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## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Has God ever provided for your family in unexpected ways?
- Do you trust God to provide for your needs? Why or why not?
- What ways do you need God to provide now? Pray about it!

## Elijah and the Widow

1 Kings 17

### STORY POINT: GOD PROVIDED IN MIRACULOUS WAYS.

Elijah the prophet spoke to the evil king of Israel: "There will be no dew or rain for the next few years unless I command it."

Then God told Elijah to go a place near a stream. God said the ravens would provide food for Elijah to eat. So Elijah obeyed God. The ravens brought him bread and meat, and he drank water from the stream.

After a while, the stream dried up because there was no rain in the land. Then God told Elijah to go a small village. God said a widow in the town would provide for Elijah. So Elijah obeyed God. When Elijah got to the gate of the city, he saw a widow. He called to her, "Please bring me water and bread."

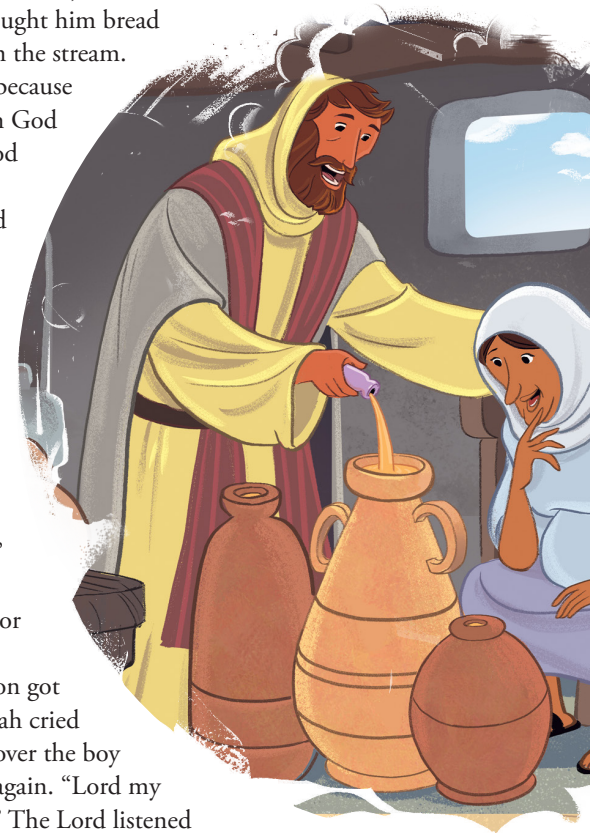
But the woman told Elijah, "I don't have bread. I only have a little bit of flour and oil."

"Don't be afraid," Elijah said. "God says you will not run out of flour or oil until rain comes again."

So the woman prepared the meal. She did not run out of flour or oil just like the Lord had said.

Some time later, the woman's son got sick and he stopped breathing. Elijah cried out to God, stretched himself out over the boy three times, and cried out to God again. "Lord my God, please let this boy live again!" The Lord listened to Elijah, and the boy's life came into him again. Elijah led the boy to his mother. She said to Elijah, "Now I know you are a man of God."

*Christ Connection: God miraculously provided through Elijah to give food to the widow and life to the widow's son. Many years later, God miraculously provided through His own Son, Jesus. Jesus is greater than Elijah. In Jesus, God provides salvation and life to everyone who trusts in Him.*



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# Name Game!

Cross out the words that are not names of Bible books. Then unscramble the circled letters of the Bible book names and write them in the blanks to discover the name of someone in today's Bible story.

