

# GOD VISITS ELIJAH

1 Kings 19:1-18

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**Key Verse:**

But the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.  
1 Kings 19:12

**The Point:**

God sometimes chooses to come in quiet ways.

**Making Connections:**

Called by God

**Bible Nuts & Bolts:**

The Divided Kingdom

**Spiritual Practice:**

Service



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# BACKGROUND

## Making Connections

This week, we conclude our unit on being called by God. We have heard the stories of God inviting Samuel, David, Solomon, and now Elijah into leadership and service. How is God calling you to serve God's people?

## Story Summary:

### *God Visits Elijah*

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No matter how he felt or what he did, Elijah was loved and cared for by God. Even as Elijah begged for his life to be taken from him, God was present. An angel was sent with food and drink to sustain his body and to provide a gentle touch on two different occasions. And even as Elijah talked of being alone, the Lord sent him out to fulfill his work with promises of seven thousand Israelites who would remain. In the midst of their own difficult times, students can see God's love and promises in the world around them.

## The Point

**God sometimes chooses to come in quiet ways.** God was revealed to Elijah not in a show of power but in silence. Elijah, like many of us, expected to sense God's presence in dramatic and life-changing moments, events of power and glory. But God came to Elijah in the silence. More often than powerful "mountaintop" experiences, God speaks to us through quiet acts of love from people and situations that we do not expect.

## Bible Nuts & Bolts:

### *The Divided Kingdom*

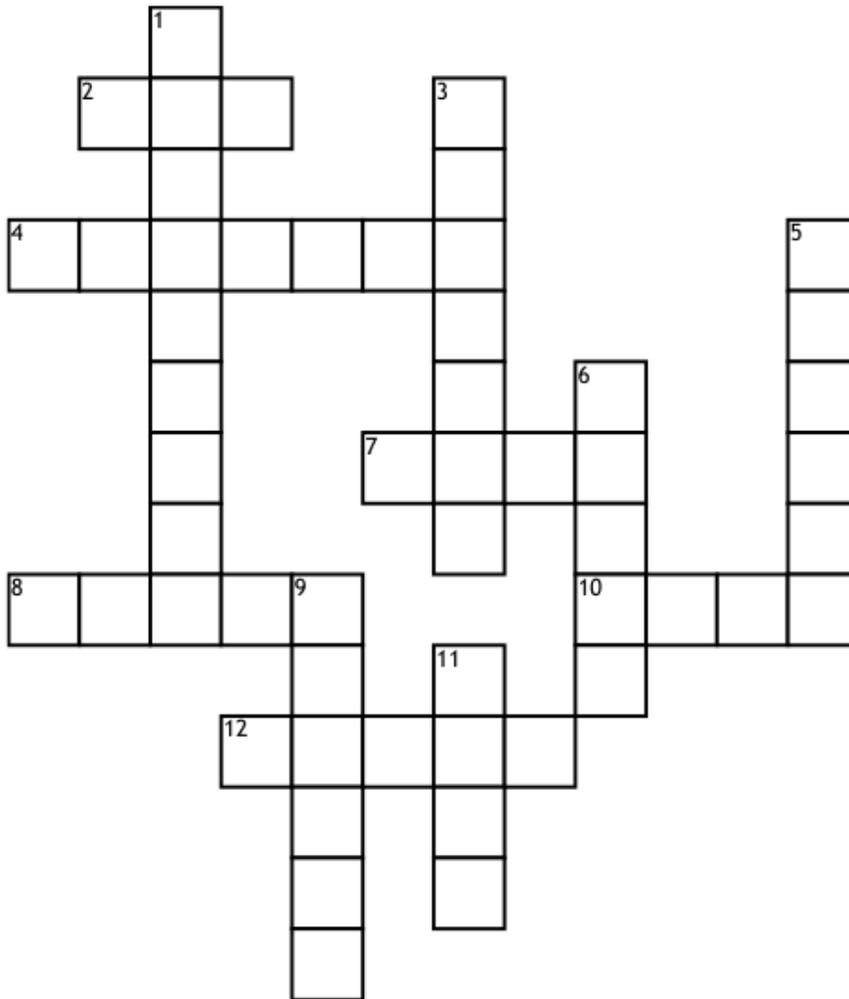
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## Spiritual Practice: Service

An angel visited Elijah to help provide for his physical needs and bring God's message of love and mission to Elijah. There are times in each of our lives that we have relied on the words and actions of one another in order to just get by and in order to see what needs to happen next. Serving and loving one another is part of what makes God's presence known in each of our lives.



