



THE BIG IDEA | It's AMAZING! God speaks to me.

SCRIPTURE | God Speaks to Elijah in a Whisper: 1 Kings 19

- **Let's read from 1 Kings 19:1-2.** Jezebel wanted to hurt Elijah. **How would you feel if someone told you they were going to hurt you tomorrow?** That is exactly how Elijah felt! So, guess what he did?
- **Let's read 1 Kings 19:3.** Elijah was afraid and ran. But wait. Wasn't Elijah the same guy who had faith when he prayed for God to burn up the sacrifice?
- **Let's see what happens next in 1 Kings 19:4-6.** Elijah was super scared and he just wanted to be done with it all. But guess what God did? God took care of Elijah again! God provided hot bread and a jar of water.
- After Elijah ate, he traveled for forty days and forty nights until he reached a place called, Horeb, and he went into a cave and spent the night there. God spoke to Elijah in the cave. God asked, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"
- **See what Elijah said in 1 Kings 19:10.** Elijah said he was discouraged and afraid. He was the only person left who worshipped the one, true God. He felt lonely.
- **What did God say and do in 1 Kings 19:11-13?** God appeared to Elijah –not in the wind, earthquake, or fire –but in a gentle whisper. God wanted to comfort Elijah and remind him that he was not alone– there were 7,000 people who didn't bow down to worship Baal, either.
- Just like last week, God knew what Elijah needed and God provided. This time, God gave Elijah the words Elijah needed to hear.

ACTIVITY | Earthquake, Fire, Whisper (elementary)

Stage 1) Earthquake- clinch fists and shake; Stage 2) Fire- hold hands out and wiggle fingers to make flames; Stage 3) Whisper-put a finger to your lips.

- Everyone starts out with the “earthquake” motion, and roams around the room. When two people meet, they play “rock, paper, scissors.” If you win, you move up to the next stage (For example, earthquake becomes fire) and if you lose, you stay what you are. Keep playing until everyone has achieved “whisper” status.
- What is the best time you can listen to God? Read 1 Kings 19:11-13. Would you expect God to be in the wind, an earthquake, a fire, or a whisper? What do you think this tells us about God?
- What is something happening in your life right now that you can talk to God about?

PRAYER

- God, I am here, I listening. I want to hear your voice and I want to follow the path You have for my life. I give You all of my worries and fears. God, help me to hear Your voice even when it’s hard.

MEMORY VERSE | Deuteronomy 7:21

