

Elijah

God's Powerful Prophet

Memory Verse

Elijah prayed earnestly that it might not rain, and for three and a half years it did not rain on the earth.

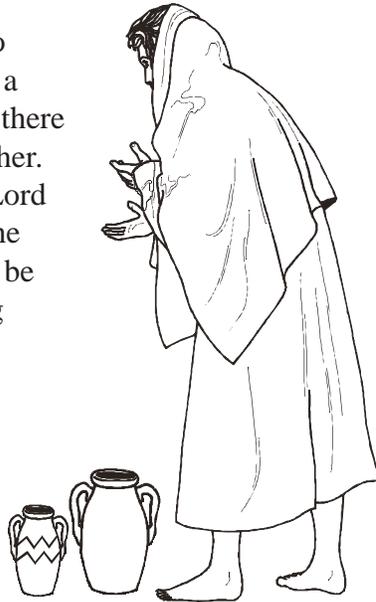
James 5:17

Elijah resurrects a boy

1 Kings 17:8-24

During the drought, God sent Elijah to Zarephath to meet a widow there. Elijah asked her for bread and water. She replied that she had only enough flour and oil to make one more meal and then she and her son would die of hunger.

Elijah told her to make the flour into a cake for him, and then there would be more for her. "For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: the jar of flour will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth. The woman did as Elijah told her and never ran out of food again.



Later on, the son of the house became ill and died. The woman asked Elijah what wrong she had done to deserve this. Elijah took the son and prayed to God to bring him back to life. The Lord listened to Elijah's prayer. The child came back to life!

Lesson 1, Year 2, Quarter 2-3

Elijah gets fed by birds

1 Kings 17:2-7

Before he met the widow, Elijah was told to live near the wadi [stream] Cherith. He drank from the wadi until it dried up. God fed Elijah by having ravens bring him bread and meat each morning and evening.



Vocabulary

■ offering _____

■ abandoned _____

■ zealous _____

■ meditating _____

God proves Baal a fake

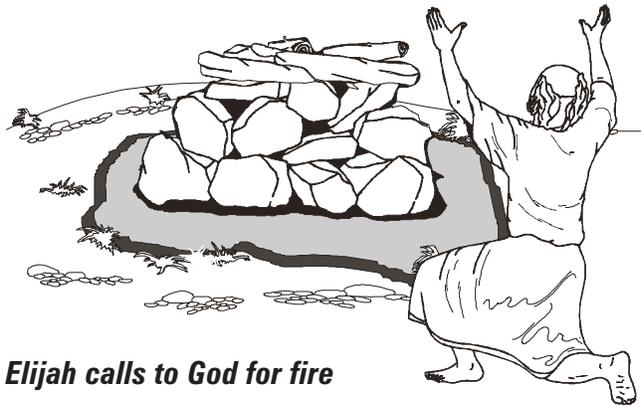
1 Kings 18:17-40

When King Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, "Is it you, the troubler of Israel?" And he answered, "I have not troubled Israel; but you have, and your father's house, because you have abandoned the commandments of the LORD and followed the idols of Baal. Now therefore send and gather all Israel to me at Mount Carmel, and the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table."

So Ahab sent to all the people of Israel, and gathered the prophets together at Mount Carmel. And Elijah came near to all the people, and said, "How long will you try to follow two paths? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." And the people did not answer him a word. Then Elijah said to the people, "I, even I only, am left a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets are 450 men. Let two bulls be given to us; and let them choose one bull for themselves, and I will prepare the other bull. We will lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. And you call on the name of your god and I will call on the name of the LORD; and the God who answers by fire, he is God." And all the people answered, "It is well said."

Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Prepare yours first, for you are many." And they took the bull which was given them, and they prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning until noon, saying, "O Baal, answer us!" But there was no voice, and no one answered. And they jumped about the altar which they had made. And at noon Elijah mocked them, saying, "Cry aloud, for he is a god; either he is meditating, or he has wandered away, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened." And they cried aloud, and cut themselves as was their custom with swords and lances, until the blood gushed out upon them. And as midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering, but there was no voice; no one answered, no one listened.

Lesson 1, Year 2, Quarter 2-3



Elijah calls to God for fire

Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me"; and all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that had been thrown down; Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, and with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD.

And he made a deep trench about the altar. And he cut the bull in pieces and laid it on the wood. And he said, "Fill four jars with water, and pour it on the burnt offering, and on the wood." And he said, "Do it a second time"; and they did it a second time. And he said, "Do it a third time"; and they did it a third time. And the water ran round about the altar, and filled the trench with water.

And at the time of the offering, Elijah the prophet came near and said, "O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your word. Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back."

Then the fire of the LORD fell, and burnt not only the offering, and the wood, but also the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, "The LORD, he is God; the LORD, he is God." And Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape." And they seized them; and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and killed them there.

True and False

- _____ 1) Baal was a God.
- _____ 2) Elijah built an altar on Mt. Sinai.
- _____ 3) Elijah prayed for it to rain.
- _____ 4) An angel fed Elijah.
- _____ 5) God had only 1 servant left.
- _____ 6) The widow fed herself first.

Multiple Choice

- 1) Elijah soaked his altar _____ time(s):
A) 1 B) 2 C) 3
- 2) Elijah sent _____ to look for a rain cloud:
A) Ahab B) Obadiah C) Jezebel
- 3) What passed by Elijah at the cave:
A) wind B) fire C) both
- 4) God still had _____ servants left:
A) 7 B) 700 C) 7,000
- 5) God fed Elijah with:\
A) ravens B) an angel C) both

Three year drought ends

1 Kings 17:1 & 18:41-45

The people of Israel were doubly convinced that God was the Almighty when the first rain in three years came that evening.

Elijah had been trying to convince Ahab that God was in control for many years. Three years before the incident at Mount Carmel, Elijah had told Ahab and Jezebel, "As the Lord lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word!"

And there hadn't been. Not a drop. Not until Elijah prayed on Mount Carmel. After he prayed he sent his servant Obadiah to look for a rain cloud. He sent Obadiah seven times before he finally saw a cloud the size of a hand. Before long, a mighty storm drenched the land with rain -- in answer to a prayer.



Elijah thinks he is alone

1 Kings 19:1-18

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not take your life by this time tomorrow." Elijah was afraid, and he arose and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

But he went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree; and he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am no better than my fathers."

And he lay down and slept under a broom tree; and an angel touched him, and said to him, "Arise and eat." And he looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank, and lay down again. And the angel of the LORD came again a second time, touched him, and said, "Arise and eat, or else the journey will be too hard for you." And he arose, and ate and drank, and went on the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

And there he came to a cave, and lodged there. The word of the LORD came to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the people of Israel have abandoned your

law, thrown down your altars, and slain your prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away." And he said, "Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD."

And the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains, and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

There came a voice to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the people of Israel have abandoned your law, thrown down your altars, and slain your prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away."

And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; I have work for you to do. I still have seven thousand in Israel, who have not bowed their knees to Baal."



Elijah tells God he is the only prophet left