



# Elijah and the Prophets of Baal

*1 Kings 17:1; 18:17–46*



## LESSON GOAL

Students will acknowledge the supremacy of God through humble obedience.

## BIBLE TRUTHS

- God did not send rain on Israel for three years.
- Elijah called the Israelites and priests of Baal to Mount Carmel for a challenge.
- God proved that He alone is God and worthy of worship.

## KEY VERSE

“Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that You are the LORD God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again” (1 Kings 18:37).

## APPLICATION

- Acknowledge the supremacy of God by submitting to and worshiping Him.
- Be confident that God answers the prayers of the righteous.
- Worship God alone.

## NEXT WEEK

God Is Glorified by Protecting Judah  
Read 2 Kings 18–19.

### Symbol Key



Craft



Finger Play



Memory Verse



Object Lesson



Game



Visual Aid



Center



Activity



Q & A



Age Group

# Teacher Planning Sheet

## PREPARE

Objectives/Truths to cover this week

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### Personal Application

*As a result of my study in this passage, God wants me to*

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*Three ways students need to apply this passage are*

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## Materials Needed

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## POINT

*Choose from various ideas to point students to the coming Bible lesson.*

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## PROCLAIM

*Choose from various ideas to proclaim the Bible lesson.*

### Presentation Ideas

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### Praise/Music Ideas

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## PRACTICE

*Choose ideas to help review and apply today's lesson.*

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## PREPARE WITH THE TRUTH

*“Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul.... You shall teach them to your children” (Deuteronomy 11:18–19).*

Please take time to prepare your mind and heart to accurately handle the truths of God’s Word (2 Tim. 2:15). Read through the Bible background and study the truths contained in this lesson. Crucial background information is included here to aid you in understanding the Scripture.

### Bible Background

Jeroboam was only the first of many wicked kings to rule the northern kingdom of Israel. The destruction of Jeroboam’s family in fulfillment of prophecy was not enough to turn Israel’s kings back to the Lord. Instead, subsequent kings continued to lead Israel into idolatry. Although the Lord sent prophets to pronounce judgment on the kings, the kings did not submit to the Lord. One of the most wicked of these kings was King Ahab.

During his reign, King Ahab earned the shameful evaluation of having done more evil than those kings before him, including Jeroboam (1 Kings 16:30). Ahab married wicked Jezebel, daughter of the king of the Sidonians. Like the Sidonians (who lived to the northwest of Israel), Ahab worshiped Baal, the storm god believed to be responsible for sending rain. Ahab built a temple for Baal in Israel (16:32). Although Solomon had also built temples and worshiped idols, Ahab surpassed the idolatry of Solomon by actively advocating the worship of Baal. Ahab’s wife, Jezebel, was responsible for executing as many prophets of the Lord as she could find (1 Kings 18:4), forcing those who escaped (like Elijah) to either flee or hide. Ahab and his wife were trying to wipe out the worship of the Lord from Israel. First Kings 16:33 says, “Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him.”

### The Lord Sends a Drought (1 Kings 17:1)

Although Ahab and Jezebel were trying to eradicate the worship of the Lord in Israel, the Lord had not left Himself without a witness. Into the dark silence of Israel’s idolatry came Elijah’s announcement that the Lord lived (despite what the reigning family would have liked Israel to think). While Israel had been praising Baal for the blessing of the autumn and spring rains and the summer dew, which watered the crops, the Lord had been patiently waiting for His people to repent. But just as the Lord had warned in Deuteronomy 11:16–17, Israel’s rejection of God’s Law would be punished by drought. Elijah told Ahab, “As the LORD God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word” (1 Kings 17:1). The book of James reveals that God withheld the rain in response to Elijah’s prayer (James 5:17). Infuriated by the people’s spurning of the Lord, Elijah prayed that God would punish them. Elijah was eager that Israel know and worship the sovereign Lord who lives.

### The Demonstration of Deity (1 Kings 18:17–24)

While God provided for Elijah (1 Kings 17:2–7) and continued to testify to his prophetic call (17:24), the rest of Israel suffered the effects of a drought that lasted three and a half years (1 Kings 18:1; James 5:17). King Ahab himself was forced to survey the land of Israel, trying to find enough grass to keep the horses and mules alive (1 Kings 18:5). Although the famine was severe, neither king nor country

were ready to repent of their wicked idolatry and glorify the Lord. God graciously did not wait for the people to repent. In His abundant mercy, the Lord told Elijah that He would send rain, and He sent Elijah to Ahab (1 Kings 18:1). Upon meeting again, Ahab called Elijah the “troubler of Israel,” as if to blame Elijah for Israel’s suffering (18:17)! Not surprisingly, Elijah put blame where blame was due. Ahab’s forsaking the Lord and worshiping Baal was the reason for Israel’s trouble (18:18).

