

A Day of Victory at Mount Carmel with Elijah

Let's imagine that we are all up on Mt. Carmel right now.

“So Ahab sent for all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together on Mount Carmel. 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.’ But the people answered him not a word” (1 Kgs 18:20-21).

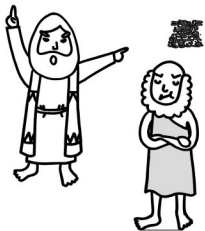
Elijah opened with a powerful question: “How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.” The Bible tells us, “The people answered him not a word.”

When Elijah asked the Israelites how long they would keep going back and forth between idols and God, they didn't know how to respond. It is dangerous to be indecisive when choosing whom to worship.

Let's go through all the steps to see how God showed Himself to be the strongest at the end.

Step
1

We need to clarify whom we need to w_____ : God or Baal?



Elijah proposed to prepare a s_____. He allowed the prophets of Baal to choose one of two available bulls. Elijah would use the other. The prophets would prepare the animal and place it on the altar. But they were not to put fire under it. This was the key. Fire was needed to make a burnt offering and this was the real test to see who was the true God.

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A p_____ contest! Elijah told the prophets to call on Baal; he would call on the Lord. So, the challenge began!

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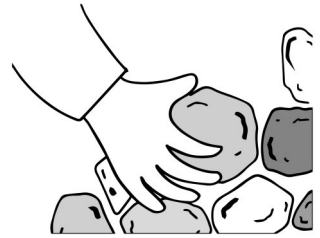


The false prophets' god did not a_____. There was no voice.

“So they took the bull which was given them, and they prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even till noon, saying, ‘O Baal, hear us!’ But there was no voice; no one answered. Then they leaped about the altar that they had made. And so it was, at noon, that Elijah mocked them and said, ‘Cry aloud, for he is a god; either he is meditating, or he is busy, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is sleeping and must be awakened.’ So they cried aloud, and cut themselves, as was their custom, with knives and lances, until the blood gushed out on them. And when midday was past, they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice. But there was no voice; no one answered, no one paid attention” (vv. 26-29).

Step
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Elijah r_____ the broken-down a_____ of God (vv. 30-31).



Step
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Elijah d_____ a trench around the altar (v. 32).

Step
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He had the people drench the altar with w_____ (vv. 33-35).



Step
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Elijah's p_____ and effective prayer



“Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are G_____ in Israel and I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word. H_____ me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that You are the L_____ G_____, and that You have turned their h_____ back to You again” (vv. 36-37).



God's f_____ f_____ and consumed the burnt sacrifice. It fell down from heaven; the fire didn't come from the altar (v. 38).

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The people's hearts t_____ b_____ and worshipped the one t_____ God (v. 39). In reverence for God and in astonishment at the fire, they “fell on their faces” at the sight of God's power and worshipped Him.



Elijah s_____ the false prophets and k_____ t_____ all at the Brook Kishon.

Step
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Conclusion

God revealed Himself strong and the people returned to the Lord!

TRULY KNOWING GOD!

1. God wants us to know Him and be aware of the gods of our culture so that we can make decisions in times of confrontation.

How important is it to know God? Our lives depend on it. Jesus said in John 17:3, "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."

Exodus 20:3 also states, "You shall have no other _____ before _____."

A. Why would it be foolish to live as if there were no God?

Read Psalm 53:1.

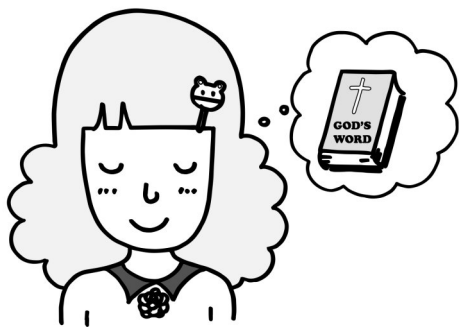
B. In today's age, what gods do people worship? Do we worship idols in this country?

Scenario

Sitting at the lunch table surrounded by his friends, Jacob looked around. They excitedly shared their tips and tricks for playing the latest video games and talked about how they couldn't believe what had happened in last week's episode of the show they were all watching. Jacob looked down at his sandwich and thought, "They always talk about these things every single day! I don't play the latest games, and I don't watch that show. I feel so left out!" Grudgingly eating his sandwich, Jacob remembered how he had learned about the idols of the world in RE class recently. A light bulb suddenly lit up in his head. "What if... those games and that TV show... are their idols?" Even though Jacob felt left out at times, he knew that it was good that he didn't follow his friends in worshipping those idols. He wanted to be like Elijah and follow the true God. As he walked home that day, instead of being upset, Jacob eagerly thought about learning the word of God so that he could draw closer to Him. Entering the door, Jacob exclaimed, "I'm home, Mom! Are you free to read the Bible with me?" With a smile on her face and a Bible in hand, his mother soon appeared, and together, they read the story of Elijah on Mount Carmel. After reading, they prayed together. Feeling refreshed, Jacob thought, "Wow, why didn't I ever think of reading the Bible after school before?" After that day, Jacob was determined to read the Bible as often as he could and to draw close to God.



