

# ELIJAH

THE PROPHETS OF BAAL AND THE STILL SMALL VOICE.

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The stories of Elijah are found in 1<sup>st</sup> Kings, chapters 17-21. Elijah is considered by many to be the greatest prophet of the Old Testament. Indeed, he was expected to return in the future and make Israel great as in the days of David and Solomon. Every Passover a place is set at the table for his return. He appeared to Jesus with Moses on the Mount of Transfiguration (Matthew 17). Elijah lived in the 9<sup>th</sup> Century B.C. during the reign of evil King Ahab. He warned the King and nation not to follow other gods. He signaled hope to the people by performing miracles. And he prepared young people to take over his mission when he was gone. Elijah had a bold faith, but he also suffered for his beliefs. He felt defeated and complained to God, but with God's help, Elijah completed his mission. As you enjoy his stories, listen for God's word to Elijah, and to you.



**As you go through the software, complete those questions below that are checked by your teacher:**

**Page 1:** Narrated Overview

**Page 2:** I Kings 18:1-19 Elijah confronts Ahab about the true worship of God.

- If Elijah came to your class today, what complaints would he have about the way people worship (or don't worship) God today?

**Page 3:** Elijah Challenges the prophets of a false god, Baal.

**Page 4:** Elijah taunts the prophets of Baal. Note: The original Hebrew words here actually do have Elijah saying "maybe Baal is busy or is relieving himself. Maybe he is taking a nap."

**Page 5:** Elijah has his altar built. Study Note about Bull sacrifice. Elijah's prayer is worth repeating, and worth re-wording if you have time.

**Page 6:** God answer's Elijah's prayer with fire from heaven.

- How does God answer prayers most of the time?

**Page 7:** Elijah seizes the prophets. Ahab chases Elijah.

- Why wasn't Ahab impressed with God's fire-y miracle? What's his problem?

**Page 8:** Elijah runs and collapses under the broom tree.

**Page 9:** The Angel helps Elijah

- When you feel alone or defeated, who comes to help you? What do they say that helps?

**Page 10:** Earthquake, Wind and Fire.

- Where do you "run off to" to feel safe or look for answers to your problems?
- What is God's response to Elijah's problems?



**Page 11:** End Page with Study Elements and Game

- Why did God bring Elijah out to see earthquake, wind and fire?
- What is your #1 complaint to God about?
- Name three people in your life who are ready to help you with your problems:
- How is The Church like the 7000?

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**COMPLAINING TO GOD**

Have you ever prayed for God to "give you a sign" that God is with you?  
Have you ever wished God would answer your prayers in impressive ways?

No doubt Elijah had been praying to God in that Holy Cave.  
He felt close to God there. He felt safe.  
And he felt like complaining.

Where do you feel close to God?  
Where is your "holy" cave?  
What kind of complaints do you bring to God?

*After Discussing these questions, click here:*

**BAAL INVADERS!**

**GREAT WORK!**

Is Baal trying to invade your life? What things distract you from praying everyday to the true God? What "other gods" keep you from going to worship as often as you should?

**7000 IN ISRAEL**

No prophet, priest or king, no matter how great or faithful, can do everything God needs to get done. God sends leaders like Elijah, Elisha, Jehu and Hazael. But he also gathers followers. God makes sure that the message of love, obedience and forgiveness will go forward into the next generation. It was his promise to Abraham, to Elijah, and to us.

How is God preparing YOU to be a faithful member of "The 7000"?

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*Who are the 7000? Read I Kings 19:18*

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**HAZAEEL, JEHU AND ELISHA**

Sometimes God answers your prayers by sending you to a person for help. That's what he did to Elijah. He told the prophet to go anoint (appoint) Hazael as the new King of a neighboring land, Jehu as the next king of Israel after Ahab was dead, and Elisha as the next prophet to take over for Elijah. God wants us to reach out to others when we need help. God wants others to be faithful leaders too.

*What persons do you think God would send you to for help with Faith, Family, or Personal Problems when you really needed it?*

Look around your family and among your classmates.  
*Who do you think might be good leaders of God's people in the future?*

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**MAP OF FINAL PAGE**

**Baal Invaders Game**  
Help Elijah bring down fire on Baal Statues.

**Hazael/Jehu/Elisha** --how God answers prayers  
Students are asked to consider someone God could send them to help.

**Elijah by his Cave**  
Interactive question about "how did God answer Elijah?"  
How and where do YOU listen to God?  
What does God's voice sound like to you?

**Complaining Elijah**  
Have you ever prayed for a sign? Where do you feel close to God?

**Elijah in the Fire...** Why did God bring Elijah out to see earthquake, wind and fire?  
What things can drown out God's voice?

Note about "The 7000" read I Kings 19:18.  
God didn't just give Elijah 3 people for help.