Elijah called Ahab to gather his forces and meet him on Mount Carmel for a demonstration of who the true God was. In the sight of all Israel, Ahab was to bring the 450 prophets of Baal to represent the pagan deity (18:19). He was also to bring the 400 prophets of Asherah, the goddess of fertility. (Jezebel fed these prophets at her table, an evidence of how strongly the monarchy was linked with idolatry.) Elijah was the only prophet who would represent the Lord. Perhaps trusting in numerical superiority, Ahab gathered the prophets of Baal and called the Israelites to Mount Carmel (18:20). Ahab feared the Lord so little that he actually expected the Lord to lose!

Elijah prepared the people for the demonstration of who the true God was. He began by calling upon the people to no longer “falter between two opinions” (1 Kings 18:21). He charged them to worship the true God. They could not serve both Yahweh and Baal, any more than a man can serve both God and riches (Matt. 6:24). The nature of God demands wholehearted worship. The people had no response for Elijah. They were actually confused about who the true God was! Elijah next told the people how the demonstration would proceed. Each side would take one bull and prepare a sacrifice, but would stop short of actually setting the sacrifice on fire (1 Kings 18:23). Elijah would then call on the Lord to set the sacrifice on fire, while the 450 prophets of Baal would call on their gods. (In verse 22, Elijah emphasized that the side of Baal had the greater number.) Whichever god consumed the sacrifice with fire would clearly be the true God (18:24).

### **The Foolishness of Idolatry (1 Kings 18:25–29)**

Baal was put to the test first. From morning until noon, the crowd of prophets called upon their god, the god of storms and lightning, to listen and to light their sacrifice. To get his attention, they prayed throughout the morning and even danced around the altar (1 Kings 18:26). At noon, Elijah began mocking the prophets for their foolishness. He challenged them to cry louder, suggesting that maybe Baal was meditating, busy, on a journey, or sleeping (18:27). The prophets did cry louder and even began cutting themselves until “blood gushed out of them” in order to get Baal’s attention (18:28). The frantic attempts continued throughout the day until the time of the evening sacrifice (18:29). Baal had clearly failed the test. He had no power and no care for the people, even for his own prophets’ blood. The god of rain who had been absent throughout the past three years of drought could not answer their prayer. Baal was revealed to be a disgusting aberration, a god who had none of the qualities of deity. He was meaningless.

### **The Supremacy of the Lord (1 Kings 18:30–40)**

Elijah called the people together to see the supremacy of the Lord. He repaired the altar of the Lord with 12 stones, reminding the people that it was God who had given life to the people of Israel, both the northern and southern kingdoms (1 Kings 18:30–31). After laying first the wood and then the bull on the altar, Elijah commanded that the altar be drenched three times, until both wood and sacrifice were thoroughly soaked (18:33–35). Elijah was anxious for the people to know how excellent his God was!

Elijah simply prayed to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel: “Let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Your servant, and that I have done all

these things at Your word. Hear me, O LORD, that this people may know that You are the LORD God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again" (18:36–37). Elijah's request, offered according to God's will, was that Israel would know God. He was passionate that Israel glorify God as God deserved.

The God of Israel needs no dancing, shouting, or self-inflicted wounds to hear the prayers of man. He answered Elijah's prayer by sending fire that not only lit the altar, but also completely consumed the animal, wood, stones, dust, and even the water in the trench (1 Kings 18:38). The Lord's answer had the desired effect: "When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, 'The LORD, He is God! The LORD, He is God!'" (18:39). God had glorified Himself. The Israelites knew that God alone is God. Fearing the Lord, the people were anxious to obey Elijah's command and executed the prophets of Baal. The people's hearts were turned to the Lord as Elijah had prayed.

### **The Lord Sends Rain (1 Kings 18:41–46)**

Now that the Lord had been exalted as the God of fire, He would similarly be exalted as the God of rain. When God gave rain to the people and ended the drought, the people would no longer be able to say that Baal had done it. Before the Lord sent rain, Elijah told Ahab to go and celebrate the end of the drought by eating and drinking (1 Kings 18:41). Elijah then ascended Mount Carmel, bowed on the ground, and prayed that God would send rain (James 5:18). After looking six times, Elijah's servant saw evidence that God again would answer prayer, a small cloud coming from the sea (1 Kings 18:43–44). Knowing rain was coming, Elijah sent Ahab away in his chariot (18:44). The story of how God revealed His supremacy over Baal ends dramatically: "The sky became black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy rain" (18:45). Baal was impotent to send either rain or fire, but the Lord God of Israel had done both. Nothing is beyond His power! He even miraculously enabled Elijah to run before Ahab's chariot (18:46) and thus demonstrate loyalty to the king.

### **Conclusion**

Elijah understood that God alone deserves to be glorified. In great boldness before men and humble prayer before God, Elijah was used by God as God glorified Himself. From drought to rainstorm, God was exalted as supreme in Israel. Like Elijah, every believer should be driven by a passion for the glory of God. Whether in their lives or in the lives of others, believers should strive to see the supremacy of God demonstrated through humble obedience and submission to the God who sends both rain and fire, the one true God.

## POINT TO THE TRUTH

*"Give ear, O my people, to my law; incline your ears to the words of my mouth"*  
(Psalm 78:1).

This section includes questions to review last week's lesson and ideas to prepare students for this week's lesson. Choose from the following ideas to point to the truths of this lesson.



