

Materials I Need:

Legend:



= Option 1, Appropriate for 1st – 2nd Grade





= Option 2, Appropriate for 3rd – 6th Grade

Focus and Memory Verse:



“Answer me, O LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again.” 1 Kings 18:37

Hook:



Bowling for Idols (Activity).   Items needed: a ball or a large bean bag (one heavy enough to knock down items). If the “idols” that you choose are rather small, you can use a tennis ball. You have the option of bringing in about 10 items that could be considered idols to the children (i.e., books, CDs, trophies, toys, candy bars, a plastic bottle of pop). You can also use plastic bowling pins or brick-sized blocks covered with gold or aluminum foil. Each student should have the opportunity to play by having two chances to knock down as many idols as possible. (If time permits, allow them more turns.) If someone knocks down all of the idols with one roll, he or she gets one additional roll. You may want to divide the class into two teams to compete against each other. The score should be recorded on the whiteboard following each turn. While setting up the idols for each student, talk about what types of idols take our eyes off what God wants us to do. Talk about how God is a very jealous God (Exodus 20:3-4). Tell them that, in the Bible Adventure today, they will hear about how God used Elijah to show just how powerful He is.



World Religions (Discussion).   Tell the students that, in today’s Bible Adventure, they will learn about some men who did not believe in God. They believed in a false god. These men made up different rules and ideas. Then they deceived people and told them that the thing they had made up was a god. Today it is the same. Some people do not believe in the God of the Bible; they believe in a god whom they or someone else has made up. Have students name off the different world religions that they know about. Ask them the following questions and discuss the answers.

- Is Buddha the one person who holds all the answers? *No. (Buddhist.)*
- Is the Bible true in everything it says? *Yes, but many cults would say no.*
- Can we be good enough to make it into heaven? *No. We need Jesus’ sacrifice.*
- Was Jesus just a prophet? *No. He is God the Son. (Muslim and Mormon belief.)*
- Is Jesus God? *Yes. Many cults say He is not.*
- Is Mohammed a prophet? *No. He made up a false religion.*
- Is Baal the god whom we should worship? *No. Listen to today’s Bible Adventure.*

There are many ideas about who God is, but we can be assured that the Bible is true. Jesus, who is the only way (John 14:6), died for us so that we can know and love God.

Modern Idols (Activity). 🐛, 🦋 Have enough magazines for each student to have one. At the tables, have the helpers go through the magazines with the students and try to find modern-day idols. Some examples might be sports cars, toys, and food. God wants our hearts to be free from idols. Tell the students that they will hear today about a man who helped Israel see that they loved idols instead of the one true God.

What is Worship? (Discussion). 🐛, 🦋 Ask the students if they know what worship is. In today's lesson, they will see two groups of people who worshiped different gods. Elijah worshiped the true God of Israel and the priests of Baal worshiped Baal. So what is worship? Ask the students for examples, and then explain that worship is choosing to praise someone or something with our mouth and living reverently with our lives for that someone or something. Whom do we admire most? Whom do we want to be most like in our lives? God wants us to worship Him alone for He is supremely worthy. Sometimes we find that we have given worship to things we ought not to have, and we need to confess it to God and ask for His forgiveness. God's people will choose to worship Him.

Let's Make a Miracle (Object Lesson). 🐛, 🦋 Place 12 large stones inside a bucket that has been partially filled with water. Pour additional water over the top of the stones so that it runs down into the bucket. Now see if you can light the stones on fire! Impossible! Stones don't burn, especially if they have been covered with water. Right? Not so. Explain to the students that today in the Bible Adventure, they will hear how God sent fire down and consumed not only the entire stone altar but also all the water that surrounded it. That would make anyone sit up and take notice!

Our Team Is Better Than Yours (Activity). 🐛, 🦋 Set up a relay game of your choice where teams compete against each other. Do some cheerleading to develop team spirit. Build up your team with words of encouragement that they are better than any of the other teams and they will surely be the victors. As the game begins, cheer your players on to the completion of the game. At the conclusion of the game, ask the students that if they were going up against Satan and his team, who would they want on their team? When God is on our team, we can go up against anyone and anything. Imagine a showdown against evil with God leading the charge! Tell the students that this morning they will hear about a big showdown that actually happened. Guess who won?

Miracles of Provision for Elijah (Bible Mind Trap Game). 🦋 If you want to use visuals to enhance these mysteries, use a life-size replica or picture of a raven, a cup of flour, a cup of oil; a few rocks, kindling, a few pieces of firewood, and a small wading pool that will not leak when several pitchers of water are poured into it. Tell the students that you have four mystery riddles for them to solve. Divide the whiteboard into four sections numbered 1 through 4. As the students try to come up with answers to solve each mystery, write them in the appropriate column.

(1) There is a drought in the land. No rain falls and the animals and crops are dying. The water in the ponds and rivers is drying up. A man must live in hiding from people who want to hurt him. Aside from a few ravens that also stay by the brook where he is, there is nothing else for miles (show the visual so they can see what ravens look like and how big they are). How will he survive? What will he eat? (They will have some ideas. If they suggest eating the ravens, ask them what will happen once the few ravens are gone. Listen, and then move on.)

(2) Again, there is a drought. The plants and animals have died. A man has only a cup of oil and a cup of flour for food. (Show them how much that is.) This amount must feed him, a woman, and her son for years. There is nothing else. What can he do to make this be enough for them all for that long? (Again, listen to their ideas and move on.)

(3) A boy has just died. There is no doctor or hospital near. What can you do to help him? How can you make him live again? (After a few answers, move on.)

(4) A man wants to cook a huge piece of meat. He has a large stone barbecue. He has some kindling and wood, but he has no fire-starting tools (matches, lighter, propane, etc.). The barbecue is surrounded by a trench filled with water. How will he be able to start the fire and get it hot enough to cook the meat through? (In the wading pool, act as though you are building a fire with the kindling and firewood and pour several pitchers of water on the wood as you ask this mystery question.) After a few ideas, tell them that they will hear how a man named Elijah was able to solve all of these mysteries successfully!

- Modern Idols Can Be Distracting (Object Lesson).** 🦄, 🦋 Scatter some tempting modern-day idols around the room in very obvious places prior to the students' arrival (i.e., Pokemon, Barbies, N64 game, a TV, sports equipment). You may even want to have a teacher or helper playing with these things. A teacher should greet the students one at a time and direct them to the tables to color pictures of today's Bible Adventure (or another project you might have for them). If a student goes over to check out these "idols," tell them to ignore them and to please continue to color as they were asked. After the students have finished coloring their pictures, ask them how the things around the room affected them and what they were supposed to be doing. Were they distracted? Were they sad or upset that the items were off limits? How do these or other things in our everyday lives become idols that can take our focus off what we should be doing? Have students listen to today's Bible Adventure to hear what happened in a time when most of the nation of Israel looked to idols rather than the Lord God.



Book:

Presentation Ideas –

- King Ahab and Jezebel Bow Down to Baal and Asherah (Illustration/Coloring Page).** 🦄, 🦋 1 Kings 16:30-33, 1KG05.GF1.
- Elijah Predicts a Drought Before King Ahab (Illustration/Coloring Page).** 🦄, 🦋 1 Kings 17:1, 1KG05.GF2.
- Elijah and the Ravens (Illustration/Coloring Page).** 🦄, 🦋 1 Kings 17:2-6, 1KG05.GF3.
- Elijah and the Widow (Illustration/Coloring Page).** 🦄, 🦋 1 Kings 17:7-16, 1KG05.GF4.
- Elijah Heals the Widow's Son (Illustration/Coloring Page).** 🦄, 🦋 1 Kings 17:17-24, 1KG05.GF5.
- Elijah and the Prophets of Baal (Illustration/Coloring Page).** 🦄, 🦋 1 Kings 18:19-24, 1KG05.GF6.
- The Prophets of Baal Dance Around Their Altar (Illustration/Coloring Page).** 🦄, 🦋 1 Kings 18:25-29, 1KG05.GF7.
- Elijah Prays to God Before the Altar of the Lord (Illustration/Coloring Page).** 🦄, 🦋 1 Kings 18:30-37, 1KG05.GF8.
- God Sends Fire from Heaven (Illustration/Coloring Page).** 🦄, 🦋 1 Kings 18:38, 1KG05.GF9.
- Act Out Today's Bible Adventure (Role-Play/Skit).** 🦄, 🦋 This lesson lends itself easily to acting out different portions. You might try bringing costumes for the students and assigning characters at the conclusion of the story. Let them then practice and re-enact what they learned during the LOOK portion of the morning.
- Build, Bow Down, and Burn the Altar (Visual Aid).** 🦄, 🦋 Items needed: Some large stones made out of paper grocery bags filled with towels, firewood (with lots of towels under the firewood), buckets of water, children's swimming pool or large tarp. Dress up as Elijah may have looked, and be very creative and dramatic. Emphasize the Bible verse for this week (1 Kings 18:37). Students may dance around the fire pit and try to make the fire burn. As a reminder of the location of where Elijah called upon God (Mt. Carmel), give the children caramels if they answer the aim questions correctly.

