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STORY 1: Elijah obeys God

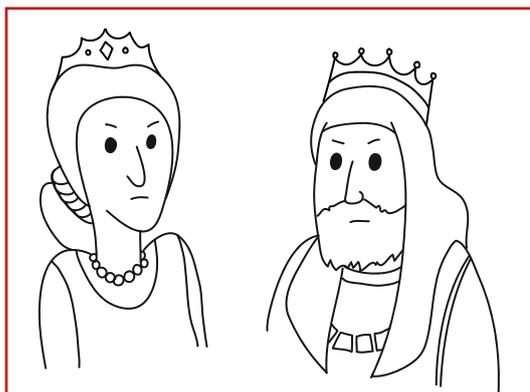


READ:
1 Kings 17: 1-7



KEY VERSE:
1 Kings 17: 5
Ask someone to help you find this verse.

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In the days of Elijah, the people of Israel had a very wicked king. His name was Ahab. Indeed, he was the most wicked king the Israelites had ever had. His wife, Jezebel, was just as bad as he was! God was very displeased with all the evil things that were happening.

Q: Write the king's name. A _ _ _ _

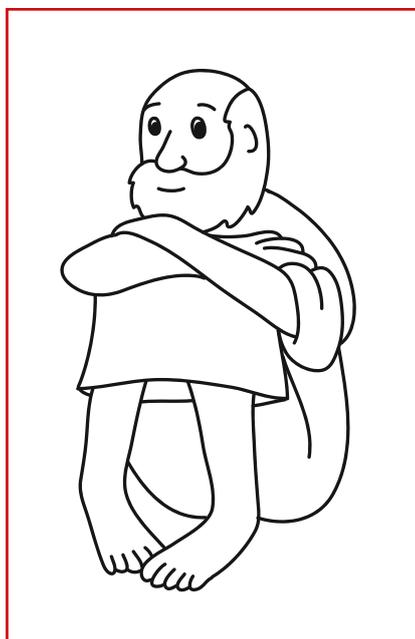
Write the queen's name. J _ _ _ _ _ _ _

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God chose Elijah to be His prophet. This means that God told him what to say to the wicked king. God also told Elijah about things which were going to happen in the future.

One day, God sent Elijah to Ahab. It took a lot of courage to tell the king that God was going to punish both him and his country for their wicked ways.

But Elijah obeyed God, and told the king what God had said. There would not be any rain or dew in the whole country for a long time.



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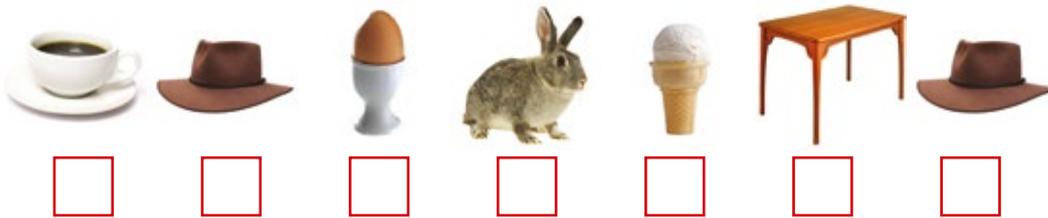
Q: Complete the words in these sentences.

1. Elijah was God's p ___ p ___ t.
2. He told King Ahab there would be no ___ n or ___ w.
3. God was going to p ___ ___ h Ahab and His people for their sin.

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King Ahab was very angry with Elijah for bringing him such a message. So God told His prophet to go into hiding and, as before, Elijah did just what God told him! He went away to a lonely place and lived beside a little stream or brook, called Cherith.

Q: Take the first letter of each object to find the name of the river.



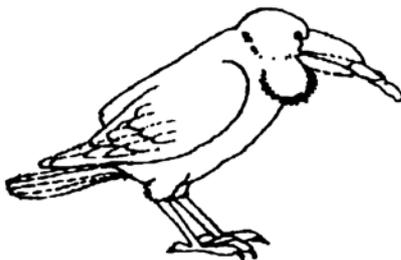
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God took good care of Elijah. Every morning and every evening big, black birds, called ravens, visited Elijah! Every time they came, they brought him a supply of bread and meat. When he was thirsty, he drank the clear water from the brook. Elijah was proving that it is best to obey and trust God!

Q: Put a tick (✓) after each sentence which is right, and a cross (X) after each one that is wrong.

1. God looked after Elijah when he was in hiding.
2. The owls brought Elijah food twice a day.
3. The ravens brought Elijah bread and meat.
4. Elijah drank water from the brook.

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Time went on, and still there was no rain or dew! What do you think happened to the brook? Yes, it dried up! But God had another plan ready for His prophet. Elijah knew that he could trust God, even though food was becoming very scarce all over the country.