### Review Questions

*Use these questions to review and reinforce key truths.*

Whom did God make the king of the northern tribes of Israel?

*The prophet Ahijah came to Jeroboam, a powerful man in Solomon's labor force, to tell him that God had chosen him to replace the son of Solomon as king over the 10 northern tribes.*

What was Jeroboam instructed to do as leader of the 10 northern tribes?

*Obey God's commands.*

What did God promise if Jeroboam was obedient?

*Jeroboam's family would reign as a dynasty over Israel.*

Did Jeroboam obey God's instructions and Law?

*No. Instead of obeying God's commands, Jeroboam relied upon his own wisdom to secure his kingdom. He presented Israel with two calves of gold and said, "Here are your gods, O Israel, which brought you up from the land of Egypt!" (1 Kings 12:28).*

What was the consequence for Jeroboam's disobedience?

*His son became sick.*

What other consequences would there be for Jeroboam's disobedience and Israel's idolatry?

*Moses had warned the people in Deuteronomy 29:25–28 that if they rejected the Lord's covenant, they would go into exile. God kept His promise. Jeroboam's wicked leadership eventually led to Israel's forced exile from the Promised Land (2 Kings 17).*



### God Is Supreme

The word *supreme* refers to something that is the greatest, highest, or best in a particular category or with regard to a particular characteristic. Have some fun with the students by testing their knowledge of "est." The biggest mammal, the fastest land animal, the tallest animal, strongest man, etc. The biggest animal is not also the fastest and the tallest. You can normally only be an "est" in one particular way. Imagine someone who is the biggest, fastest, strongest, most intelligent, wisest, and so on. That someone would be our God. He is supreme, unparalleled in all His qualities. He is so much better that we cannot even compare ourselves with Him. He is like nothing else in all of creation. Ask the students to name some of the qualities that make God completely different from any created thing.



### For Real

There are many things in our lives that are made to look real but really are not. Bring some fake objects into class (plastic plants, plastic fruit, gold plastic, plastic rocks, etc.). How can you tell if something is genuine? You have to put it through some test that will prove its genuineness (biting into it, touching it, knocking on it, etc.). Call up some students to conduct some of these tests on behalf of the class. A shatterproof ruler might provide an adequately dramatic example. Only the genuine product can be bent over double and not shatter. In today's lesson we will be learning about a test that God gave His people so they could know that He was the only genuine God and that all other gods were fakes.



### All Wet

Materials: pan of water, towel, large plastic sheet, various objects (sticks, rocks, etc.)  
Directions: Allow the students to play with the objects in the water. Which float and which sink? Which can burn? Which will burn when they are wet? During today's lesson we will see that even wet rocks, wood, and dirt can be burned when God is involved.



### The Storm Is Coming

Have the students sit in a circle and imitate you as you lead them through making storm sounds. Begin by snapping your fingers; then pat your chest, pat your thighs, slap the floor, and blow air out of your mouth. If you want, you can lead the students back through the motions, ending with snapping fingers. Ask the students whether those sounds remind them of anything. When they answer "rain," tell them that in today's lesson they will be learning about a time when God sent rain.

## PROCLAIM THE TRUTH

*"Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and His strength and His wonderful works that He has done" (Psalm 78:4).*

This section includes the Bible lesson, lesson questions, and praise and worship ideas. Song suggestions are included that you can use to proclaim your worship to God. Use the lesson questions to check the students' understanding. This section also includes various presentation ideas to use during the teaching time. Read the Bible passage several times before you read these pages. All teaching should be done directly from the Bible.

### Bible Lesson

After Jeroboam, the kings of Israel continued to do evil in the sight of the Lord. Even after the Lord sent His prophets to warn them of their disobedience, they did not submit to the Lord. Instead, they continued to do wicked things. Of these kings, the most wicked was King Ahab.

King Ahab and his wife, Jezebel, both worshiped the god Baal. Baal was believed to be the storm god, responsible for sending rain to Israel each year. Ahab and Jezebel were so devoted to this false god that they devised a plan for him to be the only god worshiped in Israel. Jezebel began killing all of the Lord's prophets in Israel, while Ahab had temples built for Baal to be worshiped in. Ahab and Jezebel's actions made the Lord very angry (1 Kings 16:33).

One prophet that the Lord rescued from Jezebel was a man named Elijah. Elijah was a righteous man and sought to honor the Lord in all he did. He, too, was upset at the people's disobedience. He knew that the Lord was the one true God of Israel and that He alone should be worshiped. Eager for the people to know and worship the Lord, Elijah prayed that God would punish Israel for their sin.

God faithfully responded to Elijah's prayer by causing a drought in the land. Israel's punishment would be that they would not have water. Because of this, it did not rain for three and a half years. Israel began to suffer greatly for their sin. Without water, the plants and animals began to die, and the Israelites became very hungry. Despite their suffering, the king and the people would not repent of their sin. Instead, they continued to worship Baal, a false god.