Bible Adventure –

Under the leadership of King David and King Solomon, Israel had been a great and powerful nation. But sin crept in and eroded Israel's strength. The people no longer worshiped God and the nation split in two. They had many wicked kings, but Israel hit its lowest point under the rule of King Ahab. 1 Kings 16:33 states, "Ahab...did more to provoke the LORD, the God of Israel, to anger than did all the kings of Israel before him."

The legacy of King Ahab was one of great evil. He popularized the worship of wicked, foreign gods. One of these false gods was called Baal. People believed that Baal had the power to bring rain upon their lands and to make them produce abundant crops. Ahab married a woman named Jezebel. She was one wicked lady who continually talked him into rejecting the Lord. While King Solomon built a glorious temple to worship the one true God, King Ahab thought it was a great idea to build a temple to worship the false god, Baal!

Amidst such great wickedness, you might think God would turn his back on His people. But God is merciful and full of grace. He did not give Israel what they deserved but instead provided a prophet by the name of Elijah. Elijah's job was to proclaim that Israel's idol worship was a great sin before God. There was only one true God and the people were to worship only Him. Elijah approached King Ahab and announced that a great drought would come upon the land. No rain would fall for three and a half years. God wanted to prove to Israel that Baal was no god at all. God would show that He alone controlled the weather. During the long drought, God cared for Elijah in a miraculous way. Every morning and every evening He sent ravens to Elijah bringing him bread and meat to eat. Talk about room service!

After a period of time, God sent Elijah to a woman whose husband had died. She and her son were going to starve, because the oil and flour she made bread with was about to run out. However, Elijah promised her that God would not let her and her son go hungry. He would keep her small amount of oil and flour from running out. Every morning it would always miraculously be there! And later, when the woman's son became gravely ill and died, Elijah cried out to God and the boy came back to life! All of these miracles proved to the people who worshiped Baal that God is the only Provider of food and water and He alone is to be worshiped. It also confirmed that Elijah was God's true prophet.

During the third year of the drought, God directed Elijah to go to King Ahab and tell him He was finally going to send rain and end the long drought. Ahab thought Elijah was responsible for Israel's troubles so when he saw Elijah he said, "Is that you, you troubler of Israel?" (1 Kings 18:17). Elijah responded by saying in effect, "Wait a minute! You are the one who brought all this trouble on Israel by turning your back on God and worshiping Baal!" Elijah then challenged King Ahab and the prophets of his false gods to come to Mt. Carmel for a test to see who was the REAL God of Israel.

When they all arrived, Elijah challenged the people to make up their minds once and for all about whom they would serve as God—Elijah's God or Baal. Elijah then set up the rules for the test. The prophets of Baal were to choose one bull and Elijah would choose one bull. They would then sacrifice the bulls and place the pieces on top of an altar made of wood. The prophets of Baal were to call on their god to send down fire to burn up their sacrifice and then Elijah would call on his God to send down fire and burn up his sacrifice. Whichever god answered would be declared the one true God. The prophets of Baal went first, and they did all sorts of crazy things to get Baal to answer. They shouted all morning and nothing happened. At noon, they began to shout louder and louder, cutting themselves with knives and doing a wild dance around the altar (what a sight!). By evening, still nothing had happened. Obviously, there was no god named Baal and no fire was going to come down from heaven!

Now it was Elijah's turn. To make sure the people would be convinced that the Lord was the true God of Israel, he built his altar out of stones that would not normally burn and soaked the altar with water. He then prayed, "Answer me, O LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again" (1 Kings 18:37). With that, God sent fire down from heaven that totally burned up the altar, the ground, and all the water. When the people witnessed what God did, they fell on their faces and cried out, "The LORD—He is God!" (1 Kings 18:39). Elijah then ordered the prophets of Baal to be killed. They had deceived Israel long enough! Afterwards, Elijah prayed that God would send rain and God answered again. The drought would soon be over.

When Ahab heard all these things, he ran to Jezebel and tattled about how Elijah had all her favorite prophets killed. Jezebel was upset and ordered that Elijah himself should be put to death. Even after all Elijah had seen God do, he was afraid and ran for his life for two straight days. Elijah finally fell in exhaustion and despair. Nevertheless, God gently cared for His prophet and gave him his strength back. Elijah was then able to travel for 40 days and nights to a cave in Horeb.

When Elijah got there, God asked him, "What are you doing here?" He then demonstrated to him His mighty power through a great wind, an earthquake, and fire. He showed Elijah that He was not to rely on himself. He was to look to his ever-faithful Lord for his power and strength. With that point clear, God told Elijah he still had work for him. In Elijah's despair, he thought that he was the only one in Israel who had remained faithful to God but the Lord reminded Elijah that He still had 7,000 men who had not bowed down to Baal. Through these men, God would eliminate Baal worship in Israel.

God makes it clear throughout the entire Bible that we are to worship only Him. This is because He dearly loves His children and wants the best for them. He knows that only when we worship and obey Him will we be truly happy. Today's lesson is a reminder that God considers idol worship a very serious sin. Is there anything in your life that is keeping you from worshiping God alone and obeying His Word?

We can also learn from the story of Elijah that we are to look to God for our strength and not to our own ability and desires. God had to show Elijah that He was all-powerful, all-wise, and all-good. With Him, we can do all things, but without Him, we can do nothing. Make sure you are looking to God and His Word for the strength to live each day.



Aim Questions:

1. **Who wrote the book of 1 Kings?** *Author Unknown.*
2. **Why was the book written?** *To show the people in captivity why they were suffering.*
3. **What king did Elijah confront?** *King Ahab.*
4. **What was this king like?** *He was the most wicked king in Israel's history.*
5. **What did God send upon the land because of the Israelites' idolatry, and how long did it last?** *A drought that lasted for 3 ½ years.*
6. **What test did Elijah set up to challenge the prophets of Baal?** *The God who sent fire from heaven is the true God.*
7. **What did Elijah do after God demonstrated His power at Mt. Carmel?** *He fled for his life because he was afraid of Jezebel.*
8. **What does God think about worshiping false idols?** *He hates it and will do anything to keep His people from it.*





Look:



False Idols Will Be Knocked Down (Activity).   Use a podium (or other structure that cannot be knocked over by balls or beanbags) and several tall boxes. (The boxes that Formica comes in are tall and narrow and work great--check with your local dealer.) Glue pictures of idols throughout history from **1KG05.GF10 Pg. 1** on several of the boxes. Glue a picture of a modern-day idol cut from a magazine on another box. Glue the picture representing God from **1KG05.GF10 Pg. 2** on the podium. Line up the boxes and the podium at one end of the room and the students armed with large beanbags or balls at the other. Assign teachers and helpers to retrieve balls or reset idols. This can be used as a team game (which team can knock down the most idols) or just as an activity (when it's your turn, see which idol(s) you can knock down!) NOTE: For younger students have the pictures and boxes ready. For older students, give them the pictures to color and the magazines to find the pictures of modern-day idols. Have them glue their pictures to the boxes (tape for the podium) before this activity. Discuss what idols are, why people wrongly choose them over God, and what the consequences might be for these choices.



God' Was Faithful to Elijah (Worksheet).   Have students cut out the pictures on **1KG05.GF11 Pg. 1** and paste them in the appropriate boxes on **1KG05.GF11 Pg. 2**.

- Remember Mt. Carmel (Craft).** 🦋, 🦋 Each student will need:
6-8" paper or styrofoam bowl
small sticks
crushed gravel
blue markers or crayons
tacky glue
one label from **1KG05.GF12**
red and orange strips of construction paper

Have the students turn the bowl upside down and paste three to four small rocks in the center to represent the altar that Elijah built. Then have them add the small sticks to build the fire. They may add flames made from the construction paper if desired. To remind the students that Elijah poured water on the altar, have them add blue color around the rocks and sticks. Finally, have them glue the verse to the side of the bowl as a reminder that Elijah believed in the power of God.

- Raven Art (Craft).** 🦋 Each student will need:
1KG05.GF13 Pg. 1 pattern copied onto cardstock
black, yellow, and orange construction paper
scissors
tape

Have students use the pattern to cut out the body and the two wings from the black construction paper. Have them cut out the two beaks and two legs from yellow or orange paper and then fold the body forward in half. Help them to fold again, bending the eyes to face up and the bottom section under. Tape the beak sections inside the center area. Tape the wings and legs on the back of the bottom section.

- Raven Finger Puppet (Craft).** 🦋 Each student will need:
1KG05.GF13 Pg. 2 pattern copied onto cardstock
black construction paper
yellow or orange markers
cheerios
glue
"I Obey God" sign

Have students trace the bird outline onto black paper and cut it out. Next, have them color the beaks yellow or orange and cut them out. Have students finish their puppet by gluing two cheerios for the eyes, a beak, and a sign onto their birds. They can reenact the passage where the ravens brought bread and meat to Elijah (1 Kings 17:4-6). Explain that all of God's creation obey God--the animals, plants, and even the weather. God wants people to obey Him, too!

