

OCTOBER 18 AT HOME LESSON

BIG IDEA

It's amazing! God speaks to me.

THE BIBLE

God Speaks to Elijah in a Whisper: 1 Kings 19; (John 10:27)

LARGE GROUP TIME

WHAT? What are we talking about today?

MUSIC | Worship

INSTRUCTIONS: Spend some time in worship with your kids with songs like:

- "Friend of God"
- "Who You Say I Am"

QUESTION | Do You Like Quiet?

• When are some times you need quiet?

(Allow the kids to come up with various answers for the question.)

THE BIG IDEA | It's amazing! God speaks to me.

INSTRUCTIONS: Present the Big Idea with these hand motions:

- It's amazing [Open your hands and make a big circle with spirit fingers.]
- **God** [Raise both of your arms, making a V shape.]
- speaks [Cup your hands around your mouth.]
- to me [Point to yourself with your thumb.]

VIDEO | Amazed, Episode 3

INSTRUCTIONS: Play this week's <u>teaching video</u>.

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SCRIPTURE | 1 Kings 19

- Let's read from 1 Kings 19:1-2. Jezebel wanted to hurt Elijah. How would you feel if someone told you they were going to hurt you tomorrow? That is exactly how Elijah felt! So, guess what he did?
- Let's read 1 Kings 19:3. Elijah was afraid and ran. But wait. Wasn't Elijah the same guy who had faith when he prayed for God to burn up the sacrifice?
- Let's see what happens next in 1 Kings 19:4-6. Elijah was super scared and he just wanted to be done with it all. But guess what God did? God took care of Elijah again! God provided hot bread and a jar of water.
- After Elijah ate, he traveled for forty days and forty nights until he reached a place called, Horeb, and he went into a cave and spent the night there. God spoke to Elijah in the cave. God asked, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"
- See what Elijah said in 1 Kings 19:10. Elijah said he was discouraged and afraid. He was the only person left who worshipped the one, true God. He felt lonely.
- What did God say and do in 1 Kings 19:11-13? God appeared to Elijah –not in the wind, earthquake, or fire –but in a gentle whisper. God wanted to comfort Elijah and remind him that he was not alone– there were 7,000 people who didn't bow down to worship Baal, either.
- Just like last week, God knew what Elijah needed and God provided. This time, God gave Elijah the words Elijah needed to hear.

ACTIVITY | Earthquake, Fire, Whisper

INSTRUCTIONS: Stage 1) Earthquake- clinch fists and shake; Stage 2) Fire- hold hands out and wiggle fingers to make flames; Stage 3) Whisper-put a finger to your lips. Everyone starts out with the "earthquake" motion, play this like a game of "rock, paper, scissors."

o After the game, ask: "How did Elijah hear God's voice?" (answer: in a whisper)

SCRIPTURE | John 10:27

INSTRUCTIONS: Look up the verse and read it aloud.

- Who are Jesus' sheep?
- Do you feel you know or recognize God's voice? Why or why not?
- Has God ever asked you to do something? What was it? Did you do it?
- Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are like sheep who hear and follow Jesus. We must follow God's voice because God leads us in the right way.
- What does it look like to follow God's voice?

CRAFT | Still Small Voice Lift-a-flap

Follow the craft provided in the Week 3 folder in your activity bag. If you did not pick up an activity bag you may find a color sheet or craft <u>here on Pinterest</u>.

MEMORY VERSE | Deuteronomy 7:21 (NIV)

• Practice the memory verse together.