Tired of Israel's disobedience, Elijah instructed the people to choose whom they would worship—Baal or God. The Israelites would not be allowed to worship both. If God was to be worshiped, He was to be worshiped wholeheartedly. The people had no response to Elijah's instructions. They were actually confused about who the true God was!

Elijah saw that the people were unsure as to who they should choose to worship, so he devised a test that would reveal the real God of Israel. In this test, Baal would be represented by King Ahab and 450 prophets of Baal. God would be represented only by the righteous Elijah. Each side proceeded by preparing a sacrifice unto their god. Whichever god consumed the sacrifice with fire would clearly be the true God.

Elijah allowed the prophets of Baal to go first. All morning the crowd of prophets called upon Baal to light their sacrifice with fire. After they had danced around for many hours, Baal had not responded. Elijah began to make fun of the prophets for their foolish behavior. He suggested that they cry out louder to Baal, that maybe he was asleep or too busy to hear their prayers. The prophets listened to Elijah and began to cry out louder to Baal. They even began cutting themselves to get Baal's attention. As nighttime approached, the prophets had prayed all day long and Baal, their god, had not responded. He had failed the test. Their false god had no power to answer their prayer.

Now it was Elijah's turn. As the people gathered around, Elijah prepared his sacrifice to the Lord. After the sacrifice was completely prepared, Elijah commanded the people to pour water on the sacrifice. A total of three times the sacrifice was drenched with water. By this time, Elijah's sacrifice was soaked with water. If God was going to light this sacrifice with fire, Elijah was going to make sure that it was pretty incredible.

Then Elijah simply prayed to God. His request was that all of Israel would know God. The Lord then immediately answered Elijah's prayer by sending fire from heaven. The fire was so incredible that it burned up the entire sacrifice, even the water and dust off the ground. It was so amazing that all Israel immediately fell on their faces to worship God. He had proven to them that He alone was the one true God.

After having all the prophets of Baal killed for their wickedness, Elijah set out to have God exalted once more. He prayed to the Lord that He might deliver rain to His people. The Lord again proved Himself faithful by answering Elijah's request. The sky over Israel turned black, and heavy rain fell upon the earth that day. Where Baal was unable to send either rain or fire, the Lord was completely able to do both. He alone was the one true God of Israel.

Elijah obviously understood this well. He remained confident that the Lord was supreme over all and desired for God alone to be glorified in Israel. Even at the risk of his own life, Elijah sought to submit to the supremacy of the Lord. Elijah's





submission proved him to be a righteous man in the eyes of the Lord that day. And because of that righteousness, God was faithful to answer His servant's prayers.

## Lesson Questions

Whom did King Ahab call to gather at Mount Carmel?

*King Ahab called the people of Israel to meet at Mount Carmel with the prophets of Baal for a contest.*

What did Elijah tell the people of Israel to do?

*Elijah told the people of Israel to decide whom they were going to serve. The Israelites had been trying to serve both the Lord and Baal.*

What was the contest?

*Each side would put wood on the altar, sacrifice an ox on top, and then call upon their god to send fire. This would prove who was the true God*

Did Baal answer the prophets?

*No! No matter what the prophets of Baal did, Baal did not answer them.*

Did the Lord answer Elijah? What did He do?

*Yes, the Lord did answer Elijah's prayer. "The fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench" (18:38). Nothing was left, not even the stones of the altar.*

How did the people react to what the Lord had done?

*"The people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, 'The LORD, He is God! The LORD, He is God!'" (18:39). Because of what the Lord had done, the people believed that the Lord was God, not Baal.*

## Presentation Ideas



### A Beka Book Flash-A-Cards

Use appropriate A Beka Book Flash-A-Cards with the lesson.



### Betty Lukens Flannelgraph

Use appropriate flannelgraph pieces with the lesson.



### What If?

Help the students imagine what it would be like without water or food. Ask, "Who takes baths? Who has gone swimming? Who likes to drink water, juice, or soda? What if there was no more water to take baths, to go swimming, or even to drink your favorite drink?" Let the students guess what that would be like. Then ask, "Who has ever been really, really hungry? Have you ever run out of milk, bread, or cereal and had to go to the store to get some more? What if the grocery stores ran out of food? How would you get food to eat? In today's story we are going to learn that God supplies all our needs for food and water, and we are to trust in Him alone."



### What Will Burn?

Materials: two buckets, 12 stones, wood, paper, water

Directions: Fill one bucket with the 12 stones and water and the other with paper and wood. Ask the students to take a look into the two buckets. Ask them which bucket would catch on fire. Let them take turns guessing and telling why. In today's lesson, we are going to learn how the prophet Elijah asked God to show that He was the only God by burning an altar that was covered with water and made out of stones. Let's find out what happened.



### It Looks like Rain

Throughout the lesson, ask a student or another leader seven times if it looks like it is going to rain. Six times he should say "no," but on the seventh time he should say that he sees a small cloud and that it looks like it will rain. Ask the students whether they know what happened after Elijah's servant saw a small cloud.