- Answer Me, O LORD (Memory Verse Activity).** 🦋 Write the memory verse in large letters on a brown paper bag that has been cut open. You may also use butcher paper, newspaper, or any other paper that is large enough. Have a different student cut off one word each time you repeat the verse, letting each student keep his or her word for later. After all the words are cut off, have the students hold up their word and arrange themselves in the proper order to display the verse.




- Aim Questions (Worksheet).** 🦋 Have students answer the aim questions about today's Bible Adventure, **1KG05.GF14**.

- Passage Review Questions (Worksheet).** 🦋 This booklet contains many questions from the Scripture passage covered in today's lesson. Students may work on them in class and complete them during the week at home, **1KG05.GF15 Pgs. 1 & 2**.



Took:

- God Is Faithful to Me (Worksheet).** 🦋, 🦋 Have students draw the appropriate pictures in the boxes provided on **1KG05.GF16**.

 **Ways to Worship God (Discussion).** ,  Ask the students the following questions about worship: How does one worship God? Do we need to have our hands folded and our heads bowed? Explain that that is one way to worship God. But we can also worship God while standing, sitting, or kneeling. What matters to God in our worship is our hearts. In our hearts, do we love and admire God? We can worship God for things we find in the Bible and for His beautiful creation. We can even worship God for giving us a brother or sister. Let's spend some time telling God how great He is.

 **Faith In The Power of God (Craft).** ,  Each student will need:

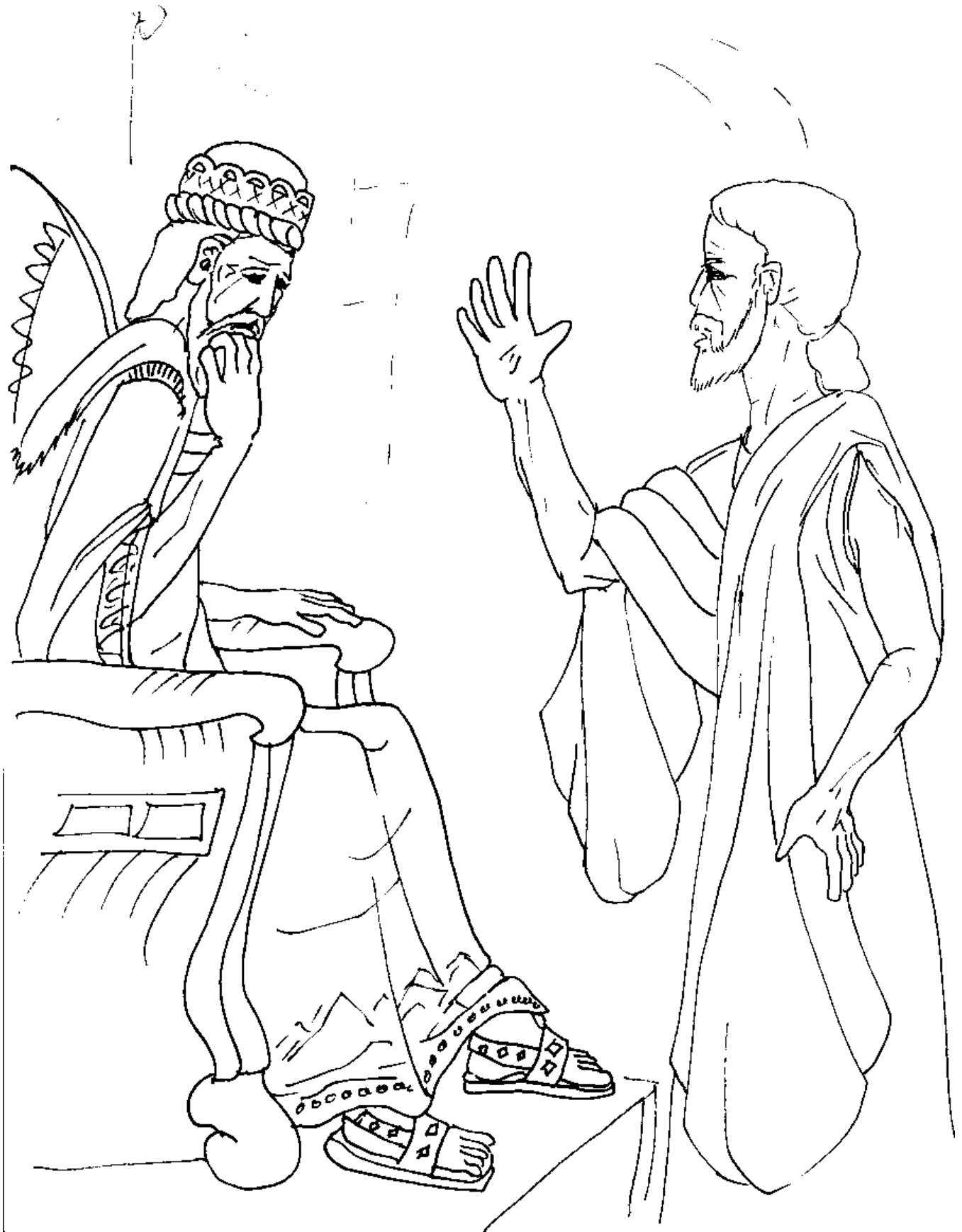
- 1 piece of white cardstock
- 12 large marshmallows
- red, orange, and yellow tissue paper
- glue
- colored markers
- glitter

Start with a piece of cardstock paper and build this craft out of 12 large marshmallows, representing the stones in the altar built by Elijah on Mount Carmel. Have the students glue the marshmallows together in a stack. Using markers or paint, color them to look like stones. Next, have them add additional coloring to represent the water flowing down the stones to a pool in which the stones are resting. Add glitter to the water areas. Cut or tear flame-colored tissue paper and have the students tuck them in randomly between the marshmallows to look as if the stones are on fire. Write on the cardstock "Confidence in God's Power" (1 Kings 18:16-39). Send these home for display on the kitchen table as an encouragement for dinner table conversation, focusing on God's provision of power daily.

