

# ELIJAH



Intermediate Workbook  
Manitoulin Youth Camp 2019



# Preparation for Morning Quizzes

There will be Bible readings and a memory verse from the life of Elijah each day at camp. You will do these readings with your camp group and practice the memory verses. You will be quizzed on the verse and the readings the next morning. Below is the list of readings and verses for the quizzes each day. We suggest that you memorize these verses and read over these readings before camp to help you in your preparation for the week.

## Monday:

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**Memory Verse:** *“And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.” (Hebrews 11:39-40)*

**Readings:** 1 Kings 16:29-34; 17:1-24; James 5:17; Hebrews 11:35,38-40

## Tuesday:

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**Memory Verse:** *“But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.” (Malachi 4:2)*

**Readings:** 1 Kings 18:1-20; Malachi 4:1-6

## Wednesday:

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**Memory Verse:** *“And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.” (1 Kings 18:39)*

**Readings:** 1 Kings 18:21-46; Leviticus 1:1-8

## Thursday:

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**Memory Verse:** *“Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.” (Romans 11:5)*

**Readings:** 1 Kings 19:1-21; Romans 11:1-5

## Friday:

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**Memory Verse:** *“And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on.” (2 Kings 2:6)*

**Readings:** 1 Kings 21:1-29; 2 Kings 2:1-15; 2 Chronicles 21:12

## Dear Student,

It is great that you are planning to come to Manitoulin Youth Camp this summer, God willing. Whether this is your first year or you are a regular, I hope you have a fantastic time.

Before you start this workbook, it is a very good idea to read through the readings with your parents.

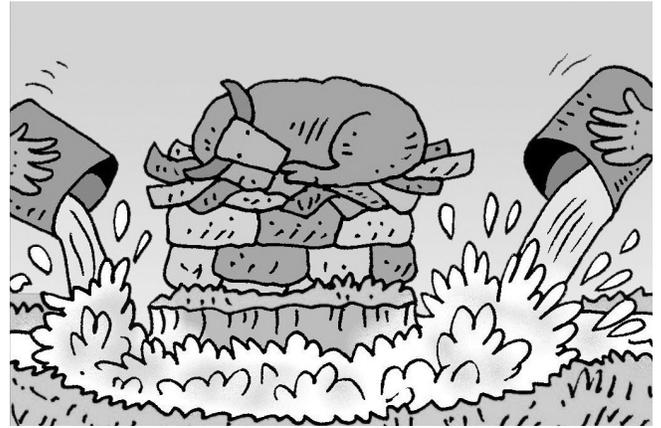
There are four parts to your pre-camp assignment: 1) the workbook, 2) a minute meditation, 3) preparation for the morning quizzes and memory verses and 4) a special project.

Try to get started as soon as possible and do your best work!

If you have any questions about the workbook or any of these assignments, please don't hesitate to call or send a note to:

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May God bless you!



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To complete your workbook you will need:

a Bible  
a sharp pencil  
an eraser (just in case)  
a Strong's Concordance or access to E-Sword  
a Bible Dictionary  
a Bible Atlas

Don't forget to pray before you begin. Ask God to help you understand His word.

- Use a PENCIL so that it is easier to correct mistakes.
- Read the verses on the heading before you try to do the questions.
- Read everything in the workbook. Some questions will be easier to answer if you have read the information given to you throughout the book.
- If you are having trouble with a question, put a star next to it and move on to the next question. When you have completed the section, go back and try again. If you still can't get it ask someone for help or email me.

# Minute Meditations

You will need to prepare a Minute Meditation to present at camp. You will present it in your class or you can volunteer to present this in the main pavilion.

You will need to choose one verse on which to base your Minute Meditation. A Minute Meditation is an opportunity for you to meditate or think about a verse from the study and share what you have learned in approximately one minute. You will read the verse and then tell what you have learned from the verse. You can share what you have learned about God and His character, or what you have learned about the people in the verse, or how this verse relates to other verses in the Bible, or how it relates to your life or a combination of these ideas.

The passages are divided up by the first letter of your last name. **Please find the first letter of your last name below and choose a verse from one of the passages listed next to that letter to use for your Minute Meditation.**

<b>A-C:</b>	1 Kings 16:29-34; 17:1-24; James 5:17; Hebrews 11:35,38-40
<b>D-K:</b>	1 Kings 18:1-20; Malachi 4:1-6
<b>L-Q:</b>	1 Kings 18:21-46; Leviticus 1:1-8
<b>R-S:</b>	1 Kings 19:1-21; Romans 11:1-5
<b>T-Z:</b>	1 Kings 21:1-29; 2 Kings 2:1-15; 2 Chronicles 21:12

# Special Project:

*Choose one of these to do either on your own or in pairs.*

*If appropriate, make a copy for your teacher, and copies for your classmates (about 40).*

1. Create a short illustrated picture book about an event in Elijah's life.
2. Make a crossword about the life of Elijah.
3. Create a newspaper article or TV report about an event in this time period.
4. Choose a city or a place that is mentioned in this section of the Bible. Find out what you can about it — its past and its present. Make a travel brochure or a poster about this place.
5. Create a timeline for Elijah's life - include the kings of Israel and Judah.
6. If you have your own idea for a project, check with Uncle Joe or Aunt Kate Abel to see if it is okay at [joeandkate41203@yahoo.ca](mailto:joeandkate41203@yahoo.ca).

This is a story of a man just like us, who lived at a time when most of the people around him were faithless, and yet he was a man of great faith! I hope that by coming to know Elijah, you too will want to have the kind of faith that he did.

