Make: An Egg Cave for Elijah

I Kings 19:1-18: Out of the Cave

Students will create a three-dimensional model showing Elijah in the cave on Mount Horeb with the wind, fire and earthquake outside the cave.



Supplies Needed for Each Student

- cleaned and prepared egg shell (see below)
- a few squares of red, yellow or orange tissue paper
- small pieces of brown or gray paper
- silver or blue glitter or a blue felt tip marker
- colored pencils or markers
- scissors
- copy of small kneeling Elijah figure (see attached sheet)
- copy of collar for egg cave with quotation (see attached sheet)
- glue
- toothpick or Q-tip

Teacher Preparation

You will need raw eggs and a small pair of scissors with sharp points. Cradle the egg in the palm of your hand. Jab one of the sharp scissor points into the side of the egg. Don't worry about it being a perfect hole. You will be cutting away from this hole, so it doesn't matter. Use the scissors to cut out a an oval hole on one side of the egg. Pour the contents of the egg into a container and save to use for cooking. Trim the hole carefully. Rinse out the shell with cool water and let it dry. *Optional:* When dry, dab the edges of the cut-out with glue to strengthen them. *Note*: Prepare a few extra eggs for the class in case of breakage.

Project Directions

1. Have students color and cut out their Elijah figures.
2. Carefully, glue the figure to the bottom of the cave using the attached tab.
3. Have students dip their Q-tips or toothpicks into glue and draw swirls all over the outside of their eggs to represent the wind. Sprinkle glitter over the egg and then shake the excess off onto a piece of scrap paper or into a box. Alternatively, use a blue felt tip marker to draw wind swirls on the egg.

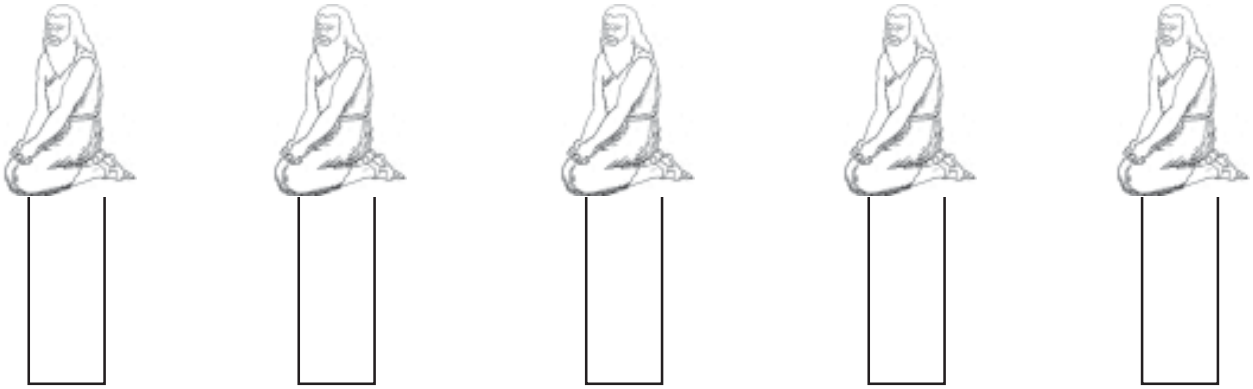
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4. Cut some rock shapes out of the brown or gray paper and glue them in a few places on the egg to show the rocks tumbling in the earthquake.
5. Tear pieces of tissue paper and glue them to the outside of the egg to represent the fire.
6. The Lord was not in any of these three things, but after they had all passed by, Elijah heard a still small voice. And the Lord asked him, "Elijah, What are you doing here?" Have students trim their text strip. Make a circle of the strip with the writing on the outside and tape the ends together. This forms a collar for the egg to sit on for display.







Egg Cave Collars

cut page in half vertically and then cut evenly between quotations

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