King Ahab and Jezebel Bow Down to Baal and Asherah



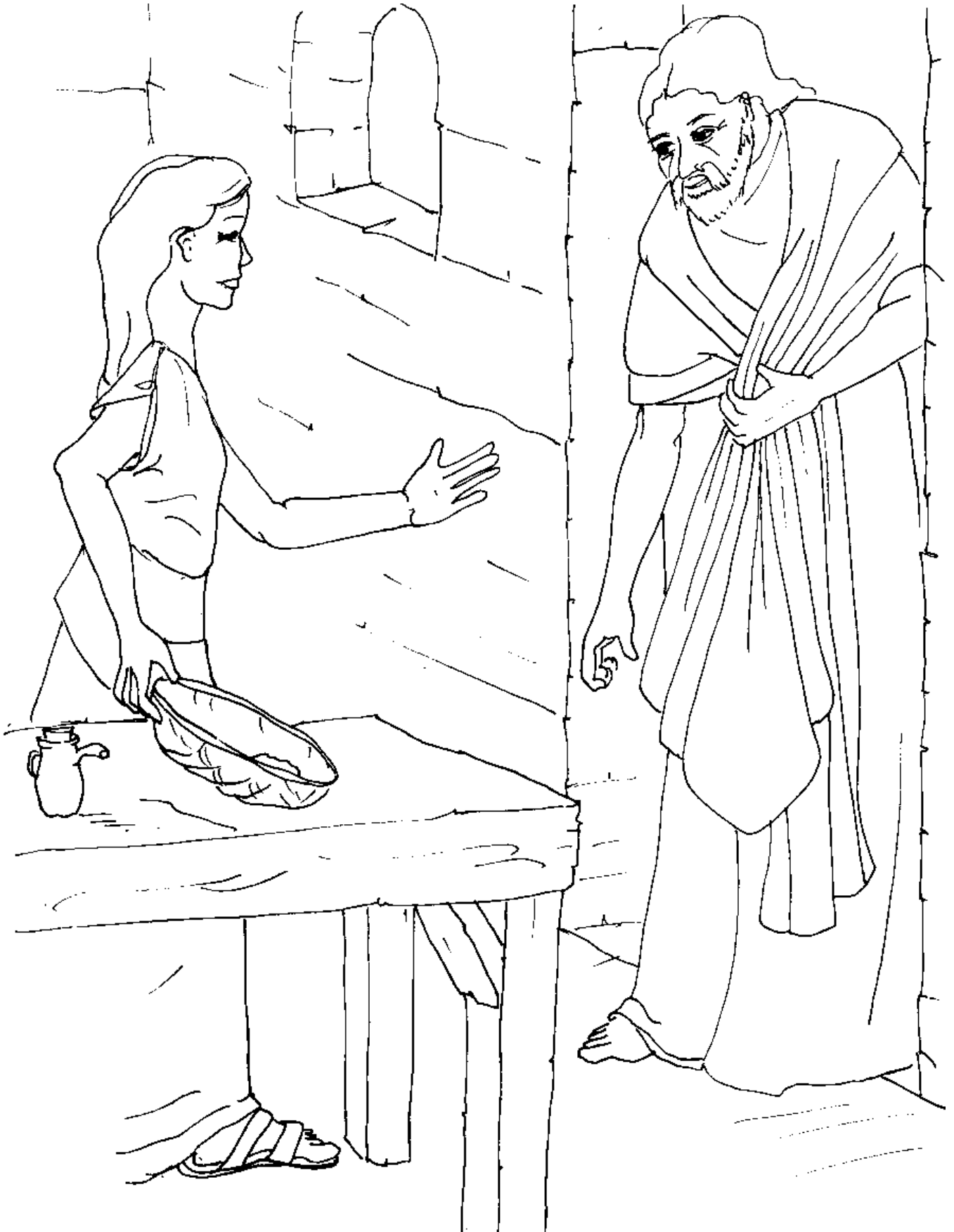
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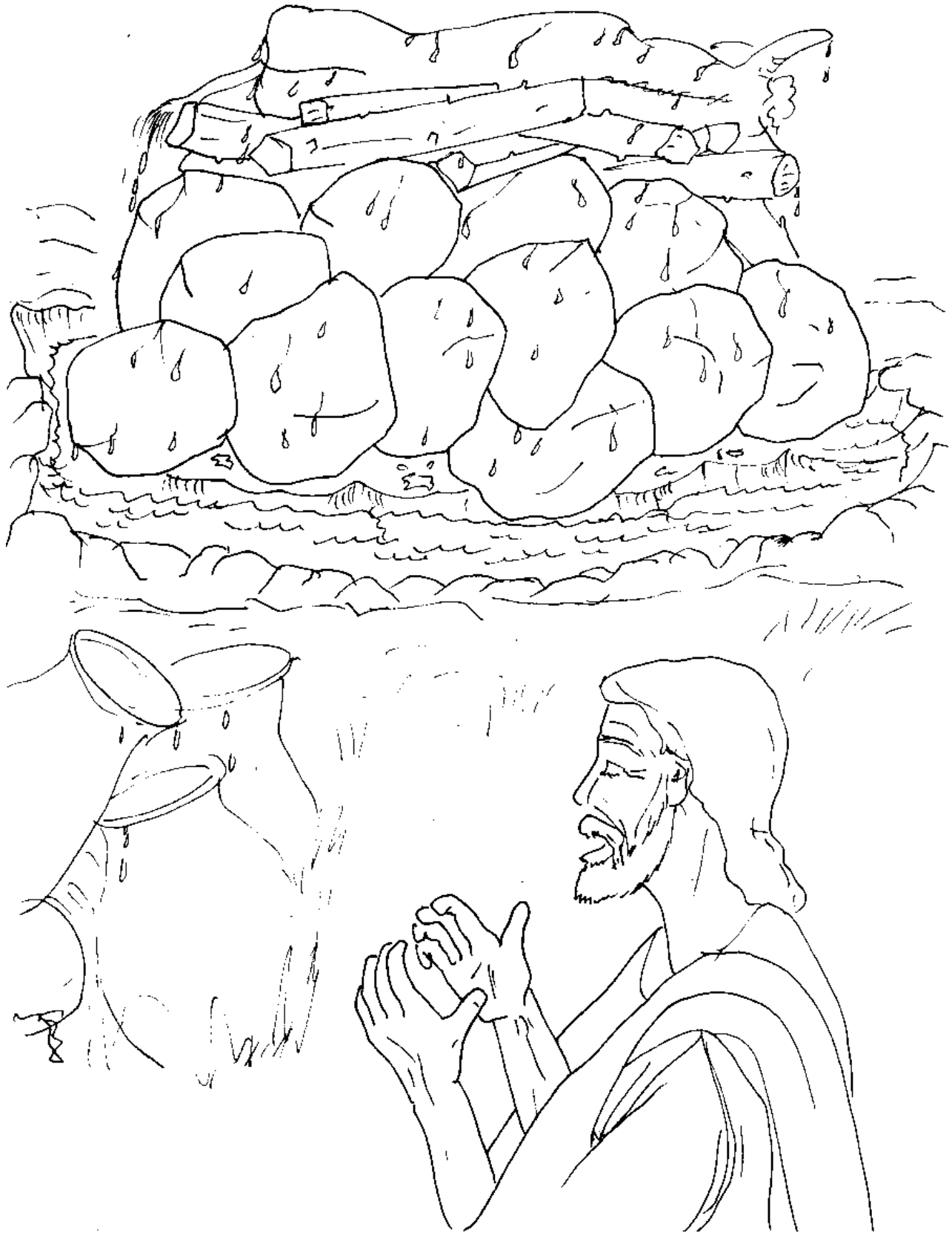
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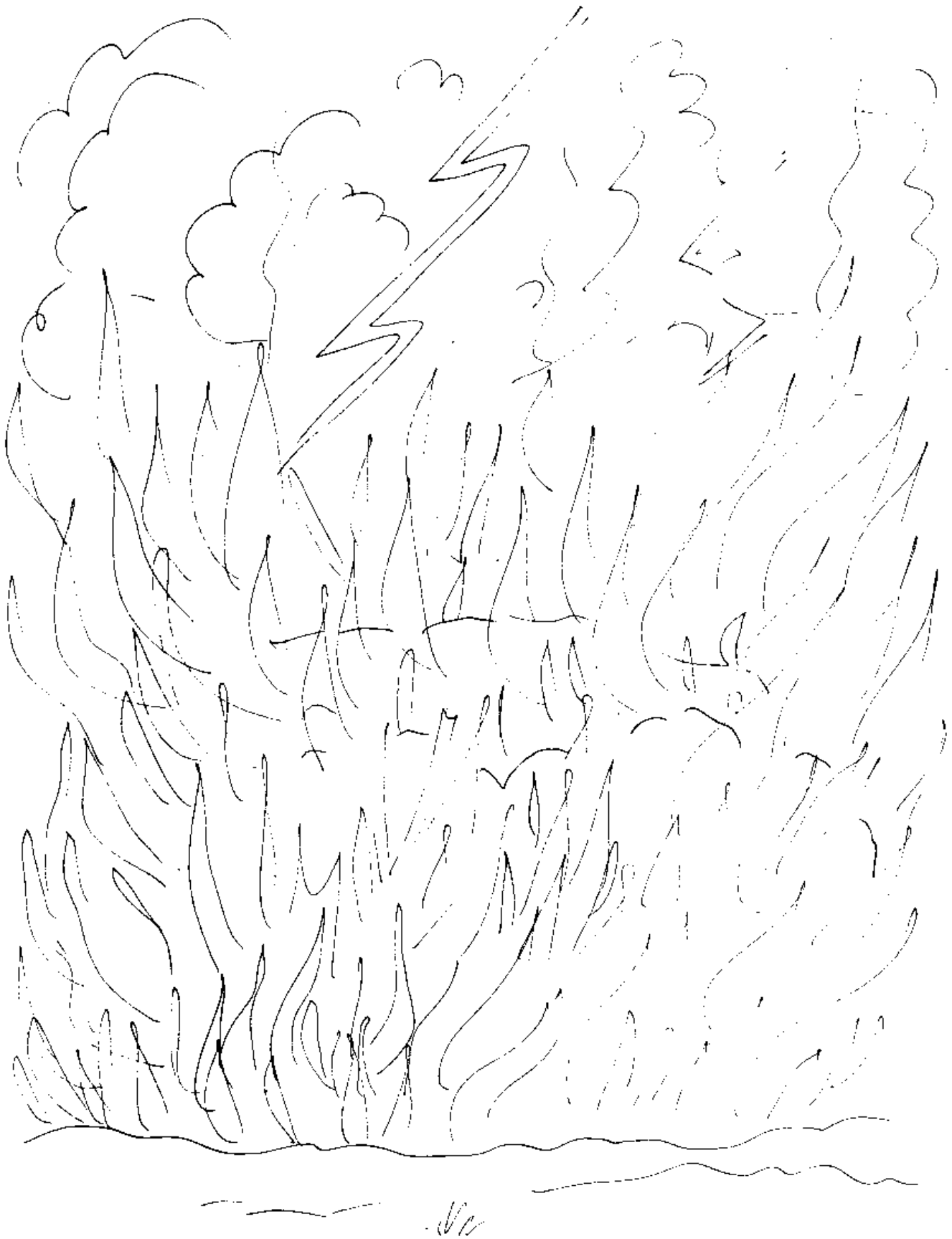
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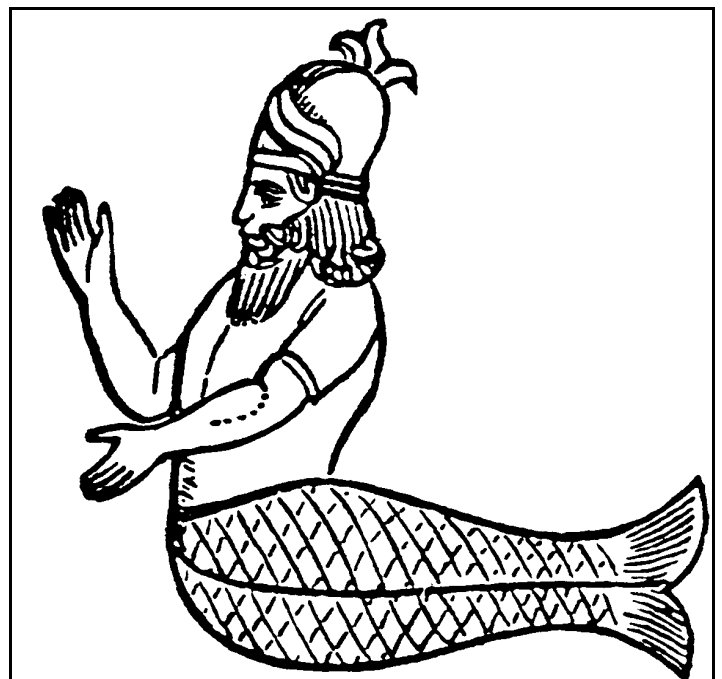
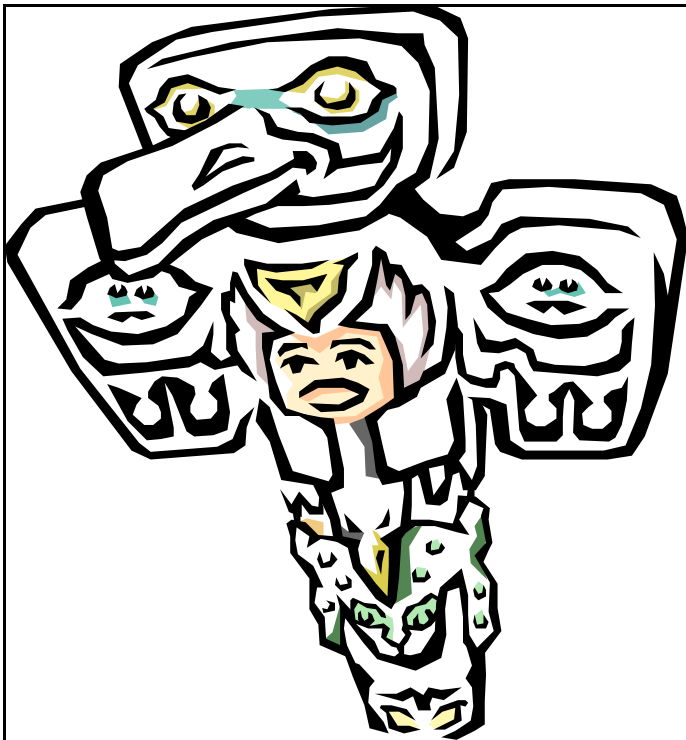
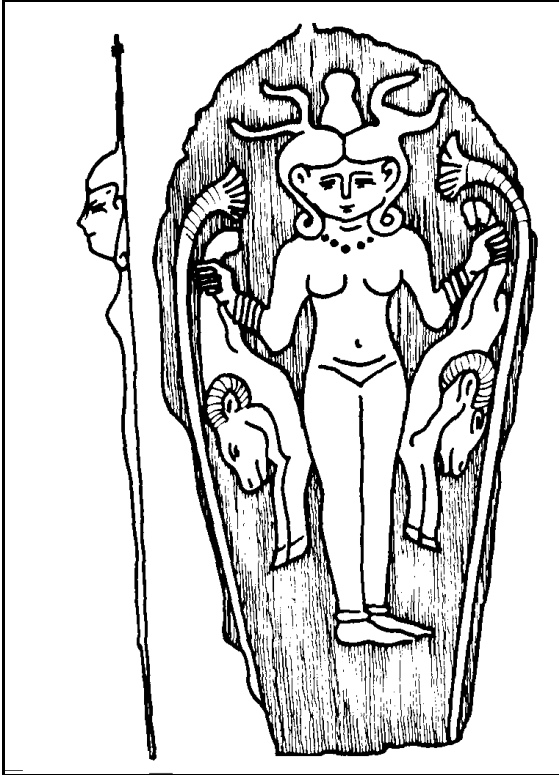
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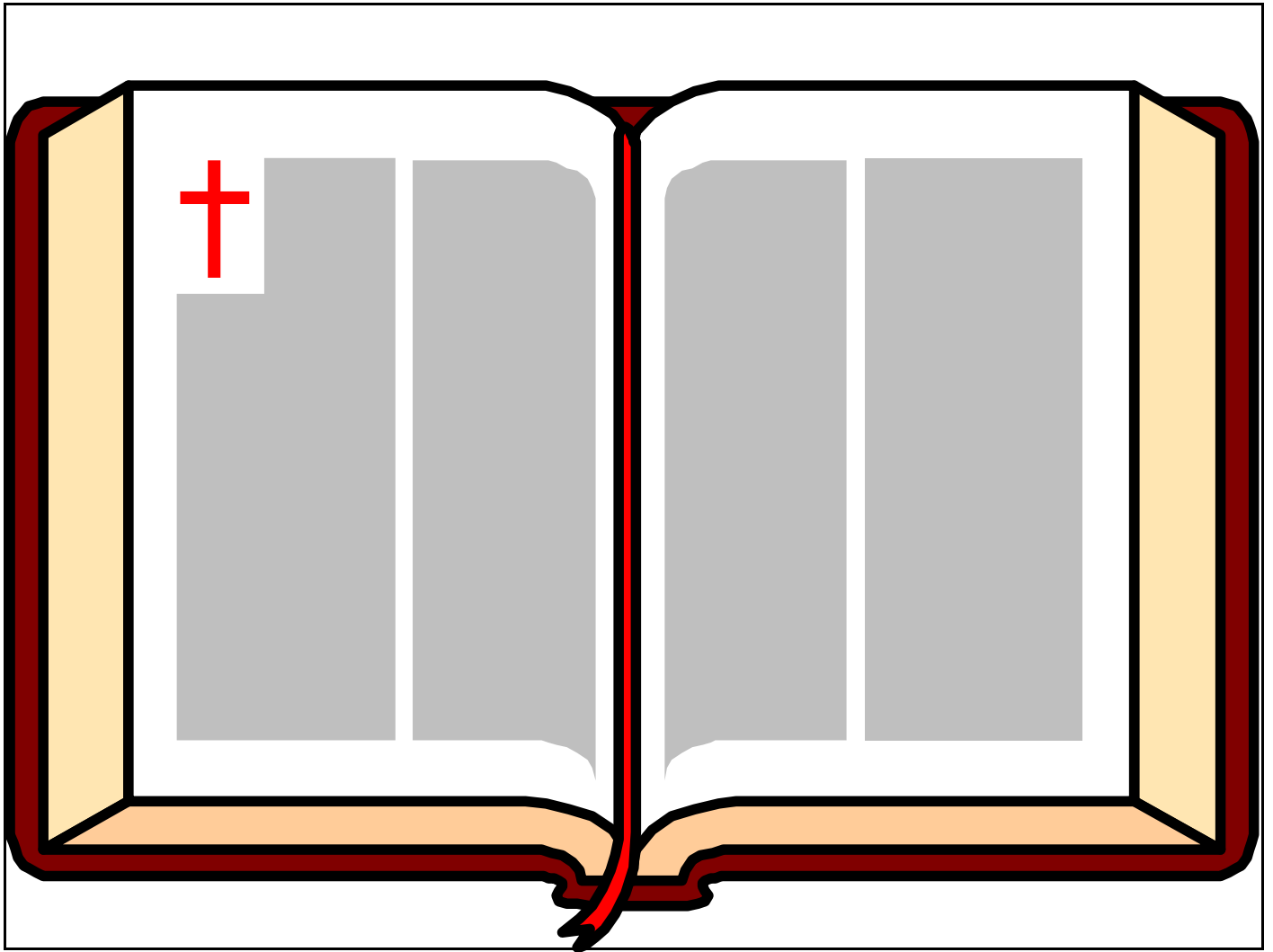
God Sends Fire from Heaven