# Revelations 21-22



## Across

2. He shall make all things?  
 4. How will Jesus return?  
 7. We shall see his\_\_\_\_\_  
 8. There will be no need for?

10. God's saying are \_\_\_\_\_ and faithful.

12. God shall wipe away all \_\_\_\_\_.

## Down

1. I am Alpha and Omega, the \_\_\_\_\_ and the end.

3. The water of life is clear as \_\_\_\_\_.

5. There was no \_\_\_\_\_ in the New Jerusalem.

6. There will be no more \_\_\_\_\_.

9. How many gates are around the New Jerusalem?

11. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Life is in the midst of and on either side of the river.



# ALL THINGS NEW



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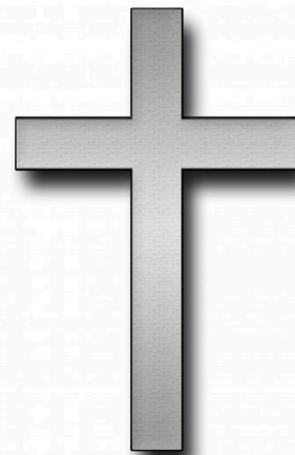
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## Word Bank

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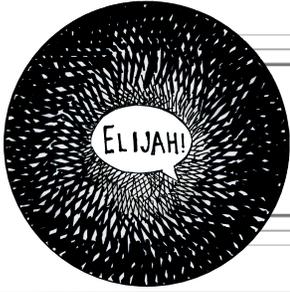
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NEW

REV. 21:5





# THE STORY @ HOME



Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story  
Narrative Lectionary, Year 4 (2025-2026)

Lesson #4-9  
1 Kings 19:1-18

## LAST WEEK

Solomon oversaw the building of the temple, creating a permanent place for the Israelites to worship their God (1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13).

## THIS WEEK

The prophet Elijah finishes a competition between the Lord and the prophets of Baal and runs away from the queen's wrath. God takes care of him in the desert, and then visits in a still, small voice (1 Kings 19:1-18).

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## NEXT WEEK

The prophet Amos gives the people of the northern kingdom God's message to repent from their sins and to work for justice for all (Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24).

### *Family Discussions*

Use the questions below—or any you have—to discuss this lesson’s Scripture reading with your family.

- † Did you find anything in this reading that was surprising?
- † What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- † What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

### *Family Devotions*

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God’s message to us? How should we respond?

#### **Sunday—Read 1 Kings 19:1-18**

God cares for and calls Elijah in the wilderness. Think of one creative way to care for each other this week.

#### **Monday—Read 1 Kings 21:1-29**

Ahab plots to steal Naboth’s vineyard. Ahab is a horrible, cruel, and deceitful king, but even he receives forgiveness and grace from God. Thank God together that God forgives even the very worst things that we do.

#### **Tuesday—Read 2 Kings 2:1-12**

Elijah is taken up into the sky. Elisha did not want Elijah to leave him. Have each person tell about a time it was hard to leave someone else. Remind each other that God is always with you.

#### **Wednesday—Read 2 Kings 2:13-25**

Elisha is chosen to succeed Elijah. What would you do if you were chosen to be a prophet?

#### **Thursday—Read 2 Kings 4:1-44**

Elisha performs miracles. Act out some of Elisha’s miracles.

#### **Friday—Read 2 Kings 14:23-29**

Amos and the reign of Jeroboam II. Sometimes it might feel like God has forgotten us. Have you experienced a time like that? How did you realize that God was still with you?

#### **Saturday—Read 2 Kings 15:1-7**

Amos and the reign of Amaziah (Uzziah). Go online or to the library and learn about the disease of leprosy.