—big black birds—flying toward him. They flew nearer and nearer and nearer. *The birds are holding something*, Elijah thought.

As the birds flew closer, Elijah saw that some birds carried bread. Other birds carried meat. They brought the food to Elijah! God used birds to bring food to Elijah—God did just what He said He would do. God loved Elijah! Every night and every morning God sent the birds with food for Elijah. God was good to Elijah.







God cared for Elijah by giving him food to eat and water to drink. God loves and cares for us, too. The Bible says, "God has been good to me." (See Genesis 33:11.)



Make a sound pattern by clapping your hands and tapping your legs. Try this pattern: tap/tap/clap, tap/tap/clap. What other patterns can you make?