

**Story Time - Read the story to the children**  
**Lesson 97: THE RAVENS BRING FOOD TO ELIJAH**  
**1 KINGS 17:1-7**

And Elijah the Tishbite, from a place called Tishbe in the land of Gilead, said to the evil king Ahab, "By the living LORD, the God of Israel, whose servant I am, there will be no dew on the ground or rain falling in these coming years, but it will only happen when I say the word." Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, "Go from here in the direction of the east, and hide yourself in a secret place by the brook (which is a small stream) called Cherith, which flows into the Jordan river. The water of the brook will be for you to drink, and I will order the ravens to give you food there."

So he went and did just as the Lord said, and he lived by the stream called Cherith, east of the Jordan river. And the ravens took him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook. Now after a while the stream dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

## Lesson 97 – Let the children take turns being Ravens!

Just for fun during snack time (or if you've already had snacks, do this with 'pretend' food – any objects in the class will do!) have the children take turns being ravens. Have them take a food item, pretend to 'fly' around the tables, then give a snack item to the children!

### OPTIONAL CRAFT

#### Pet Raven

With this craft, your children will be making a raven that will be carrying food (the child's favorite Bible verse). You will need poster board, black construction paper, stick on eyes, scissors, glue and string (for hanging).

Using the template provided, paste the raven onto a piece of poster board. Next, cut out the body of the raven from the poster board. Make a vertical slit on the back of the bird. Using another piece of black construction paper fold it into 1/2" to 1/2" sections (like a fan). After completing this, insert the piece of construction paper into the slit. Put on "stick on" eyes on the head of the bird. Next, cut a slit into the raven's beak. On a separate, small piece of paper have the children write out their favorite Bible verse. Insert the paper into the beak of the bird. Finish by attaching string to the back of the bird at each hole for hanging.

Explain that the word of God is spiritual food for us. God has provided His word to us so that we can grow in Him.

#### PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of acknowledgment that the Lord will supply our every need and that we can trust in Him. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.

Template - Pet Raven