1. J O S H U A **(A)**

2. J U D G E S **(E)**

3. **(R)** A C H E L

4. 1 K **(I)** N G S

5. **(J)** O B

6. P A U **(L)**

7. M A T T **(H)** E W

8. P H I **(L)** I P P I A N S

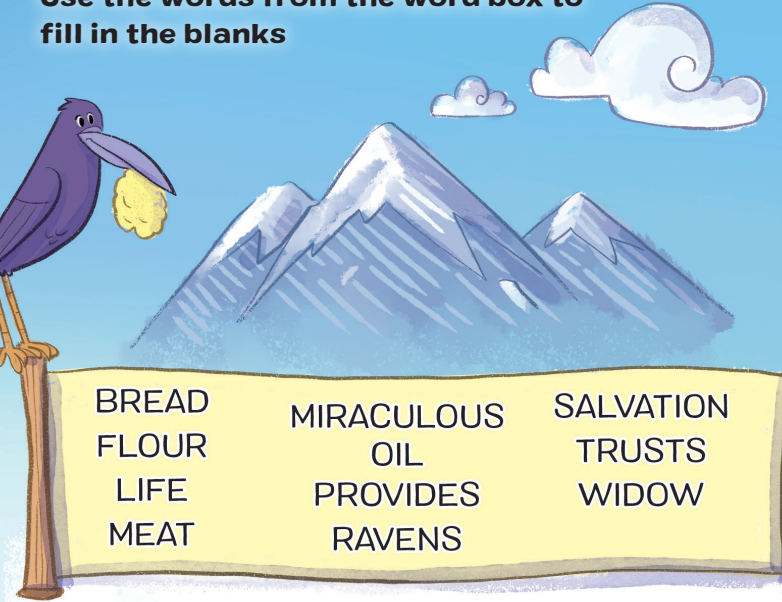
9. A S S Y R I A N **(S)**

The name

means "my God is Yahweh."

# All From God

Use the words from the word box to fill in the blanks



BREAD	MIRACULOUS	SALVATION
FLOUR	OIL	TRUSTS
LIFE	PROVIDES	WIDOW
MEAT	RAVENS	

God provided for Elijah at a stream. \_\_\_\_\_ brought him \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to eat.

God provided for a \_\_\_\_\_ and her son. They did not run out of \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

God provided \_\_\_\_\_ to the boy who had died.

God provides \_\_\_\_\_ to everyone who \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus.

God \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ ways.



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## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Do you believe the Lord is the one true God? Why?
- In what ways does your family worship God?
- How can you show God's love to others?

## Elijah at Mount Carmel

1 Kings 18–19

**STORY POINT: GOD SHOWED THAT HE IS THE ONE TRUE GOD.**

God told Elijah to go to Ahab, the king of Israel. Elijah told the king, "Meet me at Mount Carmel. Bring the people of Israel and the prophets who worship false gods."

King Ahab and the people met Elijah at the mountain. Elijah said, "If you believe the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." Elijah set up a challenge to show who is the one true God. The prophets of the false god Baal set up an altar first and put a bull on it. Elijah said, "Call to Baal and ask him to send fire to your altar. I will call on the LORD. The God who answers by sending fire is the one true God."

The prophets of Baal danced and cried out for hours. "Answer us!" they said. But no one answered. Then the people gathered around Elijah. Then Elijah prayed: "LORD, answer me so that these people will know that You, LORD, are God." God sent fire from the sky. When the people saw this, they fell facedown and said, "The LORD, He is God! The LORD, He is God!"

King Ahab told Queen Jezebel everything that Elijah had done. Jezebel wanted to kill Elijah, so Elijah fled into the wilderness. He walked to Mount Horeb. At the mountain, God spoke to Elijah and encouraged him to not give up.

*Christ Connection: The people who worshiped the false god Baal danced and cried out for hours to show that they loved Baal. But the one true God is not like the false gods. We do not have to work hard to show God we love Him. Instead, He showed His love for us by sending His Son, Jesus. Jesus died to rescue us from sin, and He hears us when we cry out to Him.*



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# Big Picture Code

Use the key to decode the answer to the big picture question.

How many gods are there?