First let's take a look at the conditions in the nation of Israel. You may remember that after Solomon, the kingdom was split into two because of Rehoboam's foolishness. Rehoboam was left with the southern half of Israel (called Judah), and a man named Jeroboam became the king of the northern half (called Israel).



What did Jeroboam do to make Israel sin against God? (1 Kings 12:26-30)

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What happened in Israel during Jeroboam's reign? (2 Chronicles 11:13-17)

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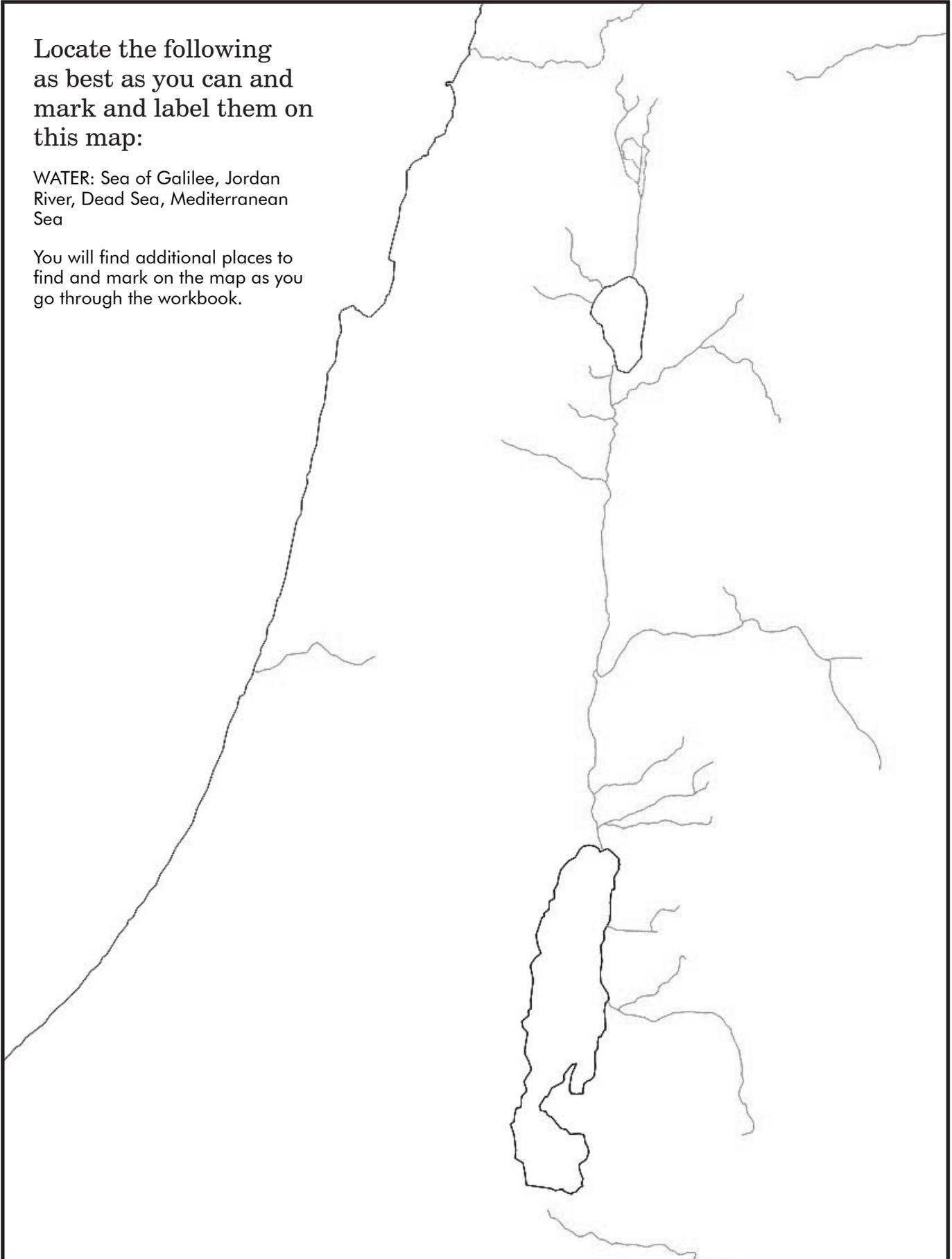
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Locate the following  
as best as you can and  
mark and label them on  
this map:

WATER: Sea of Galilee, Jordan  
River, Dead Sea, Mediterranean  
Sea

You will find additional places to  
find and mark on the map as you  
go through the workbook.



Look up the following verses and fill out the chart:

<b>King of Israel:</b>	<b>Length of reign:</b>	<b>Good or Bad?</b>
1 Kings 14:20, 15:25,26	_____	_____
1 Kings 15:33,34	_____	_____
1 Kings 16:8,13	_____	_____
1 Kings 16:10,15,18,19	_____	_____
1 Kings 16:16,23-25	_____	_____
1 Kings 16:29,30	_____	_____

Who was king over Judah while Ahab was king over Israel? \_\_\_\_\_

Have a look through these passages and write down what you find out about Jezebel (1 Kings 16:31, 18:4, 21:25, 2 Kings 9:10, 22, 30-33)

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List nine things that 1 Kings 16:29-33 says about Ahab:

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- reigned \_\_\_\_\_
- did \_\_\_\_\_
- took \_\_\_\_\_
- went \_\_\_\_\_
- reared \_\_\_\_\_
- built \_\_\_\_\_
- made \_\_\_\_\_
- did more \_\_\_\_\_

There is a curious mention in 1 Kings 16:34 of Jericho. Jericho is the first city that was destroyed when the people of Israel entered the promised land.