## Praise and Worship

*Awesome God*

*Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down*

*Glorify Thy Name*

*God Is So Good*

*I Will Call upon the Lord*

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

*My God Is So Great*



### God or Baal?

Three years with no rain—this judgment God sent,  
*(Hold up three fingers; holds hands out at sides, palms up.)*

For Israel had sinned, and would not repent.  
*(Cross arms; shake head.)*

The king was corrupt; the people were, too.  
*(Hold hands up at head to indicate crown; point out in sweeping motion.)*

To idols they turned, from God who is true.  
*(Turn and bow down; point upward.)*

Elijah was mad; God's glory he sought,  
*(Make "angry" face; hold hands upward, palms out.)*

So up on the mount a challenge he brought:  
*(Walk in place; hold up finger sternly.)*

"Call fire from the sky; see which God is true,  
*(Wiggle fingers while lowering from above; hands out at sides, palms up.)*

And give Him your praise; you can't worship two."  
*(Raise hands, palms out; hold up two fingers and shake head.)*

Remember this truth: God reigns on the throne.

*(Point to head; point upward.)*

His power is great, so serve Him alone.

*(Flex biceps; place hand over heart and point upward.)*

## PRACTICE THE TRUTH

*"That they may set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments" (Psalm 78:7).*

Choose ideas from this section to review and apply the truths of the Bible lesson.



### Make It Rain

Materials: copies of the "Make It Rain" craft page on blue cardstock, silver glitter, glue, cotton balls

Directions: Give each student a craft sheet, cotton balls, glue, and silver glitter. Instruct the students to glue cotton balls around border of verse. Next, they should place glue in places where they would like the rain under the clouds. Finally, sprinkle glitter over the glue, and pour the excess back into the container. Allow the picture to dry.



### "The Lord Is God" Bookmark

During the lesson, teach this song to the students. The song can be taken home on a bookmark for parents to hear. It can be sung to the tune of "Frere Jacques."

To create the bookmark, cut along the solid lines and punch a hole at the top. Attach yarn through the hole.

*Are you sleeping? Are you sleeping, false god Baal, false god Baal?*

*Maybe he is sleeping, maybe he is thinking, false god Baal, false god Baal.*

*Never sleeping. Never sleeping. The Lord is God. The Lord is God.*

*You sent fire. You sent rain. The Lord is God. The Lord is God.*



### Response to God's Glory Mobile

Materials: construction paper, tissue paper, glue, yarn, paper hearts, hole puncher

Directions: Design top of the mobile from construction paper shaped like a fire. The students can decorate this portion using red, orange, and yellow tissue paper. On the front of the fire, write, "What should our response to God's glory be?" On the back, write, "1 Kings 18:39." Punch two holes at the bottom of the mobile, and let the students use yarn to attach two hearts. One should read, "Worship God" and the other, "Obey God." Tell the students that their response to God should be obedience and worship.



### Make a Choice

Materials: copies of the "Make a Choice" craft pages, crayons, glue

Directions: In 1 Kings 18:21, Elijah called Israel to choose to follow the one true God. Before class time, cut along the bottom and sides of the flaps with a razor. During class, give each student a copy of the craft pages. They can color the pages and then glue the first page on top of the second to create a lift-the-flap page.



## God Glorifies Himself

Materials: brown construction paper; red, orange, and yellow tissue paper; cotton balls; glue; blue or silver glitter (or glitter paint)

Directions: Before class, cut three-inch log shapes from brown construction paper. During class, give each student a copy of the “God Glorifies Himself” craft page. Read the title and Scripture portion out loud. Ask the students how God displayed His glory in today’s lesson. Explain that God showed His glory to Israel through the fire that He sent from heaven and the rain that He brought after a long drought. Instruct the students to use the paper logs and tissue paper to create fire on the left side of the craft page. They can create the rainstorm on the right side of the page by using cotton balls as clouds and sprinkling glue with blue or silver glitter to represent the rain.