4 🔥 3 🔥 1 🔥 4 ☁️ 1 🔥

2 ⚔️ 1 ⚔️

4 ⚔️ 2 ☁️ 1 🔥

4 🔥 4 ☁️ 2 🏺 1 🔥

1 ☁️ 4 ⚔️ 3 ☁️

2 🔥 3 🔥 4 ⚔️

1 🏺 4 🏺 4 ⚔️ 2 ☁️ 1 🔥

3 ☁️ 1 🔥 1 ⚔️ 1 🔥 4 ☁️ 3 ⚔️ 1 🔥 1 ⚔️

2 🔥 4 ⚔️ 4 ☁️ 1 ⚔️ 3 🔥 2 ⚔️ 3 🏺

A	U	P	L	🏺
G	N	D	R	☁️
E	W	H	T	🔥
S	I	V	O	⚔️

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## Crossword Challenge

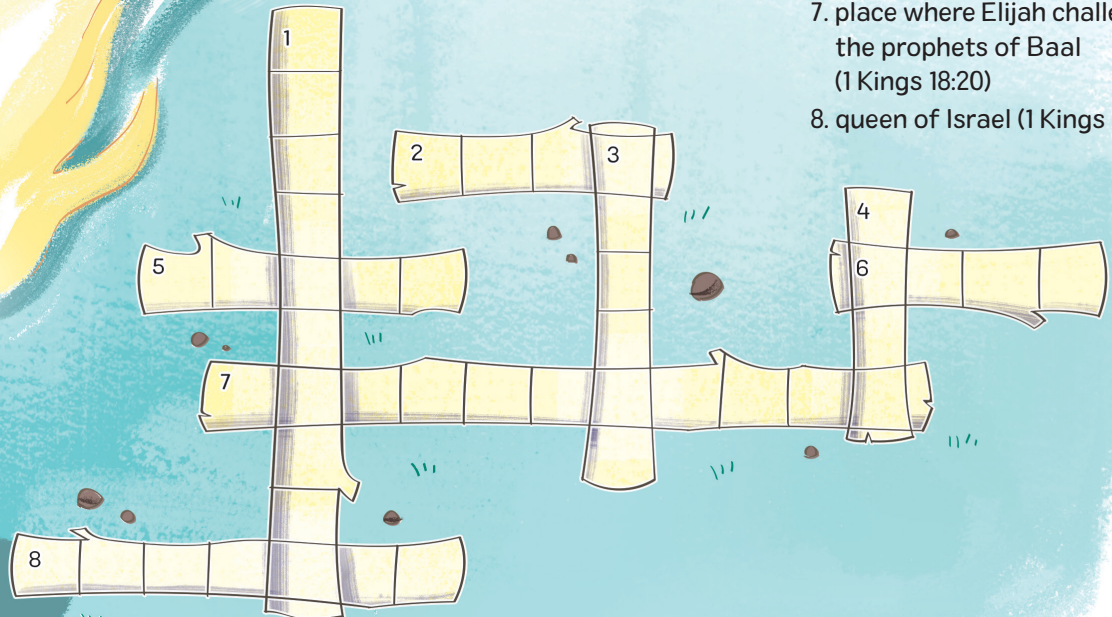
Use the clues to fill in the puzzle. Find the verses in your Bible to check your work.

DOWN

- place where Elijah went to escape from Jezebel (1 Kings 19:8)
- prophet of God (1 Kings 18:22)
- false god (1 Kings 18:26)

ACROSS

- what God sent from the sky (1 Kings 18:38)
- what Elijah poured on the altar (1 Kings 18:33)
- evil king of Israel (1 Kings 18:20)
- place where Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:20)
- queen of Israel (1 Kings 19:1)





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## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What was the significance of Elisha parting the water?
- Describe someone whose faith has encouraged you.
- Can we obey God by our own power? Why or why not?

## Elijah and Elisha

2 Kings 2

**STORY POINT: GOD CHOSE ELISHA TO CONTINUE ELIJAH'S WORK AS A PROPHET.**

God told the prophet Elijah that Elisha would be a prophet to Israel after Elijah. Elijah found Elisha, and Elisha followed Elijah and served him. When the time came for the Lord to take Elijah up to heaven, Elijah and Elisha traveled to Gilgal. At Gilgal, Elijah said, "Elisha, stay here. The LORD is sending me to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As long as you are alive, I will not leave you." So they went together.

At Bethel, Elijah said, "Elisha, stay here. The LORD is sending me to Jericho." But Elisha said, "As long as you are alive, I will not leave you." So they went together.

At Jericho, Elijah said, "Elisha, stay here. The LORD is sending me to the Jordan River." But Elisha said, "As long as you are alive, I will not leave you." So they went together.