How was Jericho defeated? (Joshua 6:20) \_\_\_\_\_

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The entire population of the city was to be destroyed (except Rahab and her family), all the spoil was to be devoted to God, and the city itself was to be utterly burnt with fire and was not to be rebuilt again. The ruins of Jericho were meant to be a monument to God's justice and His mercy to His people.

What does this direct disobedience say about the attitude of the people for the things of God at this time?

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Look up the word 'prophet' in a concordance. What does it mean? \_\_\_\_\_

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How do we know who is a true prophet? (Deuteronomy 13:1-3, 18:22) \_\_\_\_\_

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How many people in the Bible can you think of who were prophets? \_\_\_\_\_

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What happened to the prophets of God in Israel? (1 Kings 18:3-4)

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At the same time that this was happening in Israel, what was happening in Judah? (2 Chronicles 17:3-9)

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So now we know what things were like in the nation of Israel. There was a king on the throne who had no respect for the things of God, and he had a wife who was violently against the God of Israel, and many who wanted to serve God, but lived in Israel, had left to live in Judah where God's ways were honoured.

## WHAT'S SO WRONG WITH IDOLS?

Before we go any further, let's have a look at what was so wrong about idolatry in the first place.

Look up the word 'worship' in a concordance (1 Kings 9:6). What does it mean?

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Look up the word 'serve' as well in the same verse. What does it mean?

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The Canaanites were polytheistic, which means that they worshipped many gods rather than just one. In the early Canaanite religion there was thought to be a god **El** who was supposed to be the creator and the father of many other gods. **Asherah** was his wife and was referred to as the mother of the gods. **Anat** was the wife and sister of Baal and was said to have a fierce temper and a thirst for violence. **Mot** was a god of the underworld as well as death and sterility. At one point he kills Baal, who is later brought back to life. **Kothar** was a craftsman god who built a temple for Baal and was known as the god of wisdom. **Baal** is thought to be the son of El by some, but perhaps the son of Dagan who was a

fertility god unrelated to El. Baal was a fertility god as well as a storm and warrior god who was said to live in the mountains and send the rain and lightning. In various myths about these gods, they fight, kill one another, engage in promiscuous behaviour, have children, and come back to life. The people who worshipped these gods believed they could influence the gods' actions by performing the behaviour that they wanted the gods to demonstrate.

What did God tell the children of Israel about making idols? (Deuteronomy 4:15-19)

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What does God have to say about idols? (Jeremiah 10:2-5)

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How did idolatry influence the behaviour of people? (Isaiah 57:3-8)

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What did God say would be the consequences of idolatry? (Deuteronomy 11:16,17)

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What were the consequences of being faithful to the God of Israel? (Leviticus 26:1-12)

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I think you can probably imagine why worshipping the idols of the nations was so offensive to God. However, worshipping an idol was not just an insult to the true and only God. When people created a god out of their own imaginings, full of their own faults and vices, and worshipped it, it was also an insult to human respectability. When God created humans, He created them in His own image. The only way we can make an image of God is by reflecting Him in our own lives. God wanted His people to make something good — not out of wood or stone or gold, but out of their very lives. This starts in a heart that is turned

toward what is good and worthy of respect.

You may think that people don't worship idols today — but that is not true. The gods of earlier times often had a particular quality associated with them. Take a look at this list and circle any that you think can apply today.

Gods and goddesses of: music, wine, hunting, animals, finance, science, beauty, abundance, health, fame, success, strength, justice, freedom, fertility, peace, hope, truth, pleasure.

What does Paul say about idolatry? (Colossians 3:5)

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When anything becomes something that we think we need more and more of, and our time is used up focusing on whatever that is, we are in danger of idol worship. And the fact is that these things change you.

Of course we all need some money, we want to have friends, we need to have a few possessions, and we want to be able to make decisions for ourselves BUT think about what happens when those things become way too important to you. I have started the first one for you as an example.

Money: *never satisfied, become less generous, work all the time...* \_\_\_\_\_

Popularity: \_\_\_\_\_

Possessions: \_\_\_\_\_

Power: \_\_\_\_\_

Now write down some thoughts on how worshipping the true God can change you.

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## **ELISHA the Tishbite**

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**Read 1 Kings 17:1-7.**

We are introduced to Elijah rather abruptly, with little information given except that he is from the northern nation and is a staunch believer in the LORD.

**MAPWORK:** Find and mark Gilead on the map on page 6.

What does Elijah's name mean? \_\_\_\_\_

How is Elijah described in 2 Kings 1:8? \_\_\_\_\_

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What does this tell you about him? \_\_\_\_\_

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What does Elijah tell Ahab was about to happen? (1 Kings 17:1) \_\_\_\_\_

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Elijah's promise of no rain should have been a warning to King Ahab. Look up 1 Kings 8:35,36. What should have a lack of rain prompted the people to do?

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After making this statement to King Ahab, Elijah doesn't stick around to see how the king will respond or make himself available for more conversation, he disappears.

Where does God tell him to go? (1 Kings 17:3) \_\_\_\_\_

**MAPWORK:** Mark this on the map on page 6.



Who would bring him food? (1 Kings 17:6) \_\_\_\_\_

These birds prefer to live near rocky mountain slopes and wadis (river beds that dry up in the summer months). They eat fruits, insects, small mammals, reptiles and other small birds.

What were these birds going to bring to Elijah, and how often?

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## HOW DO WE KNOW THE GOD OF ISRAEL IS A LIVING GOD?

There are three things we can learn about Elijah from his words to King Ahab:

- He was confident that there was a living God in Israel.
- He was aware of the presence of God and willing to be His representative.
- He was confident that God was faithful to His word.

There are several times in the Bible where God shows Himself to be more powerful than the gods of the nations and able to do things that provided for His people. This was evidence for Israel that their God was a living God.

