

that all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God: there is no other. 1 Kings 8:60

1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel? 2. What does this story teach me about myself? 3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good? 4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God? 5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



ELIJAH CONFRONTED AHAB

1 Kings 18-19

HOW MANY GODS ARE THERE? THERE IS ONE TRUE GOD WHO ALONE DESERVES WORSHIP.

The prophet Elijah came to Ahab and said, "You have ruined Israel because you have abandoned the Lord's commands and followed Baal instead. Gather the entire nation."

Once everyone had gathered, Elijah said, "Bring two bulls—one for me, and one for the prophets of Baal. We will each prepare them on an altar as a burnt sacrifice. Prophets of Baal, you will call on your god, and I will call on the name of the Lord. The God that answers with fire is the one true God."

The prophets of Baal cried out to their false god, but nothing happened. Then it was Elijah's turn. He prepared the bull on the altar and asked that water be poured on top. Elijah prayed to God: "LORD, today, let it be known that you are God in Israel. Answer so that this people will know that you, the Lord, are God and you have turned their hearts back."

Then the Lord's fire fell. The people were amazed, falling facedown and saying, "The LORD, he is God!"

Ahab told his wicked wife, Jezebel, everything that had happened. Jezebel sent word to Elijah saying she was going to kill him. Elijah ran for his life.

The next day, the Lord spoke to Elijah. There was a soft whisper. In that whisper, God said, "What are you doing here, Elijah? Go and anoint a new king over Israel." Elijah obeyed God.

Christ Connection: God sent fire down from heaven to prove that He alone is Lord. God sent the Holy Spirit like flames of fire on Jesus' disciples to empower them to tell others that Jesus is God's Son who saves people from sin.

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