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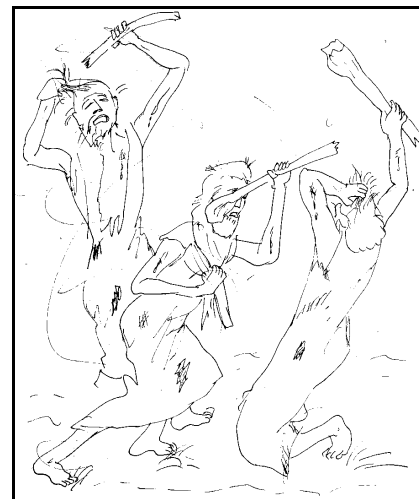
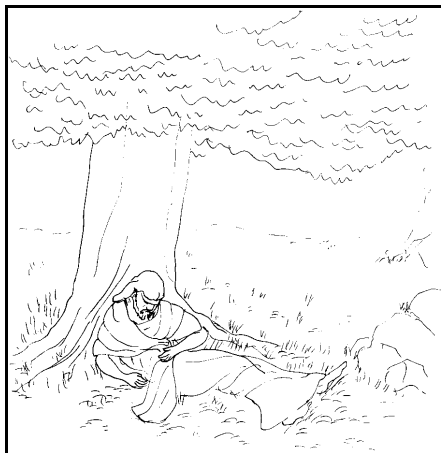
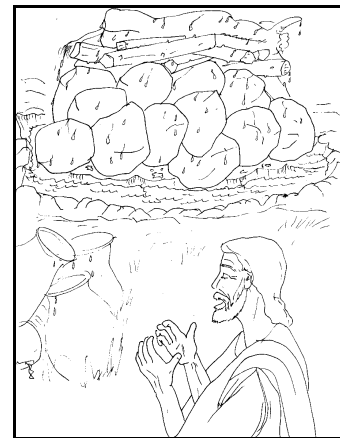
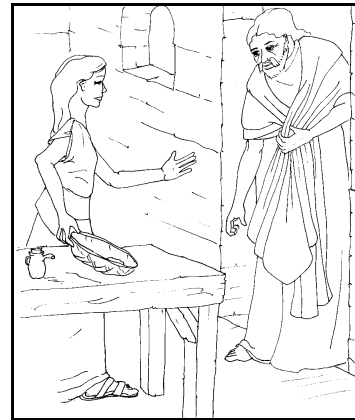
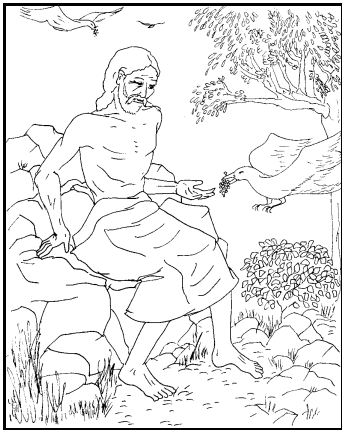


