

General Church Education



Mount Carmel Victory

1 Kings 18:16-46; 19

Lesson 11

Jacob's Ladder Religion Lessons

Level 6: The Lord Is Our Prophet

For ages 11-12 years

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Teacher Background

King Ahab and his wife Jezebel did evil. Consequently, the Lord sent a famine. As Ahab's livestock began to die, he sent the prophet Obadiah to look for Elijah. Obadiah found him and Elijah sent a message to Ahab asking him to gather Israel and the prophets of Baal and bring them to Mount Carmel. There, Elijah challenged Ahab and the prophets of Baal to a see whose god was more powerful. The Lord sent fire on Elijah's offering, following which Elijah killed the prophets of Baal, thus ending the drought. But Jezebel wanted to kill Elijah, so he fled to the wilderness. There, the Lord appeared to Elijah and told him Elisha would be the next prophet.

Elijah was a model of courage. He stood up for the Lord's covenant. While he fled to the wilderness and asked to die, he kept doing what the Lord asked him to no matter what happened. Ahab was evil, and Jezebel seduced him into loving himself and worldly things even more. All people are born with a tendency towards these loves and must learn to combat them. Elijah represents the Word—the source of the truths we need to combat evils. Elijah's courage came from his confidence in the Lord's Word.

Focus Points

- During a famine Elijah called for Ahab to bring the false prophets to Mount Carmel.
- After Lord demonstrated His power and killed the prophets of Baal the famine ended.
- Elijah fled into the wilderness where the Lord told him to make Elisha his successor.

Readings from the Writings

“‘That thou sufferest the woman Jezebel,’ signifies the delight of the love of self and of the world. This is evident from the signification of ‘the woman Jezebel,’ as being the church wholly perverted; for ‘woman’ in the Word signifies the Church, here the church perverted. And as all perversion of the church springs from ... the love of self and the love of the world, ‘Jezebel’ signifies the delight of these loves. Every perversion of the church springs from these two loves when they reign over the heavenly loves, because these two loves are altogether opposite to the two loves that constitute heaven and the church, which are love to the Lord and love towards the neighbor, and because from these two loves all evils and the falsities thence spring.” *Apocalypse Explained* 159

“A prophet ... signifies one that teaches truth.... For this reason the prophets of the Old Testament represented the Lord as to the doctrine of Divine Truth, and the chief of them represented the Lord as to the Word itself from which the doctrine of Divine Truth is derived.” *Apocalypse Explained* 624

Teacher Activity Overview

The lesson offers the following activity choices:

Recitation

Learn the recitation by heart.

“Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel, and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word. Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that You are the Lord God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again.” (1 Kings 18:36-37)

Projects and Activities (for answers, see back of lesson)

Review and Map Work

Fill in the blanks, then answer the questions and color a map.

Find the Lord on Mount Horeb

Color and fold a “fortune teller” which illustrates Elijah finding the Lord on Mount Horeb. Play ‘Looking for the Lord on Mount Horeb’ with a friend.

Additional Project and Activity Choices for Parents and Teachers

A Chart of the Kings of Israel and Judah

As you learn about the kings of Israel and Judah, complete a chart. Think about whether the king is good or evil as you fill in the chart. Available at: <https://newchurchvineyard.org/file/activity-a-chart-of-the-kings-of-israel-and-judah-1-kings-2-kings.pdf>

Where Is the Lord?

Elijah found the Lord in a still small voice. Explore where we find the Lord today, and how we hear His voice. Online at: <https://newchurchvineyard.org/file/activity-where-is-the-lord-1-kings-19.pdf>

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Vocabulary

overlooked—had a view from above

livestock—farm animals

The Famine in Israel

Ahab and Jezebel, the king and queen of Israel, lived on a hill in a house that overlooked the valley of Jezreel where crops grew abundantly. However, at that time, there was a severe drought in Israel because people were worshipping Baal, and not the Lord. In fact, the drought was so severe that Ahab did not have enough water for his livestock. So he asked his servant Obadiah to go and search for water in other parts of the land. While Obadiah feared the Lord and had hidden some of His prophets from Jezebel, he obeyed Ahab.

Go Tell Your Master, Elijah Is Here!

As Obadiah journeyed, he suddenly met Elijah. He recognized Elijah as the Lord's prophet and fell down before him, dreading he was bringing a warning. Instead, Elijah told Obadiah to go and tell Ahab that he wanted to see him. Obadiah feared what Ahab would do when he received the message. Kings often killed people who brought bad news. Obadiah needed assurance that Elijah would be there if he brought Ahab to see him. Elijah promised, "As the Lord of hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will surely present myself to him today." (1 Kings 18:15)

Ahab Goes to Meet Elijah

Obadiah did as Elijah commanded. He told Ahab that Elijah wanted to meet with him. Ahab



left immediately, and when he saw Elijah, he called him a "troubler of Israel." Elijah replied that Ahab and his father's house were troubling Israel, for they followed Baal rather than the Lord.