Look up these passages and write out what God did that showed He was working on behalf of His people.

Genesis 50:19-21 \_\_\_\_\_

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Exodus 7:4,5 \_\_\_\_\_

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Exodus 9:4-6 \_\_\_\_\_

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Exodus 14:21-26 \_\_\_\_\_

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Exodus 16:12-15 \_\_\_\_\_

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Joshua 6:20 \_\_\_\_\_

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God has always had competition for the hearts of man. Today is no different. You may have heard someone say that God is dead. However, we know so much

more about the universe today and instead of proving that God is dead, it tells us instead that there was a beginning, that the universe is fine-tuned for life, that the universe is understandable and makes sense, and that humans are capable of rational thought. None of this is what you would expect from random chance. The best explanation for all of these things is a Designer.

You may need some help with this, but see if you can think of a an example of how the following show God's design rather than random chance.

The laws of nature don't change randomly. \_\_\_\_\_

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The earth is just right for life. \_\_\_\_\_

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Water is unusual. \_\_\_\_\_

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Your brain is amazing. \_\_\_\_\_

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Our world is beautiful. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Widow of Zarephath**

**Read 1 Kings 17:8-16.**

When the brook dried up on account of the drought, God told Elijah where to go next and it was not to a city of Israel (Luke 4:25-26).

What country did the city of Zarephath belong to? (1 Kings 17:9) \_\_\_\_\_

Where have you read about this country before? \_\_\_\_\_

What does the name Zarephath mean? \_\_\_\_\_

What connection might the meaning of Zarephath have to do with what is happening here?

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**MAPWORK:** Find and mark Zarephath on the map on page 6.

The drought was clearly causing famine in the area by this time. God sends Elijah to a widow woman who is gathering a few sticks so she can make her last bit of bread, eat it, and die.

What does Elijah ask her to do first? (1 Kings 17:10) \_\_\_\_\_

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What does he ask her to do second? (1 Kings 17:11)

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When she protests that she only has a little flour and a little oil left, just enough to make one last meal for herself and her son, Elijah tells her not to fear.

What else does he tell her? (1 Kings 17:13) \_\_\_\_\_

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Elijah makes it clear to the woman that it is the LORD God of Israel who will keep them fed until He also sends rain.

What happened to the barrel of meal and the cruse of oil? (1 Kings 17:16)

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## The Widow's Son

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**Read 1 Kings 17:17-24.**

The widow is shocked when her son becomes ill and dies. So often when things are going well, we start to think that they always will and then when a problem shows up, instead of continuing to have faith, we criticize God for allowing it.

What does the widow say to Elijah? (1 Kings 17:18) \_\_\_\_\_

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How long did it take for God to answer Elijah's prayer? (1 Kings 17:21-22)

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This is the first time in the Bible that someone has been brought back to life. There was no previous occurrence that could have encouraged Elijah to believe that God would raise the dead, although Abraham also believed it was possible.

What does this tell you about Elijah's faith in God and his understanding of what God was using him for?

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Look up Genesis 18:14. What does this say about God? \_\_\_\_\_

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This woman had witnessed a barrel of meal that never ran out, and a cruse of oil that did not fail, and now a son returned to life.

What did she have to say about Elijah now? (1 Kings 17:24) \_\_\_\_\_

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Read Hebrews 11:35-40. In these examples of the results of faith, can you see the widow and Elijah?

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## PRAYER

Sometimes people can get the mistaken idea that prayer is just a way of getting God to do what they want. This is absolutely not true. God is not ruled by our desires, instead, prayer is a process of submitting ourselves to the will of God.

When Elijah prays for this widow's son, we can be pretty sure that he considered what the will of God was. He did not promise the widow anything, but he took the problem straight to God. He knew:

- that God is compassionate and merciful,
- that God had put him in this widow's life for a good purpose,
- that God can do anything,
- that a miracle would confirm that he was a messenger from the living God.

What does James have to say about Elijah? (James 5:17,18)

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Elijah was not a different kind of human than we are — we can pray as he did. What he had was faith in a living God, an understanding of God's will, and a willingness to stand before Him as a servant and do whatever He asked.

It's important to recognize that there are a couple of different ways to understand the will of God. There is the will of God in the sense of His plan and purpose and how He is working that all out. This aspect of God's will we do not fully understand - why things happen the way they do — instead of trying to figure that out, we must accept that whatever happens will bring about the fulfillment of His purpose.

This will of God is found in Daniel 4:35. Write it out here.

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And in Romans 8:28.

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The other “will of God” is what He will have us do. This “will of God” is often not carried out because it comes about through a change in the heart as we take in the words of God in the Scriptures, and not everyone is willing to do this.

Write out Romans 12:1-2.

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Look up the following verses and write out what each verse has to say about God’s will for us.

Micah 6:8 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Peter 3:9 \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 13:20-21 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Thessalonians 5:18 \_\_\_\_\_

So, we can pray like Elijah did, but knowing that God’s will for us is not that we show ourselves messengers of Him by the same kind of spectacular miracles, but that earnest prayer works towards our salvation and the salvation of those we pray for.

## **He that troubleth Israel**

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**Read 1 Kings 18:1-18.**

How long had it been since Elijah had spoken to Ahab to tell him that there would be no rain? (1 Kings 18:1)

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Droughts are not uncommon in the world today. One well-known drought that you may have heard of began in the Great Plains of North America in 1930 and lasted for the rest of the decade. It was referred to as the Dust Bowl.

What happens in a drought?

- Crop failure resulting in food shortages
- Lakes and other water sources dry up
- An increase in soil erosion creating dust storms
- Food becomes expensive
- An increase in disease
- Wildfires
- Loss of human life and health problems
- People migrate away

We are not told specifically all the consequences of this drought, but it is likely there was great hardship. Perhaps this is why Jezebel decided to kill all the prophets of God.