## Coloring Pages

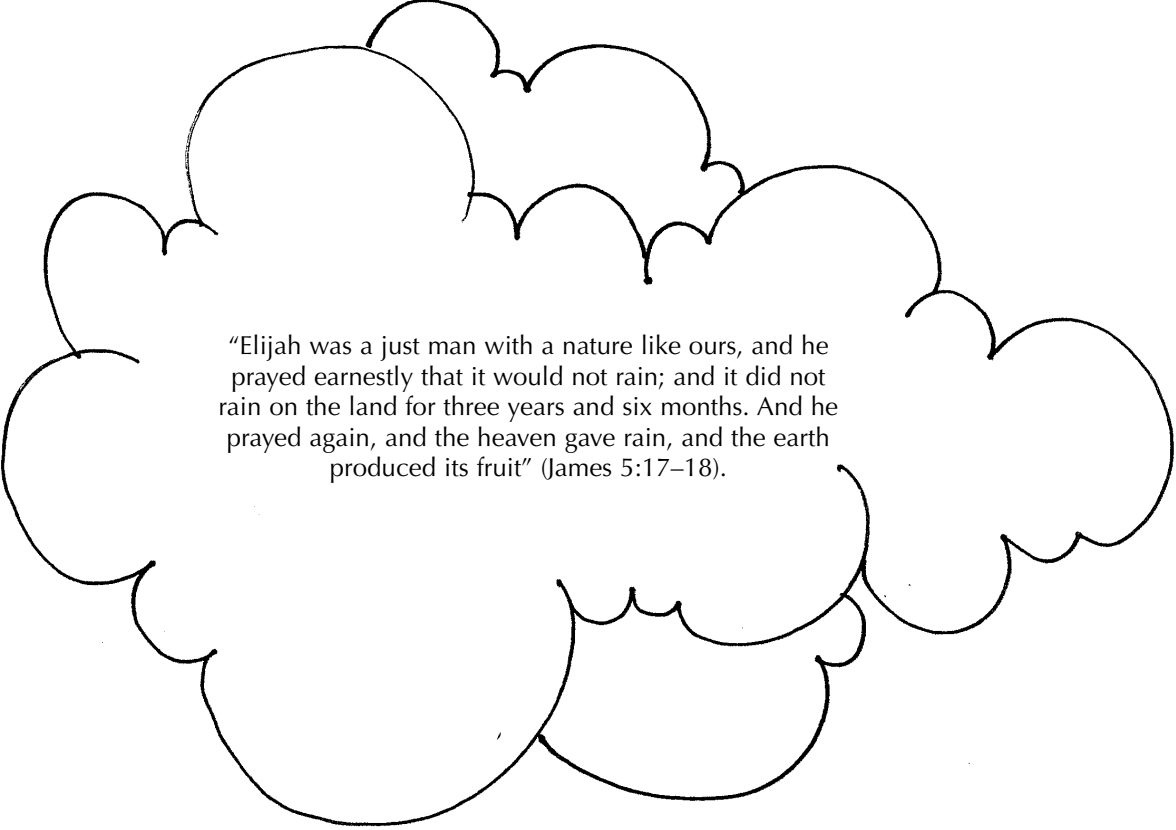
Give each student a copy of the coloring pages at the back of the lesson. students can color the pages in class or at home.



## MEMORY VERSE

“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (James 5:16b).

# Make It Rain



“Elijah was a just man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit” (James 5:17–18).

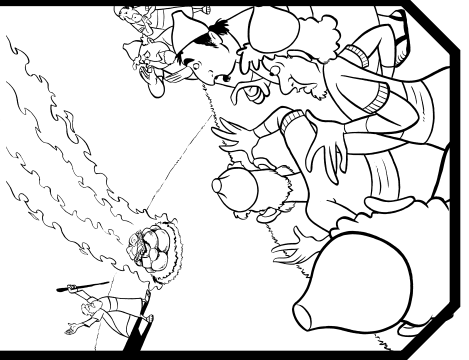


# The Lord Is God

**The Lord Is God**  
*(sing to the tune of  
"Frere Jacques")*

Are you sleeping?  
Are you sleeping?  
False god Baal.  
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Maybe he is sleeping.  
Maybe he is thinking.  
False god Baal.  
False god Baal.

Never sleeping.  
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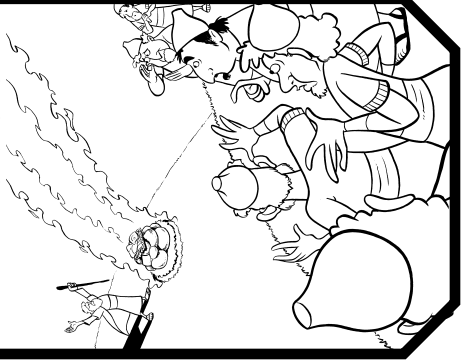
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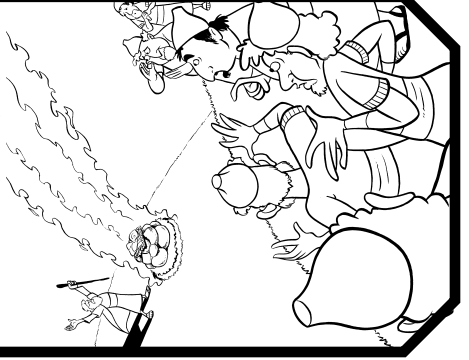
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# Make A Choice

False God

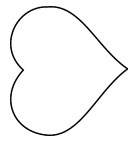
1 Kings 18:21

The One  
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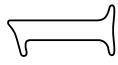


# Make A Choice

The LORD God



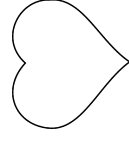
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Baal