Then Elijah told Ahab to gather the people of Israel on Mount Carmel, including the 450 false prophets of Baal. Ahab did as Elijah commanded. You might wonder why Ahab did this without objecting. Ahab knew that the drought his country was suffering was brought on by the God Elijah served. He may have feared more problems.

The Power of the Lord Is Demonstrated

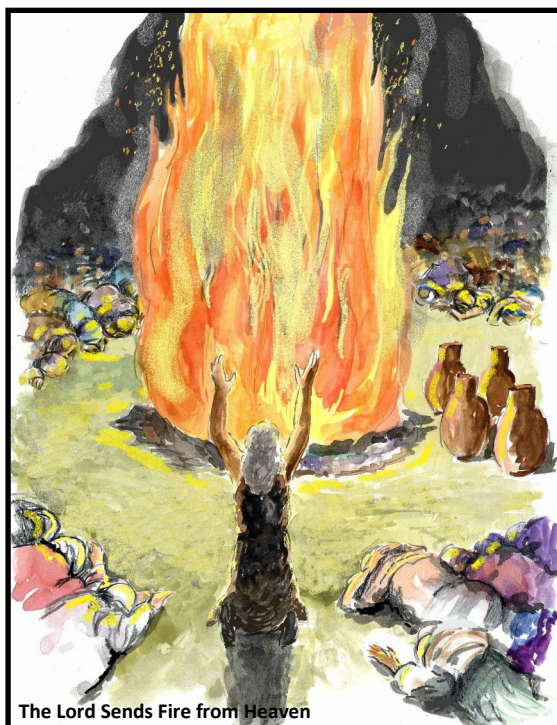
When Baal's prophets and "the prophets of the groves" had assembled, Elijah asked the people whom they would follow—the Lord or Baal. The people did not answer, so Elijah challenged the false prophets to a contest to prove who was the true God. Elijah stood alone against eight hundred and fifty men. He was not afraid. He knew that the Lord stood with him.

Elijah had the people bring wood and two bulls. He told them to make a pile of wood and prepare one bull for sacrifice. He would prepare the other one. Then he told the false prophets to call upon their god to light one fire, and he would call upon the Lord to light the other. The people agreed on the test. The false prophets called out to Baal from morning to noon, but the wood did not light. Elijah told them to call louder. He suggested that Baal might be sleeping or be busy. So they shouted and danced and even cut themselves, but nothing happened.

When evening arrived Elijah told the people to come closer. He took twelve stones to represent the twelve tribes of Israel and built an altar to the Lord. Then he made a large trench around the altar, arranged the wood on top, prepared the bull for sacrifice and put it on the wood. Then Elijah had water poured onto the altar three times. The water even filled the trench he had dug. Wood soaked with water does not light unless the fire burns very hot—hot enough to dry it out.

Then Elijah called on the Lord.

"Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel, and that I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word. Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that You are the Lord God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again." (1 Kings 18:36-37)



Suddenly the fire of the Lord appeared and burnt up the sacrifice, the wood and the stone altar. It also dried up the water around the altar and burnt the dust nearby. What an amazing sight! In that moment the people fell and declared their belief in the Lord as God.

The Drought Comes to an End

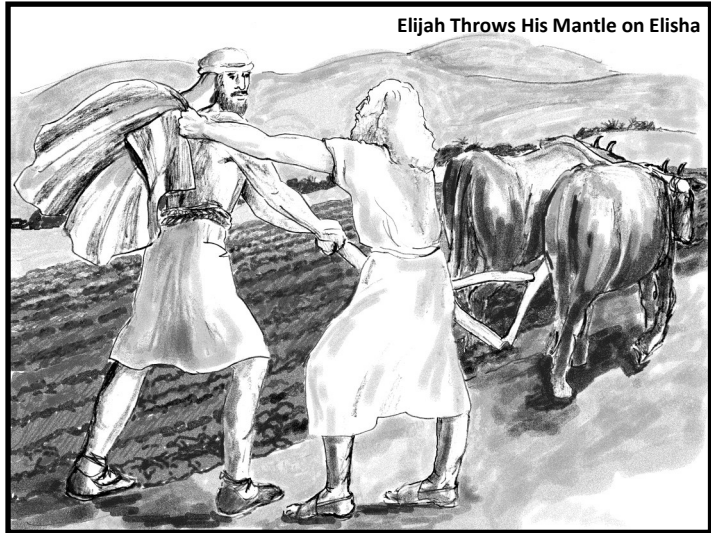
What happened after this amazing miracle might seem unnecessary, since the people had already turned back to the Lord, but Elijah knew that the false prophets might continue to worship Baal. He took them down to a brook and killed them so they could not influence people with their evil ways.

