

Lesson 141: God Speaks to Elijah in a Whisper

[1 Kings 19:9-18](#)

Youtube Link for Teachers: <https://youtu.be/LOphN9UpKUg>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/mFN6TaC7G2E>

Worship Theme: God encourages us.

Memory Verse: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."
(Joshua 1:9)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. Jesus Christ is Lord of All <https://youtu.be/l-PzUIJ0MVo>
2. Be Strong and Courageous <https://youtu.be/Mr7oyUvG7U8>
3. I Can Do All Things Through Christ <https://youtu.be/RAti7KCmlvM>

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: "No Problem"

Materials Needed: Balloon, some obstacles (tree branch, broom)



1. Divide the children into 2 groups and have them stand with a partner.

2. Place some obstacles on the ground for the children to jump over.

3. Give a balloon to each group, and the children have to place the balloon on their backs with their partner and

walk to the finish line together.

4. If they drop the balloon, they start over again.

5. Play the game until everyone in both groups had a chance to play.

6. After the game, explain to the children that God is always present in our lives, so we can be encouraged to continue even when we fail. Nothing can stop us because God always encourages us!



Introduction:

(Follow the emotions of the teachers. When the teacher looks sad, everyone looks sad. When the teacher laughs, the children will laugh out loud. When teacher cries, everyone cries out loud. When the teacher is angry, children will make angry sound. When the teacher is happy, children will dance.)

What do you do when you feel sad? Do you cry? Do you become angry? Or do you find someone who can encourage you? God gave many people in our lives who can encourage us. Today, we will learn about a man who was very sad and lonely and how God encouraged him.

Bible Story:

Today's bible story comes from the first book of Kings. People were angry with Elijah because Elijah served God. The people who didn't serve God wanted to kill Elijah. Elijah felt very alone and lonely. Elijah traveled 40 days and 40 nights to reach Horeb, the mountain of God. When he arrived at the mountain, he crawled into a cave and slept.

Then he heard God ask, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" Elijah told God that he had served God passionately and faithfully, but the Israelites still destroyed the altars where they worshipped God, and they have even killed God's prophets. He told God that he was the only prophet left, and that they want to kill him, too.

Then God said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by" (1 Kings 19:11).

Then a very strong wind blew until it caused the rocks of the mountain to crumble into bits. But God was not in the wind. Then a mighty earthquake shook the ground. But God was not in the earthquake. Next a tremendous fire arose and burned the mountainside. But God was not in the fire. Last, there came a small, gentle whisper.

God was in a gentle whisper. God whispered encouragement to Elijah. God told Elijah that he wasn't alone and that there were 7,000 others who still love God. He also told Elijah what to do when he returned to Israel. God's words were very encouraging to Elijah.

When Elijah was discouraged, God did not come to him in a loud wind, earthquake, or blazing fire. God came to Elijah in a whisper and softly spoke encouragement to him.

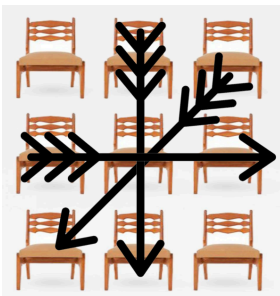
God encourages us when we're afraid, sick, lonely, or need help. Sometimes God encourages us through people. God can encourage you through your mom and dad, your friends, your teachers, or your relatives. Just like how God encourages us, we also should encourage others, too!

Questions to discuss:

1. Why did people want to kill Elijah? (because he served God)
2. What passed by Elijah before the whisper? (wind, earthquake, and fire)
3. How did God speak to Elijah? (in a whisper)
4. When does God encourage us? (afraid, sick, lonely, sad, need help, etc.)
5. How can you encourage others? (be nice, be encouraging, give hugs, etc.)

Game: "Tic-Tac-Toe"

Material Needed: 9 chairs



1. Divide the children into two equal groups.
2. Place the chairs into 3 rows (1 meter apart).
3. Children will stand 3 meters away from the chairs.
4. When the teacher says, "ready, set, go," all the children from both groups will run and try to sit on a chair.
5. The group who sits in a "tic-tac-toe" wins the game. And the winning group will encourage the losing group by saying, "You did a good job."
6. Play the game again until everyone had a chance to play.
7. After the game, explain to the children that that just as God always encourages us, we need to encourage each other.

Memory Verse:

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Craft: "How Did God Speak to Elijah?"

Materials Needed: Print the craft sheet, crayons

1. Print one craft sheet for each child.
2. Have the children color the pictures.
3. When they're done coloring, ask the children to circle the way God spoke to Elijah. Everyone should circle "Soft Whisper."
4. Explain to the children that God always encourages us!



Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

When Jesus leads our lives, we are never alone. Even when we're discouraged or lonely, we can experience his presence—and the support and encouragement of other Christians. Think about a time you felt abandoned by God or by people. Did you receive strength from God or from friends during this trial? Like Elijah, we always experience the support of a loving God. How about if you give encouragement to friends who are struggling this week?

How Did God Speak to Elijah?

Strong Wind?



Mighty Earthquake?



Blazing Fire?



Soft Whisper?