Don't

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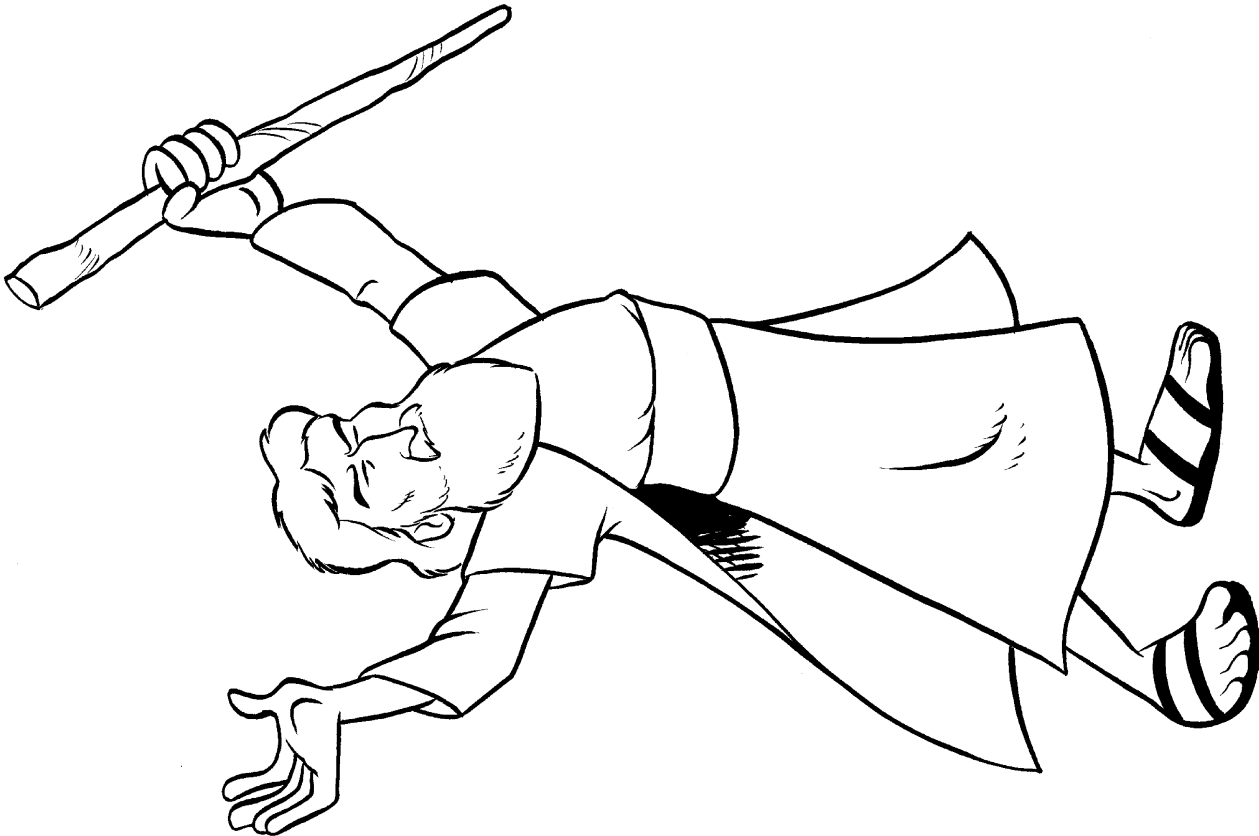
# **“In today’s lesson God glorified Himself by…”**

1 Kings 18:30–46 (selected portions): “Then Elijah said to all the people, ‘Come near to me.’ And he repaired the altar of the LORD. Elijah said, ‘LORD God, let it be known that You are God in Israel and I am Your servant, that this people may know that You are the LORD God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again.’ Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench. Now when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, ‘The LORD, He is God! The LORD, He is God!’ Then the sky became black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy rain. Then the hand of the LORD came upon Elijah; and he girded up his loins and ran ahead of Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.”