Then Elijah went back up to the top of Mount Carmel and bowed down to the ground. Each time he bowed, he asked his servant to look and see if clouds were appearing in the distance.

After seven times, the servant finally saw a small black cloud. Then Elijah knew that the drought would end.

Jezebel Seeks to Kill Elijah

Jezebel, Ahab's wicked wife, was not at the great contest. When Ahab told her what had happened, she said she would have Elijah killed. But Elijah heard about her threat and fled to Beersheba. He left his servant and went a day's journey into the wilderness. Then, exhausted and hungry, he sat under a juniper tree and asked the Lord that he might die. However, as he slept, an angel gave him food. Then he went south into the wilderness for forty days and nights to Horeb, the mountain of God.



Horeb is a mountainous region in the wilderness of Sinai. It is where the Lord appeared to Moses in a burning bush and later gave the Ten Commandments.

A Still, Small Voice

While Elijah sheltered in a cave, the Lord asked why he was hiding. Elijah said that he was afraid for his life. The Lord told him to go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord. Then a strong wind passed by, an earthquake shook the mountain, and fire appeared. But, the Lord was not in these. Instead, He called Elijah in "a still small voice." Elijah stepped out of the cave and Lord asked him what he was doing there. He again answered that he was afraid.

Although the Lord heard him, He still had work for Elijah. He commanded Elijah to return to Israel. He was to travel four hundred miles to Damascus, the capital of Syria. There, he was to anoint Hazael king over Syria. Then he was to anoint Jehu king over Israel. Finally, he was to anoint Elisha to be the Lord's next prophet. These men were to help Elijah rid Israel of people who still worshipped Baal.

Wearing the Mantle

Elijah found Elisha plowing a field. Elijah threw his mantle over Elisha's shoulders as a sign that he would take his place as the prophet of the Lord. But Elijah's work was not finished. Elisha was to follow Elijah for a while and learn from him, so he could better serve the Lord.

Like Elijah, you may take on a responsibility which seems too much to handle. Elijah felt that way and even asked the Lord to let him die. However, instead, the Lord gave him help. We all have the responsibility to follow the Lord. This can sometimes seem like a heavy mantle. We may be afraid or want to give up. At these times we can remember the Lord's still, small voice urging Elijah to continue to fight the forces that are opposed to the Lord.

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Projects and Activities (for answers, see back of lesson)

Choose one or two.

Review and Map Work

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Find the Lord on Mount Horeb

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Play ‘Looking for the Lord on Mount Horeb’ with a friend.

Review and Map Work (1 Kings 18:16-46; 19)

Ahab	was the king of _____ (1 Kings 16:29). Color it yellow on the map. He made an alliance with Sidonia. Color Sidonia orange. He was married to _____
Jezebel	who was the daughter of the king of Tyre and Sidon. Circle these cities with red. Jezebel worshiped Baal, and persuaded Ahab to do the same. Jezebel had Jehovah's altars torn down and all his prophets killed.
Obadiah	was the head servant of Ahab's household. He worshiped Jehovah and hid some prophets in caves so Jezebel wouldn't kill them. How many men did he save in this way? _____ (1 Kings 18:13)
Elijah	was Jehovah's prophet. He came from the area of _____ (1 Kings 17:1). Put a star by it on the map. Elijah prophesied that there would be a _____
Drought	in the land for several years because the people were worshiping Baal. Then Ahab was very angry with Elijah. So Elijah escaped to the Brook Cherith. Color the brook blue on your map.
Ravens	brought Elijah food _____ times a day, and he drank from the brook (1 Kings 17:6). When the brook dried up, the Lord told Elijah to go to Zarephath in Sidonia. Underline Zarephath on the map. He stayed with a _____
Widow	who had one child. She gave him water to drink and food to eat. Elijah performed two miracles for her. He caused the _____ and the _____ to never run out (1 Kings 17:16). And brought her son back to _____ (1 Kings 17:23).
The Lord	told Elijah to go see Ahab. Elijah proposed a _____ to see who was the true God. He challenged the 450 _____
Prophets of Baal	to make a sacrifice on Mount _____ (1 Kings 18:20). Put an X on that place. The prophets tried to get their gods to consume their sacrifice, but nothing worked. Elijah then made an _____
Altar	out of _____ stones (1 Kings 18:31). He dug a _____ (1 Kings 18:32) around the altar, put wood on the altar and then cut up a _____ (1 Kings 18:33) to offer it on the altar. Then Elijah had water poured on the altar _____ times (1 Kings 18:34). Elijah called out to _____