What are we told about Obadiah? (1 Kings 18:3-4)

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What were Ahab and Obadiah looking for? (1 Kings 18:5)

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Who had Ahab also been looking for? (1 Kings 18:10) \_\_\_\_\_

Obadiah is clearly anxious when he meets Elijah. He is not really sure of God's will or what is going on. Elijah had disappeared for three years and things had just been getting worse and worse. When Elijah finally presents himself to Ahab, the king accuses Elijah of troubling Israel.

Who was the real troubler of Israel? (1 Kings 18:17-18) \_\_\_\_\_

Elijah is not afraid to speak the truth to this man even if he is the King of Israel. He had forsaken the commands of the LORD and had followed Baal instead. He was in rebellion against God, depending on his own inventions, and failing in his responsibility as leader of God's people.

Who will God send before His great day to bring the children back to the faith of their fathers? (Malachi 4:1-6)

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## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO FOLLOW GOD'S COMMANDMENTS?

Write out Deuteronomy 6:4,5.

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If your Bible has cross-references, look up the ones referring to "one God". Write down a couple of the references you find and what else God says about Him being the only God. If your Bible doesn't have cross-references, get a parent to help you use *The Treasury of Scripture Knowledge* ([www.tsk-online.com](http://www.tsk-online.com))

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If there is only one God to worship, then you can love Him with ALL your heart, soul and might.

Look up the word "heart" in a concordance. Write down what it means and then imagine how you could love God with ALL your heart. Write down at least two ways you could do this.

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Look up the word "soul" in a concordance. Write down what it means and then imagine how you could love God with ALL your soul. Write down at least two ways you could do this.

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Look up the word "might" in a concordance. Write down what it means and then imagine how you could love God with ALL your might. Write down at least two ways you could do this.

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Look up Mark 12:29-30. What does Jesus add to this? Write down two ways you could do this.

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Jesus also adds that we are to love our neighbour as ourself. How do you love your neighbour as yourself?

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## The Contest

**Read 1 Kings 18:19-29.**

**MAPWORK:** Find and mark Mount Carmel on your map on page 6.

Who were to be gathered to Mount Carmel? (1 Kings 18:19) \_\_\_\_\_

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Once the people have been gathered together, what is the first question Elijah asks them? (1 Kings 18:21)

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Use cross-references, either in your Bible or online to find verses in the New Testament that talk about "halting between two opinions". Choose two and summarize what the problem is with this.

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Why do you think the people did not answer Elijah? (1 Kings 18:21)

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Did you notice that no one joined Elijah? No one wanted to take a side against Baal. Elijah was alone. He saw himself as the only prophet of the LORD.

How do the people respond when Elijah announces the rules for this contest? (1 Kings 18:23,24)

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Do you remember that Baal was a storm god? He was supposed to be a god who sent lightning to the earth. Everyone could agree that this was Baal's specialty, so it really shouldn't be that much of a problem.

How long did the prophets of Baal call on their god? (1 Kings 18:26,29)

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What did Elijah suggest might be the problem? (1 Kings 18:27)

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What did the prophets begin to do when Baal did not answer? (1 Kings 18:28)

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An ancient Canaanite myth tells of the father of Baal cutting his chest and arms when he hears that Baal has been killed by the god of the underworld. Baal's wife also is said to cut her cheek and chin, and lacerate her forearms and chest as she mourns the death of Baal. Then she goes and fights the god of the underworld and Baal is brought back from the underworld and takes back his throne. Perhaps this is another example of people imitating their gods.

## WHAT IS REAL?

In ancient cultures, it was common to believe in many gods who unpredictably controlled various parts of nature. The belief in only one God, who was above nature was unusual.

Why do you think the people had chosen to worship Baal?

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Sometimes it is hard to believe in a God that we cannot see with our eyes and we may wonder if He is real. Maybe we hear things that make us wonder if there is a God. Or maybe bad things happen that make us feel like God is not there. This is a fairly normal part of faith, since no one has perfect faith, but it usually means we need to give it some attention.

Elijah gives us some actions to take when we feel doubt:

- Bring your doubts into the open - challenge them.

Who doubted in John 20:24,25? \_\_\_\_\_

What happened in Matthew 14:29-31? \_\_\_\_\_

What does 1 Thessalonians 5:21 tell us to do? \_\_\_\_\_

- Realize that faith in God is a choice we make. We cannot get stuck between two opinions. Once we have made that choice, stick to it.

What are some good reasons for having faith in God?

What difference does believing there is a God make to your purpose in life?

- Repair the altar and be reminded of the things that God has done.

Write out Romans 10:17 -

What is your favourite story from the Bible of something God did?

Write down an example from your life or from your family's experience where God has done great things for you.

Write down some facts about a part of God's creation that you really like.

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- Offer a sacrifice to God and see what blessings it brings to your life.

What is the sacrifice in each of these verses?

Psalm 69:30,31 \_\_\_\_\_

Mark 12:33 \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 13:15, 16 \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 12:1 \_\_\_\_\_

- Pray. Ask God to help you believe in Him.

Write out the prayer in Mark 9:24 -

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## Answer by Fire

**Read 1 Kings 18:30-40.**

What do you notice about the altar of God? (1 Kings 18:30)

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How many stones did Elijah use to build the altar? (1 Kings 18:31) \_\_\_\_\_

There is another place where twelve stones were used to represent the twelve tribes of Israel. Read through Joshua 4 and write down what it was that these stones were meant to remind the people of. (Joshua 4:21-24)

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How many barrels of water did Elijah have poured on the altar? (1 Kings 18:33,34) \_\_\_\_\_

**There was to be no mistaking who provided the fire for this sacrifice!**

Read Exodus 29:38-42 and write down what happened at the evening sacrifice.