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when he was at the brook Cherith
AND

while Elijah was staying at the
widow and her son's home where
GOD PROVIDED housing for him.

GOD PROVIDED the return of life
to Elijah's dear young friend

AND
death to the
evil prophets of Baal who
deceived Israel.

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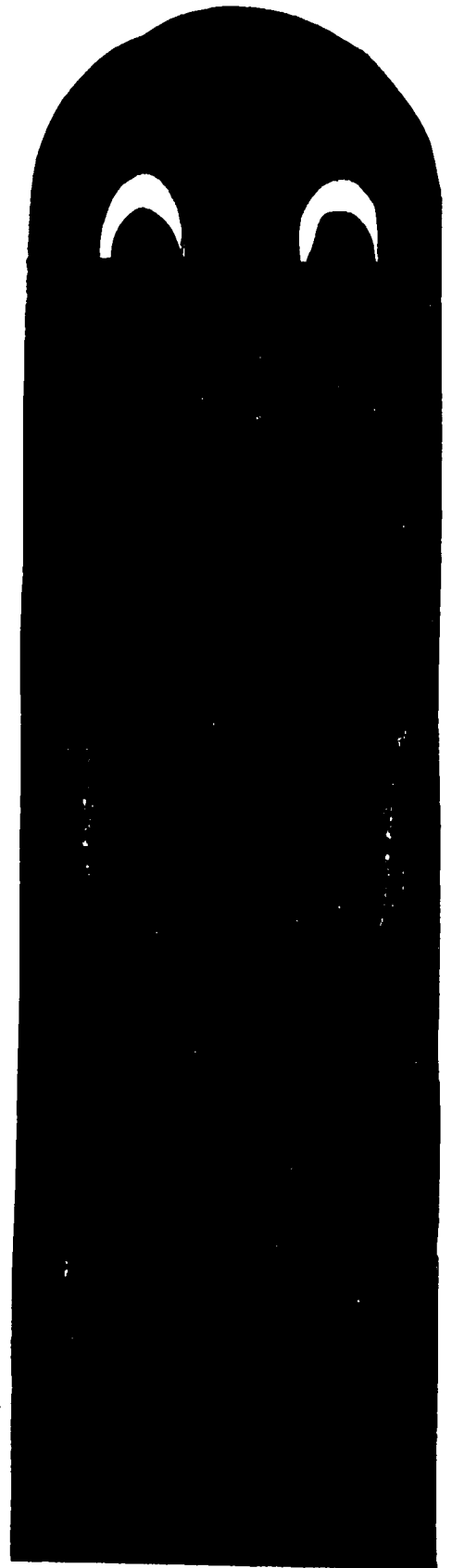
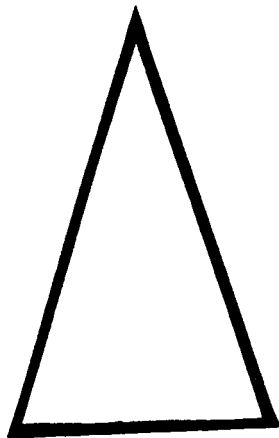
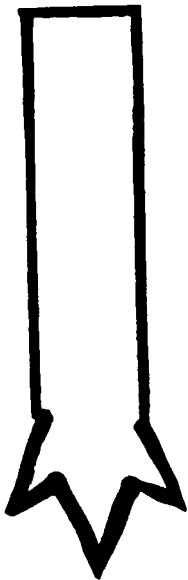
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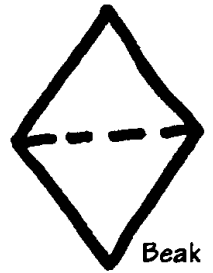
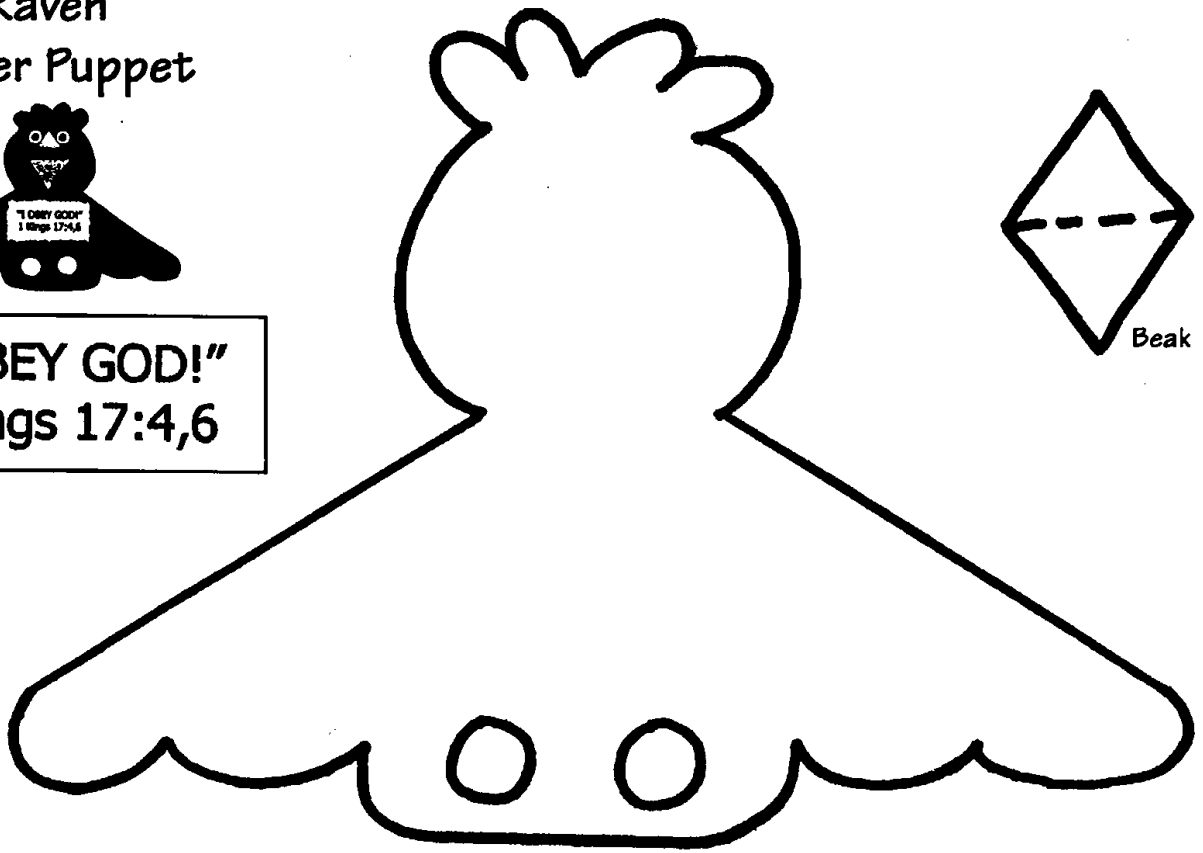
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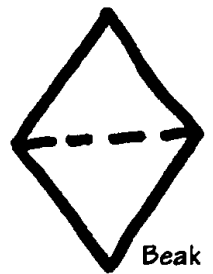
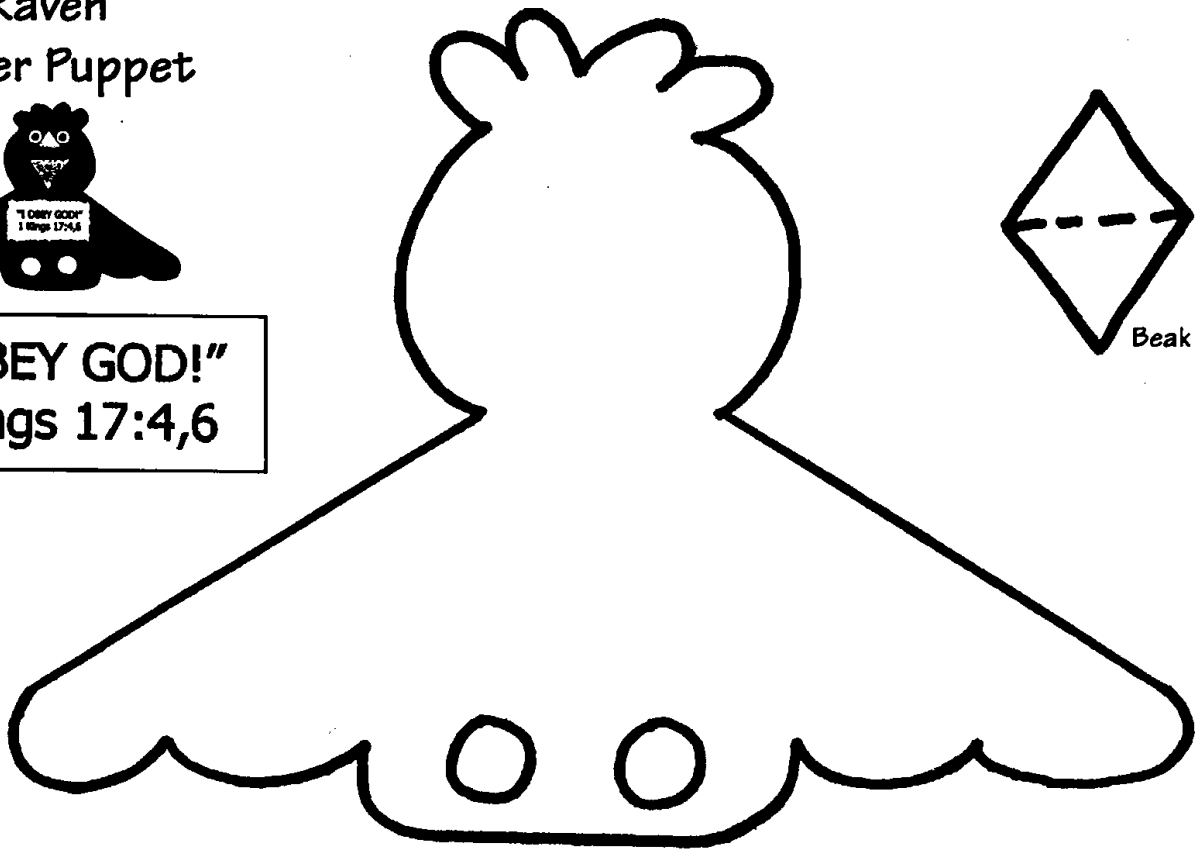
"I OBEY GOD!"
1 Kings 17:4,6



