



## THE BIG IDEA | It's AMAZING! God knows what's best for me.

### SCRIPTURE | Elijah and the Prophets of Baal: 1 Kings 18

- Elijah was someone who really, really loved God. But not everyone loved God. There was a king named King Ahab and he was mean and didn't obey God.
- **Can you show me a mean face?** Yes, that was King Ahab! King Ahab and the people of Israel prayed to a great, big statue they called, Baal. Baal wasn't God. Baal wasn't real at all. It was just a big statue.
- **Do you think anything happens when you pray to a statue?** No! That's silly.
- **Do you think anything happens when we pray to God?** Yes! God hears us and God answers our prayers.
- One day, King Ahab and Elijah decided to have a contest to see whose God was the real and true God.
- They both built an altar. It kind of looks like a big fire pit made with stones and wood. They put uncooked meat on the top. Then, King Ahab's people prayed to Baal to light the fire. They prayed from morning until night. They prayed and prayed and prayed. And nothing happened. Then, it was Elijah's turn. Let's read what happens in our Bible.
- INSTRUCTIONS: *Read 1 Kings 18:33-39.*
- Wow! That was amazing! Elijah told them to pour water all over the wood. **Does wood catch fire when it's soaking wet?** No. Water stops things from catching on fire. But Elijah prayed to God and a fire came down from the sky and burned everything up! Just as Elijah knew it would. God knew what Elijah needed, and God knew what the people needed to see in order to believe God was the one, true God. **Isn't that amazing?**
- God knew what was best for them, and God knows what's best for us, too!

## ACTIVITY | Act It Out

- Let's act out what Elijah did that day! First, he built an altar. Remember, I said it was like a fire pit? Let's build one!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Use cardboard blocks or whatever you have in your space to make a small pile.
- **Then, what did he do next?** Yes! He poured water on the altar. **How many times?** He poured four jugs of water on it three times! Let's pretend to do that.
- **Then, what did Elijah do?** Yes. Elijah prayed to God. Let's pray! God, You know what we need. Please help us.
- **And what did God do?** Yep! God answered Elijah's prayer. God sent so much fire, everything on the altar burned up! God knew what the people needed. They needed to see that God was real and answered prayers.
- God is amazing! God knew what the people needed in our Bible story, and God knows what you and I need, better than we do!

## DISCUSSION

**Do you think anything happens when we pray to God?**

**What needs do you pray to God about?**

## PRAYER

- God, thank You for being amazing! Thank You for always knowing what is best for us and for loving each of us.

## MEMORY VERSE | Deuteronomy 7:21



**THE LORD YOUR GOD, WHO IS PRESENT  
WITH YOU, IS A GREAT AND AWESOME GOD.**

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