**Fire**

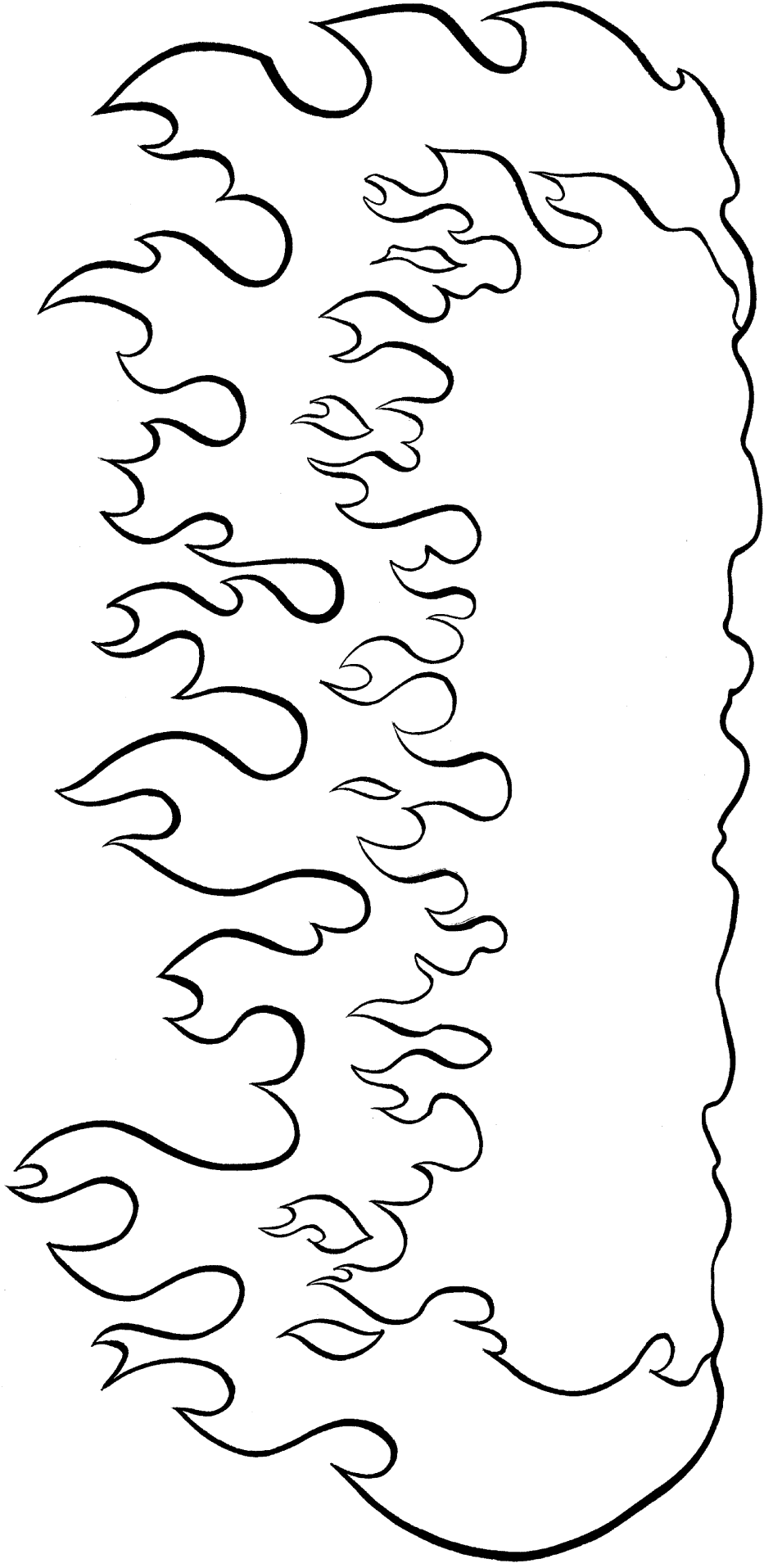
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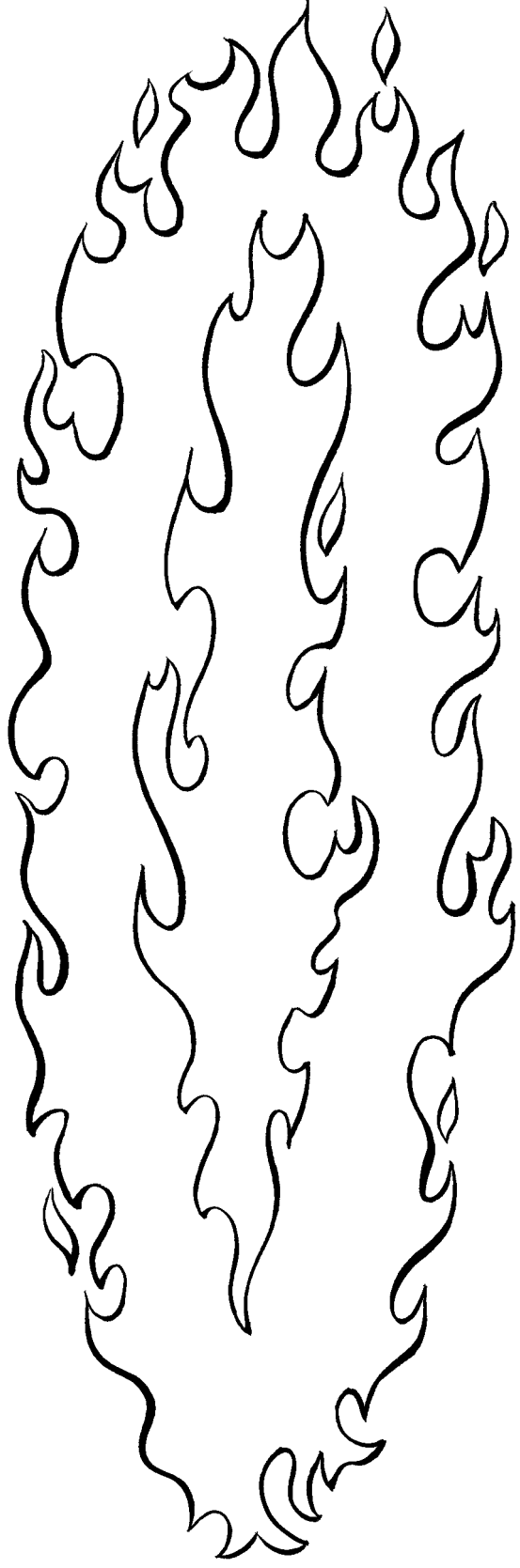
















**“As the LORD God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word” (1 Kings 17:1b).**





**“And Elijah came to all the people, and said, ‘How long will you falter between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him!’” (1 Kings 18:21a).**