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Aim Questions

Answer the following questions about today's Bible Adventure.

1. Who wrote the book of 1 Kings?
2. Why was the book written?
3. What king did Elijah confront?
4. What was this king like?
5. What did God send upon the land because of the Israelites' idolatry, and how long did it last?
6. What test did Elijah set up to challenge the prophets of Baal?
7. What did Elisha do after God demonstrated His power at Mt. Carmel?
8. What does God think about worshiping false idols?

*Do you desire to worship God alone and to obey His Word?
Are you following the one and only true God of the universe?
Ask God to show you any "false idols" you have in your heart.
Ask Him to give you the strength and desire to turn from them.
We are most happy when we worship and obey God.
God created us--He loves us and knows what is best for us!*



**"Answer me, O LORD,
answer me, so these people will know
that you, O LORD, are God,
and that you are turning their hearts back again."
1 Kings 18:37**

What did the Lord want Elijah to do? 19:15-18

Who was called to follow Elijah? 19:19-21

After Ahab had been condemned by a prophet, he went to his palace in Samaria and saw a vineyard close to the palace that he wanted. When Naboth, who owned the vineyard, refused to let him have it, what did Ahab do? 21:4

Tell the story of how Jezebel got Naboth's vineyard. 21:7-16

What was Ahab's punishment from the Lord for this evil act?
What was Jezebel's punishment? 21:17-24

How evil were these two people whom the Lord had just condemned? 21:25-27

Did Ahab repent for the things that he had done? 21:27

What eventually happened to Ahab? 22:29-40

Passage Review Questions

1 Kings 16:29 - 22:53

What did Elijah tell Ahab? 17:1

The Lord told Elijah to leave where he was and go and hide in the Kerith Ravine east of the Jordan. What was he to do there? 17:2

In the morning and the evening, what did Elijah eat that the ravens brought to him? 17:6

Sometime later, what happened to the brook because of no rain? 17:7

When this happened, what did the Lord tell Elijah to do? 17:9

When he got there, what did Elijah ask of her? 17:10-11

In your own words, tell about the woman's food supply and what Elijah promised her. 17:12-14

Later on, what happened to the woman's son, and what did Elijah do? 17:17-23

What then did the woman know about Elijah? 17:24

In the third year of the drought, what did the Lord have Elijah do? 18:1-2

Obadiah was in charge of Ahab's palace and since the evil Jezebel was killing the Lord's prophets, what did Obadiah do to protect them? 18:4

What did Ahab command that Obadiah do so that none of the animals had to be killed? 18:5

Whom did Obadiah come upon while he was hunting food for the animals? 18:7

Elijah told Obadiah to tell Ahab that he was there to meet him. How distraught was Obadiah about having to tell Ahab that Elijah was there? 18:10-14

When Elijah and Ahab met, what did Elijah want Ahab to do? 18:19

Tell the story of what happened when all the people were assembled on Mount Carmel. 18:22-38

What happened to all the false prophets that were serving Ahab? 18:40

Ahab told Jezebel all that had happened and what Elijah had done. What did the messenger from Jezebel tell Elijah? 19:2

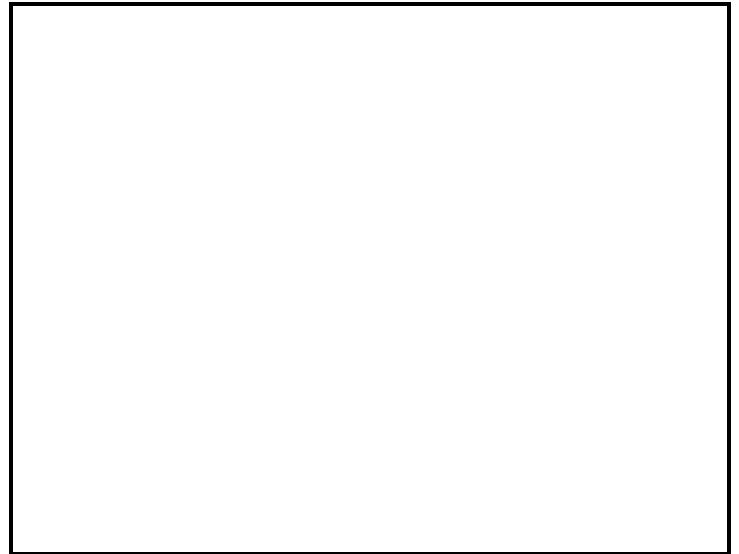
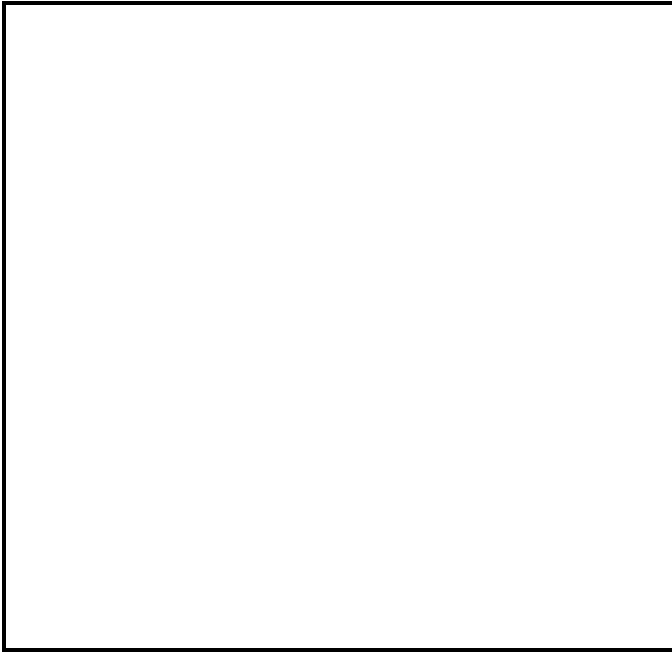
Tell the events of what happened when Elijah, in fear of his life, fled. 19:3-9