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What also took place in the evening at the tabernacle? (Exodus 30:7,8)

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What did Elijah hope that the people would know when God answered him? (1 Kings 18:36,37)

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When the fire from the LORD fell upon the altar, what did it consume? (1 Kings 18:38)

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Why did Elijah have all the prophets of Baal killed? (Have a look at Deuteronomy 13:1-5)

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## The Burnt Offering

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### Read Leviticus 1:1-9.

What was to be offered as a burnt offering? (Leviticus 1:3) \_\_\_\_\_

When the offerer put his hand on the animal's head, what was the result? (Leviticus 1:4)

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Who was to kill the animal? (Leviticus 1:5) \_\_\_\_\_

What part of the animal was washed first? (Leviticus 1:9) \_\_\_\_\_

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What part of it was to be burned on the altar? (Leviticus 1:9) \_\_\_\_\_

What would this offering be to the LORD? (Leviticus 1:9) \_\_\_\_\_

You may wonder why God would be pleased with an animal being killed and burned on an altar. Although there were some offerings that the people had to give to support the Levites, the word “offering” has the idea of a gift especially when it was voluntary. Back in the beginning, Adam and Eve chose independence from God by taking what was forbidden to them. With an offering, the opposite happens - man gives his best to God recognizing his dependence on Him. When he laid his hand on the animal's head, he was identifying with the animal in his own dedication to God.

What are we told is more than whole burnt offerings and sacrifices? (Mark 12:32-33)

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If a person gives himself to God in this way, then he is doing what the burnt offering spoke of. The burnt offering was a little different than a sin offering. Although it did make the offerer conscious of being a sinner, the fact that the whole animal was burnt was meant to be representative of his earnest desire to pledge to God his whole self - everything. As the animal's legs and insides were washed first, it was a reminder of the need for God's people to be holy. They could not serve more than one God.

# DO MIRACLES HELP US TO BELIEVE IN GOD?

When Elijah’s prayer was answered in a spectacular way, it could only be understood as definite evidence that the LORD God is the God. However, we know that Jezebel ignored it, and it wasn’t long before the people were back worshipping Baal again.

There are people today who say that they would believe in God if He did something impossible to show without a doubt that He was God, but the example we have here shows us that spectacular miracles do not necessarily convince people for long.

“Miracle” is defined as *“a surprising and welcome event that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore considered to be the work of a divine agency.”*

What miracles in the Bible can you think of that showed clearly that the LORD God is the God?

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Although, when reading the Bible, we may get the idea that miracles happened all the time, they were actually less common than we think. Miracles often took place to prove that a prophet was from God, so that the people would be willing to listen to what he had to say. It is sad that often people didn’t listen anyway because they didn’t like what they were hearing.

How was the life of Jesus miraculous?

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How is the Bible we have today a miracle?

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# Rain

## Read 1 Kings 18:41-46.

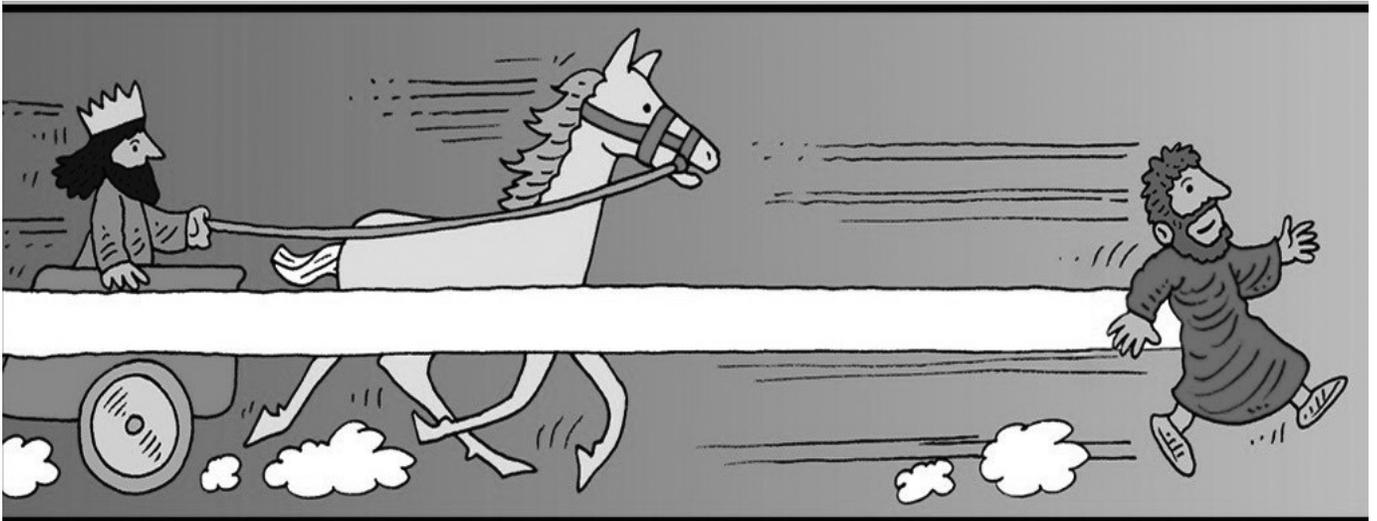
What did Elijah do once the contest had been won? (1 Kings 18:42)

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The top of Mount Carmel would afford a good view of the Mediterranean Sea. Elijah sends his servant to look for a cloud.

