

West Side Church of Christ - Online Church Resource Page

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HOME BIBLE STUDY - Saturday night or Sunday morning

1. Read the story before the message:

1. For Kids Resources:

1. [blank paper, colors and pencils] Take a moment read aloud 1 Kings 11 - 14 and have the kids draw the story. Example found: <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/79938962108579281/>

• Overview

- Sometimes we all feel lost and defeated, in today's story we read about Elijah and when he was feeling lost and alone. God steps out and reveals himself to Elijah but not in a way you might imagine. Take a few moments to **read 1 Kings 19** and see how God reveals himself in this moment.
- Consider breaking up the chapter with others in the room and reading the chapter aloud.

• Discussion questions:

- Go around the room and discuss your first thoughts about the story.
- Additional questions
 1. [Children] Who was Elijah running from? Why?
 2. [Children] Share a time when you were so tired you didn't want to do anything? Even eat ice-cream.
 3. [Children - Adults] Ever feel like you have had enough? Do you think Elijah feels like he can't catch a break? (vs 4)
 4. [Children - Adults] In times of distress, when you have prayed, how did God make his presence known to you?

5. [Children] What did the angel of the Lord provide for Elijah? (vs 6)
How many times did this happen? What is the name of the Mountain where Elijah traveled?
 6. [Teens - Adults] Isn't it interesting that this story gives a good path on how God works in our situations. It's my assumption that when we feel defeated we have disciplined ourselves to lean on prayer. Would you agree that it is difficult to see the "big picture" but when you do it is easy to reflect on the small answers (guidance) God provided along the way? Discuss these types of moments
 7. [Teens - Adults] The text tells us that God didn't show up in the fire, Earthquake or wind but yet he showed up in a whisper. All throughout the Bible we see examples of where God/Jesus/Spirit responds in a way that was not expected. Discuss some of those moments.
 8. [Teens] What is the most subtle way we can be a light to our home or community during this time?
 9. [Children - Adults] Isn't it interesting that God comforts Elijah then sends him along the way to plant the next seeds in the "Big Picture." One thing that stands out in vs 18. Can you guess what that is?
(you are not alone)
 10. Take a moment and pray for God to soften us up so we can see and feel his never ending presence. Pray that we can obviously see how he has stepped out in the open for us to see.
2. Join us for a time of worship on the "West Side Church of Christ" facebook page.
 1. Interact with us in the comment section, let us know you are there.