

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 100: THE STILL SMALL VOICE
1 KINGS 19:1-18

King Ahab told Jezebel his wife about everything Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with swords. Then Jezebel sent a servant to Elijah, saying, "May the gods' punishment be on me if I do not do the same thing to you that you did to the prophets by tomorrow about this time". And he got up, and was afraid for his life, and he ran away and came to a place called Beer-sheba in Judah, and he left his servant there; While he himself traveled a whole day into the wilderness, and sat down in the shade under a large bush, wishing he would die; because he said, "It is enough: now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors". And laying down on the ground, he went to sleep under the bush; but an angel touched him said to him, "Get up and have some food". When he looked up, he saw by his head a cake cooked on the stones and a bottle of water. So he ate food and drank water and went to sleep again. And the angel of the Lord came again a second time, and touched him and said, "Get up and have some food, or the journey will be too hard for you". So he got up and ate food and drank, and the food gave him strength so he went on for forty days and nights to Horeb, the mountain of God. And there he went into a cave in the rock for the night; then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" And he said, "I have been very zealous (which means he worked very hard) for the honor of the Lord of Hosts (which means the God of armies); for the children of Israel have not kept your commandments; they have torn down your altars, and have killed your prophets with swords: until only I am left alive; and now they are trying to kill me too!" "Go out and stand on the mountain," the LORD replied. And behold, as the LORD passed by, a strong wind shook the mountain and shattered the rocks. But the LORD was not in the wind. Next, there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. Then there was a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. Finally, there was a still, small voice; and when Elijah heard it, he covered his face with his coat. He went out and stood at the entrance to the cave. The LORD asked, "Elijah, why are you here?"

And Elijah heard it and came out, covering his face with his robe, and stood in the entrance to the cave. And there a voice came to him saying, What are you doing here, Elijah? And he said, "I have been very zealous for the honor of the Lord of Hosts; for the children of Israel have not kept your commandments;

they have torn down your altars, and have killed your prophets with swords: until only I am left alive; and now they are trying to kill me too!" And the Lord said to him, "Go back on your way through the wilderness to Damascus; and when you get there, put the holy oil on a man named Hazael to make him king over Aram; And on Jehu, son of Nimshi, making him king over Israel; and on Elisha, the son of Shaphat of Abel-me-ho-lah, to be my prophet in your place. And it will come about that the man who escapes from the Hazael's sword, Jehu will find and kill; and whoever gets away safely from Jehu, Elisha will kill. But I will let seven thousand in Israel live, all those whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and whose mouths have not kissed his statues.

100. THE STILL SMALL VOICE (1 KINGS 19:1-18)



“And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his coat, and went out, and stood in the entrance of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

1 Kings 19:13

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1 KINGS 19:1-18

MEMORY VERSE:

“And behold, the LORD passed by, and a strong wind shook the mountain and shattered the rocks. But the LORD was not in the wind. Next, there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. Then there was a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. Finally, there was a still, small voice.” 1 KINGS 19:11-12

TRUE OR FALSE

1. The LORD God said to Elijah, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD.”
TRUE or FALSE
2. Behold, the LORD passed by, and a strong wave shook the mountain and shattered the rocks.” TRUE or FALSE
3. The LORD was not in the wind. TRUE or FALSE
4. After the wind, there was an earthquake. TRUE or FALSE
5. The LORD WAS in the earthquake. TRUE or FALSE

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. What came after the earthquake? Was it a fire?
2. Was the LORD in the fire? What came after the fire?
3. What did Elijah do when he heard the small, still voice? Did he wrap his face in his coat? Did he go stand in the entrance to the cave?
4. What did Elijah tell the LORD when the LORD asked him what he was doing there? Did he tell Him that the Israelites weren't obeying the LORD's commandments? Did he tell Him that they tore down His altars? What else did he tell the LORD?
5. Did the LORD tell Elijah to go anoint (that means to pour holy oil on) Hazael, Jehu and Elisha?
6. Was the LORD going to kill ALL the Israelites? How many was He going to save? Why was He going to save those seven thousand? Was it because they didn't bow down to Baal, or kiss his statues?

100. The Still Small Voice Just For Fun

Play a game called “The Still Small Voice” with the children. It is played when the teacher whispers very softly in one student’s ear, and then that student has to whisper into the ear of the student on their right, repeating exactly what the teacher said to them in a very soft whisper, then that student whispers into the ear of the child on their right, and so on. You can only say the sentence once, and if they didn’t hear it correctly, they have to whisper what they *thought* they heard, and so on. Once the “still small voice” has gone all the way around to each child, have the last child say out loud what they thought they heard. It can be very funny!

Some suggestions of what to whisper are:

“It is better to obey than to sacrifice”

“I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength”

“He who is without sin, cast the first stone”

“The Lord brought you out of Egypt with a strong hand”

And other easy one-sentence Bible verses or Christian sayings.

Let them know that, just like in the classroom game, it’s sometimes hard to hear that ‘still, small voice’. We must listen very carefully to be able to hear it clearly!

LESSON 100 OPTIONAL ACTIVITY

Listen For Your Name

As you finish up your teaching time, begin to ask questions about your lesson in a whisper volume/tone of voice. Even if children are not quite listening give them a few moments. Usually, when someone begins to whisper in a room of people who are talking, others will stop to listen to the whisperer.

If the children respond and become quiet, listening to what you have to say, share with them that we are going to learn about a time when God whispered to His servant and got his attention even more than a fire, or an earthquake, or a great wind. Share with your class that God does not always speak to us in the “BIG” things; quite often He speaks to us in little ways and quiet ways.

If the children do not respond to your whispering, go ahead and get their attention. Like above, share a little bit what today’s lesson was all about, but also share how important it is to be listening for God’s voice. God will sometimes speak to our hearts in a whisper.

What if we are not listening? Encourage the children to listen for God’s whisper in their hearts as Elijah learned to do in today’s lesson.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to trust in the Lord in time of trouble. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.