The Lord asked Elijah at the cave what he was doing there and so Elijah told him. The Lord told Elijah to go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord. What happened while he was standing on the mountain? 19:11-13

GOD IS FAITHFUL TO ME

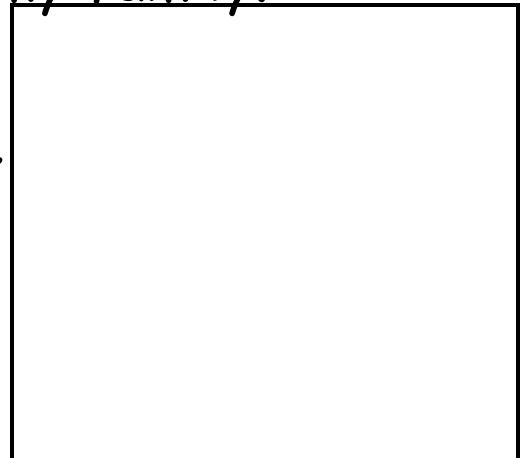
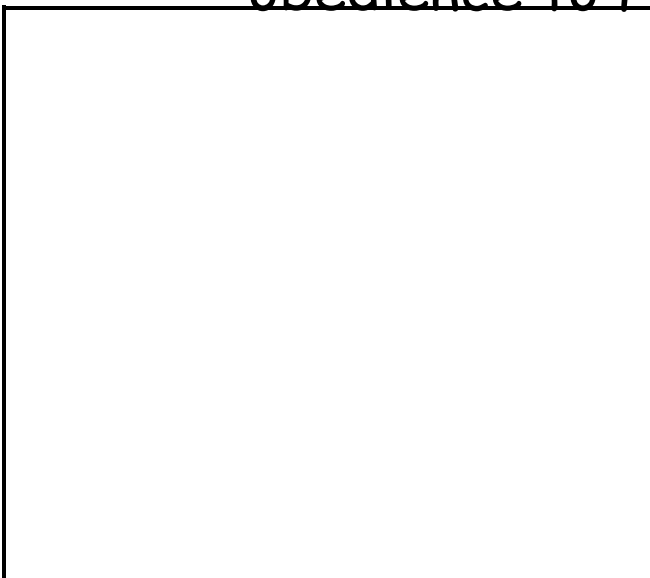
Draw pictures in the boxes below to go with each of the descriptions.

GOD PROVIDES food
for me to eat.



GOD PROVIDES my home
AND my family.

GOD PROVIDES me eternal life
through Christ's resurrection
AND death to sin through
obedience to His Word.

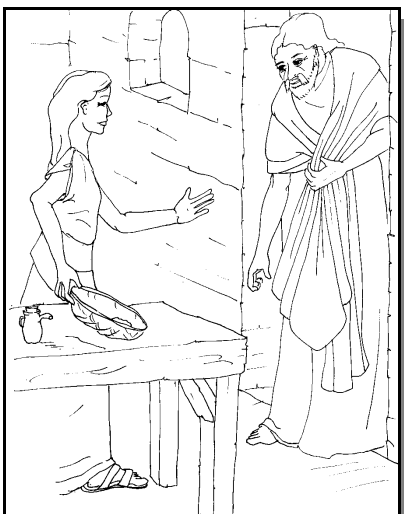


GOD PROVIDES me
with answered prayer
AND
He knows and meets
my every need.

PLAY

Act It Out!

The passage covered this week lends itself easily to acting out different portions. Assign your children characters from the stories and have them come up with costumes to act out their parts. Let them then practice and re-enact what they learned.



Parenting Resources

Be on the lookout for quality resources for teaching your children the Word of God. Here are two that have been helpful:

2-5 years: *The Read with Me Bible*. This is based on the NIV and has great illustrations.

5-10 years: *A Faith to Grow On* by John MacArthur. This is a book about basic Bible doctrine written for children. It is interactive and excellent for daily devotions.

☺ Another good resource is our Bible School Curriculum. Ask our children's workers where you can pick up a copy.



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FAMILY FUN SHEET

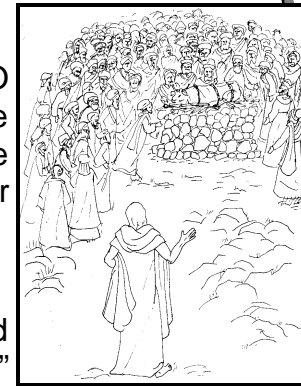
This is what we learned today:

Passage ~ 1 Kings 16:29-22:53

Memory Verse ~ "Answer me, O LORD, answer me, so these people will know that You, O LORD, are God, and that You are turning their hearts back again." 1 Kings 18:37

Application Points ~

- ◆ We should worship only the Lord and guard ourselves from "idols" of the heart.
- ◆ We must keep our focus on God because He wants our best.



PRaise

King Jesus is all (girls repeat), my all in all (girls repeat).
I know He'll answer (girls repeat) everytime I call (girls repeat).
Walkin' by my side (girls repeat), I'm satisfied (girls repeat).
King Jesus is all (girls repeat), my all in all (girls repeat).

I went out to meet the Lord.
I got down on my knees.
I prayed my very first prayer.
You know the Holy Ghost met me there.
I stepped on the Rock, the Rock was sound.
The love of God came a-tumblin' down.
The reason I know that He saved my soul:

PASSAGE

- Daily Bible Reading:** These are some of the most exciting adventures in the Bible. Pick a few each night to read to your children and talk about what God is doing in the lives of these people.

Day 1: Chapter 16

Day 2: Chapter 17

Day 3: Chapter 18

Day 4: Chapter 19

Day 5: Chapter 20-22 (Select a portion of this section.)

Family Bible Night: 1 Kings 18

During the third year of the drought, God told Elijah to go to King Ahab and tell him that He was going to provide rain on the land. Elijah met with Obadiah, the governor of Ahab's palace, who feared the Lord. He had hidden 100 prophets from Jezebel's murderous command. Elijah told him to announce to Ahab that he wanted a meeting with him. When King Ahab saw Elijah, he said to him, "Is that you, you troubler of Israel?" Elijah responded by saying that it was Ahab who was the real troublemaker because he forsook God and served Baal. Elijah then challenged King Ahab and the prophets of Baal and Asherah to come to Mt. Carmel for a test to see who was the real God of Israel.

When they all arrived, Elijah challenged the people of Israel to come to a decision about whom they would serve as God – His God or Baal. Elijah then set the rules for the test. The 450 prophets of Baal would choose one bull and Elijah would choose one bull. They would then sacrifice the bulls and place the pieces on top of an altar made of wood. Then the prophets would call upon their god and the one who answered by fire would prove to be the true God. The prophets of Baal went first and called on their god from morning until noon, but nothing happened. At noontime, Elijah mocked them and said, "Shout louder! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened." So they shouted louder and began to cut themselves with swords, dancing wildly around the altar all day until evening time, but still nothing happened. Obviously, since there was no such person as the god Baal, no fire came down from heaven and nothing happened at all.

Now it was Elijah's turn. To make sure that the people would be convinced that the Lord was the true God of Israel, he built an altar made of stones and wood and doused it with water, filling a trench around it. When Elijah finished, he prayed to the Lord and said, "Answer me, O LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, O LORD, are God, and that You are turning their hearts back again." With that, God sent fire down from heaven that totally consumed the altar, the ground, and the water. When the people saw what God had done, they fell on their faces and cried out, "The LORD—He is God! The LORD—He is God!" Elijah then commanded the 450 prophets of Baal to

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Worship the Lord, the One, True God!

Time and time again throughout the Bible, the Lord has challenged the worship of any other god beside Himself. God is a jealous God and does not want His people to worship anyone other than Him. The reason for this is that God always wants the very best for His children whom He greatly loves. And He knows that we will be the happiest when we worship and obey Him, as opposed to following the "idols" of our hearts. We should be reminded through today's Bible lesson that God is not to be fooled with because He takes idolatry very seriously. We should desire to worship Him alone and obey His Word.

Here are some helpful questions in regards to idolatry of the heart.

1. What do you spend the most time thinking about?
2. If you could have one or two things that would really make you happy, what would they be?
3. Do you think more about relationships with other people than about your relationship to God?

The answers to these questions can help you find your

PRAYER

Praying for Other Christians

Read Ephesians 6:18-19. Paul commanded the Ephesians to pray for other Christian brothers and sisters. A regular part of your family's prayer life should be for other Christians. Here are some specific things to pray for:

- ◆ Opportunities to share the good news (Eph. 6:19)
- ◆ That we would know the love God has for us (Eph. 3:19-21)
- ◆ Peace in times of trouble
- ◆ Practical needs