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# Elijah on Mount Carmel

*1 Kings 18 · King James Version*

YOUTH · AGES 13-17

## HOW TO USE THIS PACK

1. Read the story summary together, then look up 1 Kings 18 in the KJV.
2. Learn the memory verse — say it together a few times.
3. Take the quiz. Answers cite chapter and verse; the answer key is on the last page.
4. Finish with the activity and the discussion. No timer, no pressure — have fun.

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## Memory Verse

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*“And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.”*

1 Kings 18:39 (KJV)

## The Story

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The confrontation opens with an accusation and a correction. And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel? The king blames the drought on the prophet who announced it. Elijah refuses the framing entirely: I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim. Then, with no authority but the word he carries, he issues an order to a king: gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, with four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and four hundred prophets of the groves. Ahab complies. [1 Kings 18:17-20](#)

Elijah's question to the people goes to the real issue, which is not open apostasy but divided loyalty. How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word. The silence is the answer. They are not choosing Baal over the LORD; they are keeping both available, and Elijah treats that as the more dangerous position. He then states the odds plainly, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men. [1 Kings 18:21-22](#)

The test he proposes is fair and public: two bullocks, each cut in pieces and laid on wood, and put no fire under. Call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. The people agree that it is well spoken. Elijah gives the opposition every advantage, letting them choose their bullock and go first, for ye are many. Baal was worshipped as a storm god who commanded lightning, so the test is set on ground where he should have been strongest. [1 Kings 18:23-25](#)

They called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us, and leaped upon the altar. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. At noon Elijah mocked them: Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked. They escalated, cutting themselves with knives and lancets till the blood gushed out, and continued prophesying until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice. The verdict is total: there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded. Sincerity, volume, numbers, and self-harm produced nothing. [1 Kings 18:26-29](#)

Elijah then makes the outcome as hard as possible for himself. He repairs the altar of the LORD that was broken down, using twelve stones according to the number of the tribes of the sons of

Jacob, digs a trench, orders the wood and the bullock, and has four barrels of water poured over it all three times until the trench itself is full. His prayer is brief and its concern is not vindication but revelation: LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word. Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God. Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. The people fell on their faces and said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God. Afterward Elijah tells Ahab there is a sound of abundance of rain, then bows to the ground and sends his servant to look toward the sea seven times, until a little cloud like a man's hand appears and the heaven is black with clouds and wind. [1 Kings 18:30-45](#)

# Quiz

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1. What does Ahab call Elijah when they meet?
  - A. He that troubleth Israel
  - B. The prophet of Carmel
  - C. The enemy of Baal
  - D. Servant of the LORD
2. What does Elijah say is the real cause of Israel's trouble?
  - A. The drought
  - B. Forsaking the commandments of the LORD and following Baalim
  - C. The prophets of the groves
  - D. Jezebel alone
3. How does the text describe the people's answer to Elijah's question?
  - A. They cried for Baal
  - B. They chose the LORD at once
  - C. They answered him not a word
  - D. They asked for a sign
4. What advantage did Elijah give the prophets of Baal?
  - A. Extra wood
  - B. Choice of bullock and the first turn
  - C. A larger altar
  - D. More time after sunset
5. What did the prophets of Baal do on the altar?
  - A. They leaped upon it
  - B. They slept beside it
  - C. They covered it with cloth
  - D. They tore it down
6. What four possibilities did Elijah suggest for Baal's silence?
  - A. He is deaf, blind, far, or weak
  - B. He is talking, pursuing, on a journey, or asleep
  - C. He is angry, busy, absent, or hidden
  - D. He is eating, resting, hunting, or fighting
7. How did the prophets of Baal escalate their appeal?

- A.** They fasted seven days
  - B.** They brought more sacrifices
  - C.** They cut themselves with knives and lancets
  - D.** They summoned the king
8. What did Elijah do to the altar of the LORD before building?
- A.** He repaired it, for it was broken down
  - B.** He moved it to the summit
  - C.** He washed it with oil
  - D.** He built it from new stone
9. How large was the trench Elijah made?
- A.** A cubit deep
  - B.** As great as would contain two measures of seed
  - C.** The width of the altar
  - D.** It is not stated
10. What does Elijah ask for in his prayer?
- A.** That his enemies be destroyed
  - B.** That the drought would end
  - C.** That the people may know that thou art the LORD God
  - D.** That he be honoured before Ahab
11. What did the fire of the LORD consume?
- A.** The sacrifice, the wood, the stones, the dust, and the water
  - B.** Only the sacrifice
  - C.** The sacrifice and the wood
  - D.** The altar and the trench
12. How many times did the servant look toward the sea?
- A.** Three
  - B.** Five
  - C.** Seven
  - D.** Twelve

## Put It In Order

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*Number these events 1-5 in the order they happened.*

\_\_\_\_\_ The fire of the LORD falls and the people confess, The LORD, he is the God.

\_\_\_\_\_ Elijah repairs the altar with twelve stones and floods it with water.

\_\_\_\_\_ The prophets of Baal call from morning until evening with no answer.

\_\_\_\_\_ Elijah asks the people how long they will halt between two opinions.

\_\_\_\_\_ Ahab gathers Israel and the prophets of Baal to mount Carmel.

## Talk About It

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1. Elijah treats halting between two opinions as worse than open unbelief, and the people's silence proves his point. Where do you keep two options open rather than deciding, and what does that cost that outright rejection would not?

2. The prophets of Baal were sincere, numerous, loud, and willing to bleed for their god, and none of it mattered because he was not there. What does this say about sincerity as a measure of whether something is true?

3. Elijah soaked the offering until the trench overflowed, deliberately removing any natural explanation. When is it right to make it harder for God rather than easier, and when would that be presumption instead of faith?

4. The people confessed the LORD is God after seeing fire fall, yet Israel's history shows the confession did not hold. Why is a dramatic experience so poor at producing lasting change, and what does actually produce it?

## Answer Key

1. A. He that troubleth Israel (1 Kings 18:17)
2. B. Forsaking the commandments of the LORD and following Baalim (1 Kings 18:18)
3. C. They answered him not a word (1 Kings 18:21)
4. B. Choice of bullock and the first turn (1 Kings 18:25)
5. A. They leaped upon it (1 Kings 18:26)
6. B. He is talking, pursuing, on a journey, or asleep (1 Kings 18:27)
7. C. They cut themselves with knives and lancets (1 Kings 18:28)
8. A. He repaired it, for it was broken down (1 Kings 18:30)
9. B. As great as would contain two measures of seed (1 Kings 18:32)
10. C. That the people may know that thou art the LORD God (1 Kings 18:37)
11. A. The sacrifice, the wood, the stones, the dust, and the water (1 Kings 18:38)
12. C. Seven (1 Kings 18:43)

**Put It In Order:** 1. Ahab gathers Israel and the prophets of Baal to mount Carmel. 2. Elijah asks the people how long they will halt between two opinions. 3. The prophets of Baal call from morning until evening with no answer. 4. Elijah repairs the altar with twelve stones and floods it with water. 5. The fire of the LORD falls and the people confess, The LORD, he is the God.