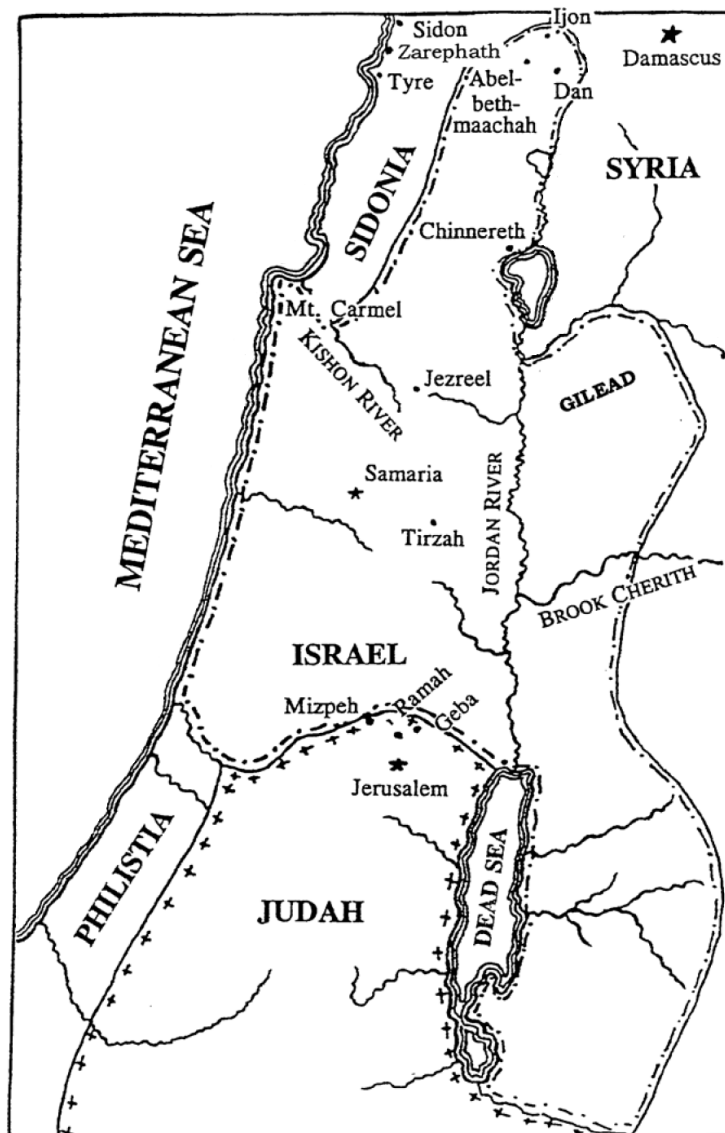
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and fire consumed the sacrifice, the wood, the stones, and the dust and even licked up _____ (1 Kings 18:38). Then Elijah had the 450 prophets of Baal seized and taken to

Brook (River) Kishon

where he had the Prophets _____ (1 Kings 18:40). Color the Kishon River purple. Then Elijah went to the top of Mount _____ (1 Kings 18:42). He hid his face and sent his _____ to look for rain clouds. (1 Kings 18:43) After the _____ time the man reported seeing a small cloud (1 Kings 18:44). Elijah told Ahab to leave before the rain came. Ahab and Elijah went to _____ (1 Kings 18:46). Circle this city with green on the map.



KEY

- . - . = boundary of Israel

++++ = boundary of Judah

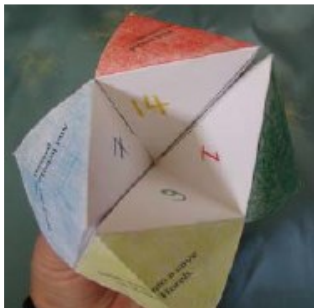
Find the Lord on Mount Horeb

Supplies Needed

- Print the *Find Lord on Mount Horeb* page
- colored pencils or markers
- scissors

Project Directions

1. Color the pictures of the Lord, the earthquake, fire and wind on the project page.
2. Follow directions on the next page for cutting, folding and assembling the page.
3. When the project is complete, flatten it out so that you are looking at the four squares with the words “Elijah went into a cave on Mount Horeb.” “The Lord spoke to Elijah in the cave.” etc. Color each square a different color. Hint: Use basic colors that the students can spell easily, e.g. red, green, blue, etc.
4. Turn over the flattened square.
5. Write a random number between 1 and 12 on each of the eight triangular folded areas. Important game hint: Randomize the odd and even numbers. The reason will become clear when you play!