2. We need to confront what is right and wrong.



Scenario

"Come on, Maria, hurry up!" Waiting just off school grounds, Maria's friends motioned to her. All of Maria's friends had decided that it would be fun to go to the nearby convenience store to get a snack for lunch, but it was against school rules to leave during school hours. "No one's going to get hurt, so why does it matter?" Maria's friends reasoned. But Maria still knew that it was wrong. She knew that the rules had been put there to keep them safe. Maria had always been known as the "good girl," and she didn't want her friends to make fun of her again. Still... Maria closed her eyes and said a silent prayer in her heart. Asking God for strength, she determined not to let her friends pressure her into doing the wrong thing. With a firm voice, Maria politely declined. "No, I don't want to go

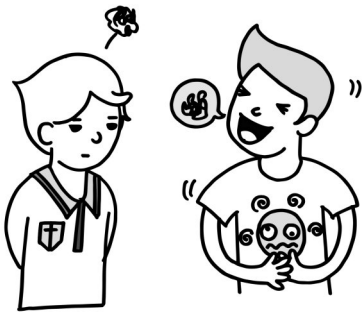
with you guys." Her friends shook their heads and snickered. "We knew you were going to say no... you're never any fun. This is the last time we'll ever ask you to join us for anything!" Watching them leave, frozen by the stinging of her friends' words, Maria felt more alone than ever. But in her heart, Maria knew that she was never alone. She'd rather stand alone on the right side, God's side, than with others on the wrong side. Knowing that she had made the right choice, Maria smiled and quietly recited some verses as she went to get lunch.

TAKING A STAND FOR GOD

Scenario A

It was Christmas time and Nicole's friends had planned a Christmas party where they would play "Secret Santa," which required each person to buy a present for another secretly. Nicole knew that Christmas had pagan origins and that the Bible did not tell us to celebrate Christmas, but she didn't want to risk losing her friends or becoming a social outcast!

- What were the peer pressures Nicole faced?
- How could Nicole make a stand for God?

**Scenario B**

Matt's friends at school were always making dirty jokes at school to make fun of their teachers or other classmates. He knew that the jokes they were making were not nice and could hurt others, but Matt was afraid that if he didn't laugh along with them and join in, then they would think he was a boring, uptight person.

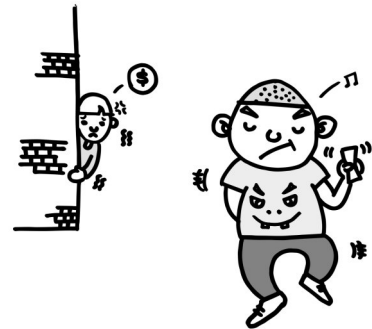
- How could Matt make a stand for God?
- Have you ever experienced the same situation as Matt? If so, how did you respond?

ELIJAH'S POWERFUL PRAYER

Scenario A

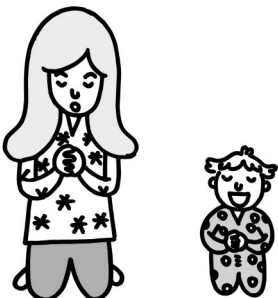
Oscar was fearful every time he went to school. He knew that the moment he stepped into school, Roger would grab him and take his lunch money. Oscar had tried praying about this, but felt as if his prayers had no power... One day, Oscar told his RE teacher about his problem, and his RE teacher told him that it was very serious and that he should tell his parents and schoolteacher. But his RE teacher also told him that they could also pray together for this challenge. And guess what? God came through for Oscar. When they all prayed for this matter, God heard their cry! The following week, the teacher caught Roger in the act of bullying and the school officials disciplined him. Our God is truly a mighty God who knows our fears, and He is there for us.

- What did Oscar pray about in his prayer?
- Do you have a teacher or friends that you can pray together with about important matters? Please list them out and thank God!

**Scenario B**

Over a year ago, Vicky's dad lost his job. For an entire year, every night, Vicky's parents would bring her and her little brother together to pray at night. They would always pray for God to provide for their family and to help their dad find a job, among other prayer requests. After a year, Vicky's dad finally found a new job! Thank God!! It was one of the happiest days of Vicky's life. God had provided!

- How do you think Vicky felt when she was praying for the same thing over and over again for a year without any answer?
- Have you ever prayed a long time for something? What was it?



E2 Year 3 Book 2 Lesson 3—Elijah Challenges the Prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel

Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Weekly Bible Reading: _____

Bible Reading: Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

Prayer: Check each box after you pray to God that day.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

2. _____

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. (**Proverbs 15:29**)

True or False

1. Queen Jezebel had killed all of the Lord's prophets and only Elijah was alive. _____
2. After the prophets of Baal cut themselves, Baal answered by sending down fire. _____
3. The people of Israel turned back to God after witnessing God's great power and realizing that He was the true God. _____

Short Answer

4. Before praying to God, what steps did Elijah take to prepare the altar?
5. When did God end the drought?
6. What was Elijah's challenge to the prophets of Baal to show who was the real god?
7. Write down one way you can stand up for God in school this week.
8. How do we know our God is real today? List out three ways in your life when God has let you know that He is real.