

Profiles in Faith: Elijah

1 Kings 18:16–48

The Rain Stopped—*Attention Please* (1 Kings 17:1)

1. **The** _____
1 Kings 18:16–21

2. **The** _____
1 Kings 18:22–38

3. **The** _____
1 Kings 18:33–40

The Rain Started—*The Lord, He is God* (1 Kings 18:41–46)

For the Family

Read together 1 Kings 18:20–39 (or tell the story from memory).

Explain that many of the Israelites, including the King and his wife, worshipped a god named Baal, instead of God. A prophet named Elijah challenged them to choose between Baal and God.

Elijah set up a contest. He challenged the priests to put a bull on an altar as a sacrifice. He told them to call out to Baal to burn the sacrifice, but when they did, nothing happened. They did all kinds of wild things for most of the day, but still nothing happened.

Elijah then set up his altar. He arranged the wood, and put the bull on top. He had people pour water on it until everything was soaked and even running over. Then he prayed, and immediately a fire came and burned up the bull, the wood, the water, and even the stones that made up the altar.

The people fell on the ground and said, “The LORD, he is God, the LORD, he is God.”

Talk together that the reason Baal couldn’t answer was because he wasn’t real. No matter how loud the people prayed, no matter how hard they worshipped, they would never hear from Baal, because he wasn’t real.

The reason God could answer was because he is real, he is alive, and he wants very much for people to know him.

Elijah didn’t pray a fancy prayer, and he didn’t do all kinds of wild things to get God to answer. He prayed a simple prayer, with faith and confidence, and he waited for God to answer.

Now when we pray we might not get a fire from heaven, but God is real and God does care, and he wants to answer our prayers. We can learn to pray like Elijah, with faith and confidence.

Pray together that you will always call upon the name of the Lord, and that you will never call upon other gods. Pray that you will have faith and confidence when you pray, and that you will be able to wait for God’s answer.