TOTAL:

STORY 2: Elijah trusts God



READ:
1 Kings 17: 8-24



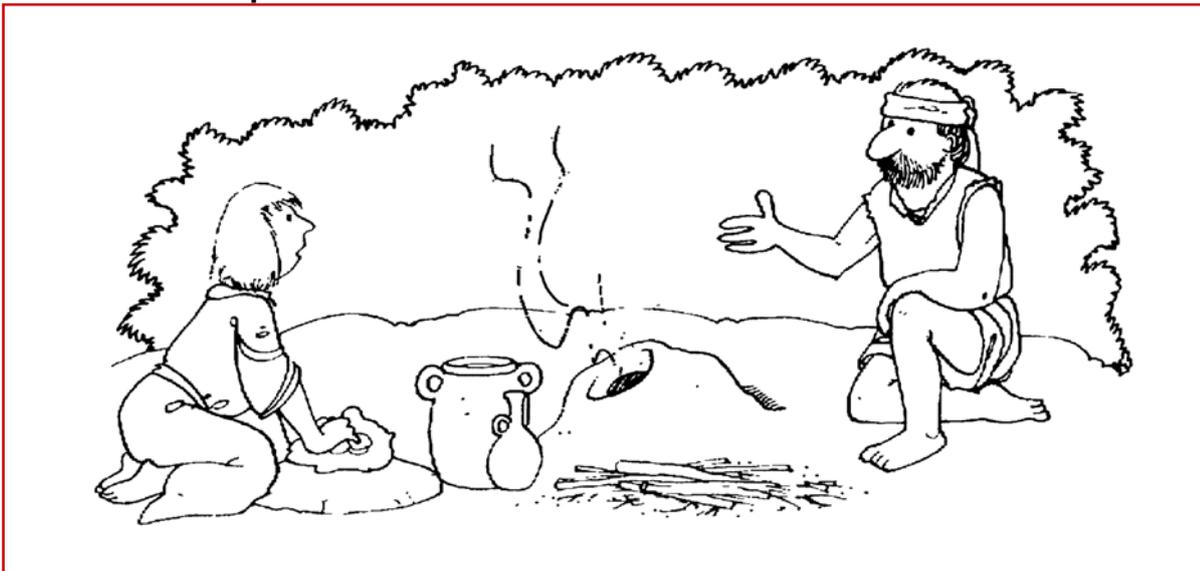
KEY VERSE:
1 Kings 17: 14
*Ask someone to help
you find this verse.*

When the brook dried up, God sent Elijah away to a city called Zarephath. God had told a widow who lived there to look after him.

When he arrived, Elijah asked the woman to give him a drink of water and some bread to eat.

“I have no bread,” she said. “I’ve only a handful of flour left, and I’m going to bake my last loaf of bread. When we’ve eaten it, my son and I will die of hunger.” How sad! All over the country, crops had failed because there was no rain, and people were facing death by starvation.

Q: Colour the picture.



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Q: Unjumble the words in these sentences:

1. A woman whose husband is dead is called a **o d w w i** _____ .
2. Elijah asked the widow for **d a e r b** _____ and **e r a w t** _____ .
3. She had only a **f l u n h d a** _____ of flour left.

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“Listen to me,” said Elijah. “Do as you have said, but make me a loaf first.” Then he added this: “God promises that your flour and your oil won’t be used up until He sends the rain again.”

What was she to do? She could either be selfish and keep all for herself, or else she could share it with the prophet and trust God to provide for her until the famine was over.

She was a wise and trusting woman. The Bible tells us that:

Q: Shade in the words.

“She went and did
as Elijah said.”

1 Kings 17: 15

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The Bible teaches that God wants each of us to believe what He says! When Christians ‘believe’ in Jesus they ‘receive’ eternal life. (Read John 3: 16)

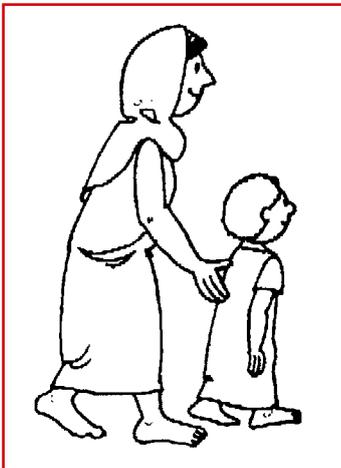
God kept His promise to the widow. She looked after Elijah for a long time, and there was always enough flour and oil to make bread! As time went by, she must have often been amazed at how great and powerful God is!

Q: Answer TRUE or FALSE:

1. The widow ran out of flour during the famine.

2. She discovered how powerful God is.

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One day she learned something more about God’s power. Her little boy became very sick and died. Elijah carried his body up to his room, and laid him on his bed. He stretched himself out on the boy three times, and prayed to God.

“O Lord, my God,” he said, “restore this child to life.”

God answered Elijah’s prayer. The boy started breathing again. God had brought him back to life! What a powerful God!