Elijah rolled up his cloak and hit the water with it. The river parted, and they crossed to the other side. Suddenly, a chariot of fire with horses of fire appeared and drove between them. Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind.

Elisha watched as Elijah went away. Then he picked up Elijah's cloak and went to the river. He hit the water, and it parted for him to cross to the other side just as it had for Elijah. The spirit that was with Elijah was now with Elisha.

*Christ Connection: God gave Elisha the same spirit that was in Elijah so Elisha could carry out his mission as a prophet. Years later, Jesus told His followers to wait for the Holy Spirit. God gives believers the Holy Spirit so they can share the gospel with the world.*



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# Elijah or Elisha?

Fill in the blanks with the correct name—*Elijah* or *Elisha*. Read 1 Kings 19:19–21; 2 Kings 2:1–15 in the Bible to check your work.

\_\_\_\_\_ found \_\_\_\_\_ plowing a field. \_\_\_\_\_ followed \_\_\_\_\_ and served him.

When the time came for the Lord to take \_\_\_\_\_ up to heaven, the two prophets traveled through several towns. In each

town, \_\_\_\_\_ said, “\_\_\_\_\_, stay here. The Lord is sending me ahead.” But \_\_\_\_\_ refused to leave \_\_\_\_\_.

When they came to the Jordan River, \_\_\_\_\_ rolled up his cloak and hit the water with it. The river parted, and they crossed to the other side.

\_\_\_\_\_ said that he wanted a double portion of the spirit that \_\_\_\_\_ had.

Suddenly, a chariot of fire with horses appeared and drove between them.

\_\_\_\_\_ went up to heaven in a whirlwind.

\_\_\_\_\_ watched as \_\_\_\_\_ went away. Then he picked up \_\_\_\_\_’s cloak and crossed back over the river. The crowd of prophets saw that the spirit was now with \_\_\_\_\_.



## Up and Away

Complete the dot-to-dot to reveal part of today’s Bible story picture.



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## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Why was the king of Aram unable to capture Elisha?
- Share about a time when God "opened your eyes" to something that is true about Him.
- We can't see God, so how do we know He is with us? (See Galatians 2:20.)

## Elisha and the Army

2 Kings 6

**STORY POINT: GOD PROTECTED ELISHA WITH AN INVISIBLE ARMY.**

The king of Aram was at war with Israel. Elisha sent messages to the king of Israel, warning him about the army's location. When the king of Aram found out that his plans had been discovered, he thought one of his own soldiers had told the king of Israel where they were staying. But the soldiers said, "We didn't tell! It was Elisha, the prophet in Israel."

The king of Aram heard that Elisha was in the city of Dothan. That night, he sent horses, chariots, and a large army to surround the city.

Elisha's servant saw the army surrounding them. "What are we going to do?" he asked Elisha.

Elisha said, "Don't be afraid. Our army outnumbers their army." The servant was confused. Then Elisha prayed, "LORD, open my servant's eyes and let him see."

So God opened the servant's eyes, and he saw horses and chariots of fire—the army of the LORD!—covering the mountain.

Then Elisha prayed for God to close the eyes of the Aramean army. God did, and they were blind. Elisha led them away to Samaria. Then he prayed for God to open their eyes, and the king sent them home. That army did not come into Israel again.

*Christ Connection: God opened the eyes of Elisha's servant so he could see God's protection. God is always with us. Jesus came to earth as the visible image of our invisible God. God's protection from sin and death is given to everyone who trusts in Jesus.*



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# Divine Protection

Color in the second letter and then every other letter to discover what God used to protect Elisha.



## Action and Response

Match each event to the response that followed.

Elisha warned the king of Israel about the Aramean army's location.

Elisha's servant saw the surrounding army and asked, "What are we going to do?"

Elisha prayed for God to close the eyes of the Aramean army.

Elisha told the army, "You're in the wrong city."

Elisha told the king of Israel to give the army food and water. Then the king sent them home.

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Elisha prayed that the Lord would open his servant's eyes. The servant saw the Lord's army.

Elisha led the Aramean army to Samaria.

The king of Aram sent an army to surround the city where Elisha was.

God closed the eyes of the Aramean army.

That army did not come into Israel again.