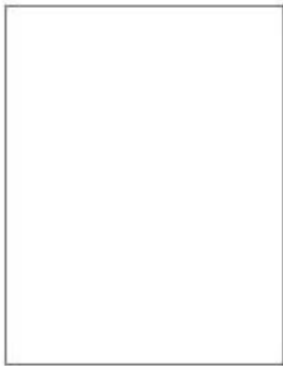
How to Work the Game

1. Place thumbs and first fingers in the four spaces underneath the colored squares.
2. Using fingers and thumbs, practice opening the game up using back and forth motions, exposing different numbers in the triangular sections in the middle. When this is easy, you are ready to start playing!

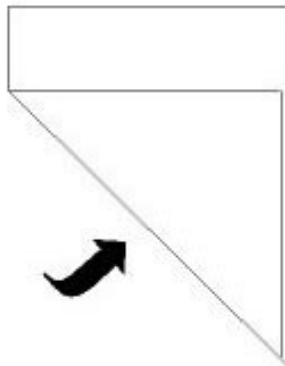
How to Play the Game—Looking for the Lord on the Mountain

1. With the center hole shut and all of the colored squares together, invite someone to select a color. Spell the name of the color out loud, and as you spell, open the hole up and switch the opening from one direction to the other as each letter is spoken.
2. Now invite them to pick a number from the four that they can see in the center hole. Change the direction in which the hole is opened for the number of times chosen.
3. Invite them to pick another number.
4. Open up the game and look under the number they have chosen to see whether the Lord is there. To find the Lord, the student needs to select the number over the “still small voice.”
5. Continue the game until you find the Lord, and then play again with another person.

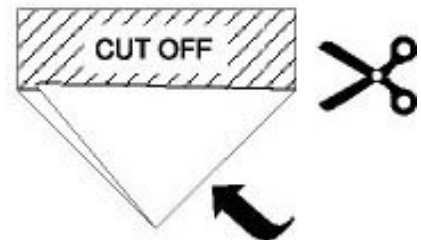
Directions for folding *Find the Lord on Mount Horeb*



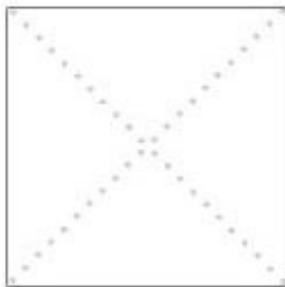
Take the sheet
of paper



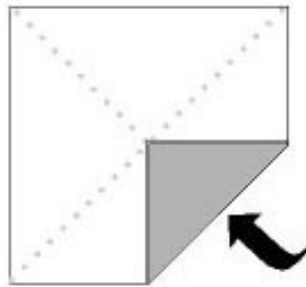
Fold the corner up til it
meets the other side



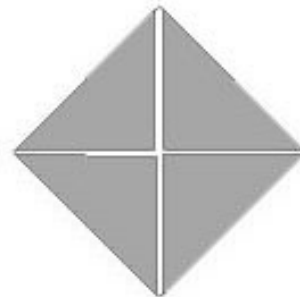
Fold other corner up
til it meets the other
side—then cut off the
rectangle at the top.



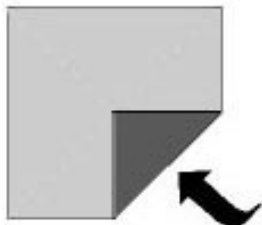
Unfold it and place it
printed side down—you
should now have an
8 ½" X 8 ½" piece.



Fold up all four corners
so that the points meet
in the middle.



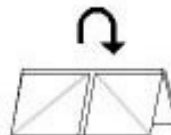
It should now look like this.
Flip it over.



Fold up all four corners
so that the points meet in
the middle. Turn it over.



It should now
look like this.



Now fold the top
back. Open, and fold
back the top in the
other direction.



Work your fingers into
the four corners from
the fold side - work
the creases to form
the four points.

Find the Lord on Mount Horeb

And behold, the Lord
passed by...

There was a fire, but
the Lord was not
in the fire.

"Go out, and stand on
the mountain."

There was an earthquake,
but the Lord was not in
the earthquake.

Then there was a still small
voice, and the Lord
was in the voice.

Elijah went into a cave
on Mount Horeb.

There was a strong
wind, but the Lord was
not in the wind.

The Lord spoke to
Elijah in the cave.

Answers

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