



CRAFT

Floating Candle Holder

[20 min]

Supplies

- Bibles
- small glass jars (1 per child) (see Tip)
- sink or pitcher of water
- tea candles (1 per child)
- permanent markers in a variety of colors
- tissue paper in a variety of colors
- white glue
- paintbrushes
- small disposable bowls
- smocks for preschoolers (optional)

Easy Prep

- Dilute the glue by putting 2 parts glue, 1 part water into a bowl for every few kids.
- Make a sample craft to show kids.

Tip

- If you have time to order jars online, you can find good deals. You can also ask families to donate small jars like baby food or bouillon jars. Discount stores also sell half-pint jars in 12-packs for under \$1 per jar.



Make Candle Holders

Give each child a jar, and set out tissue paper, paintbrushes, permanent markers, and small bowls of watered-down glue. Have kids follow these directions to make candle holders.

- Color the jars with permanent markers, coloring all over the jar or drawing pictures of times God has shown he's real.
- Write "God is real" somewhere on the jars. (Older kids can help younger kids with this.)
- An optional decorating idea would be making a stained-glass effect by painting the jars with watered-down glue, covering them with small pieces of tissue paper, and then painting over the paper with watered-down glue to seal it.
- Another idea is to do a combination of the two, decorating some parts with markers and other parts with tissue paper.

Add Water

Complete the candles by having kids follow these directions.

- Fill the jars about half-full with water.
- Pull the wick up on a tea candle and drop it into the water (wick up).

Kids can take the candles home and have their parents light the candles. Even though the candles are surrounded by water, they'll burn, just like Elijah's altar did. Remind kids that they should never light a candle without their parents' supervision.

Talk About It

Ask: • **How did the altar catching on fire prove that God is real?**

• **What kinds of things does God do to prove he's real today?**

Say: **God is real. He proved it when he lit Elijah's altar on fire...even though it was covered in water! And he proves he's real today, too. Take your floating candle home, and have your parents light it as a reminder that God is real.**

Have kids take their crafts home and show their friends and families the candles, explaining how God proved to Elijah that he is real.