Q: Use these words to answer the questions:

Elijah

The boy

The widow

God

1. Who became sick and died?

2. Who prayed to God?

3. Who gave life to the boy?

4. Who learned how powerful God is?

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TOTAL:

STORY 3: Elijah serves God



READ:
1 Kings 18: 1-2,
16-39



KEY VERSE:
1 Kings 18: 39
*Ask someone to help
you find this verse.*



For more than three years there was no rain. No crops grew, and even the grass withered. Animals were dying.

Then one day, God told Elijah to go back to King Ahab. The king at once accused Elijah of being the cause of all the trouble.

“I am not the cause,” answered Elijah. “You, King Ahab, have brought all this trouble upon your country. You have broken God’s laws, and have worshipped the heathen god, Baal, who is really no god at all!”

Q: Write the answers to these questions:

1. For how long was there no rain? _____ years.
2. Who did King Ahab say was the cause of the trouble? E _____ .
3. Who had broken God’s laws? A _____ .

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Elijah decided that the time had come to show that the Lord is the one true God. He told the king to come with the prophets of Baal to Mount Carmel. There they would build two stone altars, one for Baal and the other for the Lord. On each altar they would place a dead bull for a sacrifice.

The prophets of Baal would then pray to their god, and Elijah would pray to the Lord. If fire came down from Heaven and burned up Baal’s sacrifice, then they would know that Baal was the true God; if, on the other hand, fire burned up the Lord’s sacrifice, that would prove that the Lord is God.



Q: Circle the CORRECT word in the brackets:

1. They built (**three, two, four**) altars of (**wood, hay, stone**).
2. On each altar they placed a (**goat, lamb, bull**).
3. They waited to see if Baal or the Lord would answer by (**fire, rain, earthquake**).

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When Baal's prophets were ready, they called upon their god for hours, but there was no answer! They shouted even louder, and worked themselves into a state of great excitement, but still there was no fire!

Then it was Elijah's turn. When his altar was ready he ordered that twelve barrels of water be poured over it. Then he quietly prayed to the Lord, and the fire of the Lord came down, burned up everything and even licked up the water lying around it!

Q: Draw a picture of Elijah's altar with the barrels of water beside it.



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When the people saw what had happened, they bowed down and said,

Q: Decorate the words.

“The Lord, He is God.”

1 Kings 18: 39

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It was a great victory for God and Elijah. Many people turned back to the true God, and gave up the worship of false gods.

The day ended with a great rain storm. The years of drought and famine were over!

There are many 'false gods' that people serve today. Christians believe that the God of the Bible is the only true God.

TOTAL:

STORY 4: Elijah fails God



READ:
1 Kings 19: 1-16



KEY VERSE:
Psalm 62: 8
*Ask someone to help
you find this verse.*



Ahab's wife, Queen Jezebel, flew into a rage when she heard what had happened at Mount Carmel. (Story 3) She was especially angry when she heard about Elijah ordering all Baal's prophets to be executed! She sent a messenger to Elijah to tell him that she would have him killed within twenty-four hours.

Q: Fill in the missing letters to answer these questions.

1. Who was King Ahab's wife? J _ z _ b _ l
2. Who was very angry with Elijah? _ e _ e _ e _
3. Who threatened to kill Elijah? _ _ _ _ _ e l

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What was Elijah to do? He was so frightened that he ran away to a very lonely part of the country. There he sat down under a tree and asked God to let him die! Poor Elijah! Had he forgotten that God had not changed? The Key Verse tells us that we all should...

Q: Colour the words.

“Trust in Him
at all times.”

Psalm 62: 8

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God knew exactly what His tired prophet needed - plenty of refreshing sleep and good food! So after a long sleep under the tree, an angel touched him. On opening his eyes, Elijah saw some freshly-baked bread and a jar of water! He ate and drank, and then slept again.

The angel woke him up the second time, and once more he enjoyed what God had provided for him. After such good rest and food, he was able to continue his journey.

Q: Put a tick (✓) after the sentences which are TRUE, and a cross (✗) after those which are FALSE:

1. God looked after Elijah, even when he was running away from Jezebel.
2. God provided fish and fruit for him to eat.
3. He had two good meals under the tree.
4. Food and sleep made him strong enough to go on his way. /4



At the end of that journey, Elijah rested in a cave. There he had a wonderful meeting with God. First there came a great, strong wind, then an earthquake, then fire, but God was not in any of these. Last of all, there was “a still, small voice”. It was God speaking to His prophet!

“What are you doing here, Elijah?” God asked.

“Your people have turned away from You, they have worshipped false gods, they have killed Your prophets and now my life is in danger,” answered Elijah.

That day, God gave Elijah several new tasks to do for Him. One of the jobs was to find a young man called Elisha and to anoint him to be a prophet in his place.

Q: Complete these words:

1. God spoke to Elijah in a “s t _____, s m _____ v o _____”. /5
2. E l i _____ was to be a prophet in the place of E l i _____.

Elijah was a great man. Now his life was almost finished. He had served God well, in spite of all the wickedness around him. God had helped him to be faithful to Him. Christians believe that they can trust God to help them too.

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