What did the servant see at the seventh time? (1 Kings 18:44)

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Ahab is sent a warning to prepare his chariot, and the small cloud grows to turn the heavens black. Soon there is plenty of rain.

**MAPWORK:** Find Jezreel and mark it on your map on page 6.

What does Elijah do? (1 Kings 18:46) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WHAT IS GOD LIKE

Perhaps for a little while in Israel there was an appreciation for their God and the blessings of obedience. Perhaps they were able to remember the good and true things about God in contrast to the gods of the nations around them. In contrast to the nastiness of some of the gods the nations worshipped, the God of Israel is a God worth imitating.

Read the following verses and note down what they tell us about God.

Exodus 34:6,7 \_\_\_\_\_

Deuteronomy 32:4 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalms 9:7-8 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Thessalonians 3:3 \_\_\_\_\_

John 3:16 \_\_\_\_\_

## I am not better

**Read 1 Kings 19:1-10.**

How did it go when Ahab told Jezebel what had happened? (1 Kings 19:2)

How do you think it might have gone if Ahab had told Jezebel that he had seen Yahweh, the God of Israel proven to be the true God, and from now on they would only worship Him?

How did Elijah react to this? (1 Kings 19:3) \_\_\_\_\_

**MAPWORK:** Find Beersheba and mark it on your map on page 6.

Why did Elijah want to die? (1 Kings 19:4)

What do you think Elijah expected would happen when God had shown Himself to be the real God?

Do you think God held Elijah responsible for whether or not he made a change in Israel? \_\_\_\_\_

How did God deal with Elijah's discouragement? (1 Kings 19:5-7) \_\_\_\_\_

In the strength of that food, how far did Elijah walk? (1 Kings 19:8) \_\_\_\_\_

**MAPWORK:** Find Mount Horeb and mark it on the map on page 6.

Look up 'Horeb' in a concordance, and find out what else happened here.

What were the reasons Elijah gave for coming to Horeb? (1 Kings 19:10)

Why was it that Moses also asked God to take his life? (Numbers 11:1-15)

## WHAT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY?

Was it up to Elijah to be a better prophet than those who had gone before? Did God expect him to bring about a national revival? If he had been more convincing, if he had done something even more spectacular, if he hadn't run away... Was God limited by Elijah's abilities?

What does Psalm 103:13,14 tell us? \_\_\_\_\_

Elijah was responsible for taking God's word to the people, but he was not responsible for whether they accepted or rejected those words.

Look up these verses and write down what God does expect us to do:

Psalm 15:1-5 \_\_\_\_\_

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Micah 6:8 \_\_\_\_\_

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Matthew 6:14,15 \_\_\_\_\_

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Colossians 3:20 \_\_\_\_\_

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## STILL SMALL VOICE

**Read 1 Kings 19:11-21.**

God tells Elijah to go out of the cave and stand before Him.

What are the first three things Elijah experiences? (1 Kings 19:11-12)

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What was the fourth thing that Elijah experienced? (1 Kings 19:12)

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Have a look at Exodus 19:16-18 and write down what the people experienced at Mount Sinai.

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Even though the people saw all of this, what did they turn around and do? (Exodus 32:1-8)

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What held God back from destroying the people? (Exodus 32:9-14)

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God is showing Elijah that it is not manifestations of power and might that will change the hearts of His people, but the still small voices of those who speak His words. It is the Word of God that works in people's hearts and changes them.

What does God do for Moses when he is overwhelmed? (Numbers 11:15-17)

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Elijah thought Israel was done for and he was alone, but what did God tell him? (Romans 11:1-5)

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What does Elisha do when Elijah throws his mantle on him? (1 Kings 19:21)

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## HOW GOD'S WORD CHANGES PEOPLE

Great miracles and signs can tell us how great and powerful God is, but they do not change our hearts. What does change the heart is “the still small voice” - it is saying, “*Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth.*”

Look up the following verses, and write down what the Word of God or His Law does:

Psalm 119:105 \_\_\_\_\_

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Ephesians 5:26 \_\_\_\_\_

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James 1:21 \_\_\_\_\_

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1 Thessalonians 2:13 \_\_\_\_\_

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2 Timothy 3:16 \_\_\_\_\_

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What God is looking for is not men and women who are ruled by force that removes their ability to choose, but men and women who of their own free will choose to be governed by the word of God.

## Naboth's Vineyard

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**Read 1 Kings 21:1-16.**

Why did Ahab want Naboth's vineyard? (1 Kings 21:2)

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Why wouldn't Naboth give it to him? (1 Kings 21:3)

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Under the law, the land belonged to God and had been given to the various tribes. It was not to be sold permanently, and was not to go outside of the tribe it belonged to (Leviticus 25:23, Numbers 36:7). One reason for this law was so that no one person could accumulate wealth. Naboth was perfectly right in refusing to sell his land to the king, and Ahab should have known better!

What did Ahab do when Naboth refused him? (1 Kings 21:4)

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I find the behaviour of this man hard to believe. It is true that he doesn't get angry and use his power to force Naboth to give him the vineyard, but to sulk about it seems to indicate he knew he was in the wrong, but would still make everyone know that he was unhappy. Unfortunately, Jezebel was not bothered by what was right or wrong.

What did she have her men of Belial accuse Naboth of? (1 Kings 21:10)

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Jezebel's use of the law for her benefit was a terrible injustice.

What was the punishment for being a false witness? (Deuteronomy 19:16-19)

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It doesn't seem that Ahab had any misgivings about the actions of his wife. When she told him Naboth was dead, he got up and went along to take possession of it.

## **GOD'S LAWS ARE TRUE LOVE**

*Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. (1 John 4:7-12)*

*We love him, because he first loved us. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also. (1 John 4:19-21)*

*By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. (1 John 5:2-4)*

Using the verses above, answer the following questions:

Where is love from? \_\_\_\_\_

What makes one born of God? \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not love, who do you not know? \_\_\_\_\_

How was God's love manifested (demonstrated)? \_\_\_\_\_

If God loves us, what should we do? \_\_\_\_\_

If we love one another, who dwells in us? \_\_\_\_\_

If you say you love God, and hate your brother, what are you? \_\_\_\_\_

How do we know that we love our brother (or the children of God)? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the love of God? \_\_\_\_\_

What are God's commandments not? \_\_\_\_\_

What does being born of God overcome? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the victory that overcomes the world? \_\_\_\_\_

Hopefully from this you can see that if you want to know whether your ideas about loving anything or anyone are really loving, you can measure them by the commandments of God. You can ask yourself, "What does God have to say about it?"

Although disobeying God's commandments may seem good to us in the moment, innocent people are often negatively affected and there are often hurtful long-term consequences. Jezebel found God's commandments to be burdensome because she wanted immediate satisfaction. She showed what she may have thought was love to her husband, but it was really death to an innocent man.

# SOLD TO WORK EVIL

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**Read 1 Kings 21:17-29.**

Although Jezebel had organized the miscarriage of justice against Naboth, God also holds Ahab responsible. Since he had taken the life of an innocent man, his life would also be taken.

What does Ahab call Elijah? (1 Kings 21:20) \_\_\_\_\_

What happened to the house of Jeroboam? (1 King 15:29)

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What happened to the house of Baasha? (1Kings 16:11,12)

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What would happen to Jezebel? (1 Kings 21:23)

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What did happen to her? (2 Kings 9:33-35)

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How is Ahab described at this point in his life? (1 Kings 21:25) \_\_\_\_\_

How did Ahab react to Elijah's words? (1 Kings 21:27)

How do you feel about God recognizing Ahab's humility and postponed judgment to his son's days? (1 Kings 21:28-29)

How did Ahab die? (1 Kings 22:34-38) \_\_\_\_\_

Who was Ahab's son? (1 Kings 22:40) \_\_\_\_\_

What was he like? (1 Kings 22:52,53) \_\_\_\_\_

Ahaziah fell through a lattice and injured himself and became sick. He sent to Baalzebub, the god of Ekron to find out whether he would die or not, but Elijah intercepted his servants. He sent a message back to Ahaziah that he would certainly die. When Ahaziah found out that it was Elijah, he sent soldiers to bring Elijah to him.

What happened to the first two groups of fifty soldiers? (2 Kings 1:10-12)

The final captain with his fifty was willing to recognize that this was indeed a man of God. Ahaziah died and Jehoram his brother became king.

What happened to Jehoram? (2 Kings 9:24-26) \_\_\_\_\_

## MERCY

To truly know God, we have to know that love does not just mean tolerating everything and everybody and never making anyone feel bad. As we saw earlier, love has to be measured by the commandments of God. There are times when God, who knows the hearts of men, will show His wrath rather than His mercy. But mercy is the foundation of God's promises to those who have faith in Him.

Write out the definition of mercy from a dictionary.

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How does God show us mercy? (Micah 7:18,19)

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Why did God show mercy to Ahab? (1 Kings 21:29) \_\_\_\_\_

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## The Chariot of Israel

**Read 2 Kings 2:1-15.**

The time had finally come for the end of Elijah's ministry. Like Moses, who was buried by God so that no man would know his sepulchre, Elijah was also taken away. Elisha was meant to 'take up the mantle' and carry on. First Elijah visited the various schools of the prophets, that possibly he had started.

What three cities did they visit together? (2 Kings 2:1,3,5)

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**MAPWORK:** Find and mark these cities on your map on page 6.

What did Elisha say to Elijah each time he prepared to leave? (2 Kings 2:2,4,6)

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What did Elisha ask Elijah to do for him? (2 Kings 2:9)

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What finally separated Elijah and Elisha? (2 Kings 2:11)

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What took Elijah into the sky? (2 Kings 2:11) \_\_\_\_\_

God chose to remove Elijah and have Elisha replace him, in a similar way that Moses was replaced by Joshua (Numbers 27:18,19).

We know that whirlwinds pick things up, but then drop them back down elsewhere. We aren't told exactly where he was taken, but several years later a writing from Elijah came to Jehoram the king of Judah warning him about his wicked ways and what would happen to him (2 Chronicles 21:12-15).

## CALLING OUT A PEOPLE

A final lesson we can learn from Elijah is that we need each other. We need to know that we can "pass on the mantle" to the next generation and be encouraged that God's words will continue to go out into the world and be the still small voice that will change people's hearts. Elijah felt alone, but the truth was that he was not alone - he just had to go and find those who had not bowed the knee to Baal.

God provided Elisha to help him with his ministry, and possibly Elijah spent the latter part of his ministry gathering people together and teaching in "Schools of the Prophets" to call out a people for God.

Although it may not always be easy, there are many benefits to working together with other people. We are not meant to be alone - God said this right at the beginning of the Bible: *"And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him."* (Genesis 2:18)

As a final exercise, look up the following verses and write down just what we are told to do for one another in the following verses. It is through these "one anothers" that we build up a community that can be a light to the world.

John 13:34 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Romans 12:10 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Romans 15:7 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Galatians 5:13 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Galatians 6:2 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Ephesians 4:2 \_\_\_\_\_

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Ephesians 4:32 \_\_\_\_\_

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Colossians 3:13 \_\_\_\_\_

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1 Thessalonians 5:11 \_\_\_\_\_

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Hebrews 3:13 \_\_\_\_\_

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Hebrews 10:24 \_\_\_\_\_

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