



Church of God Sunday School

ELIJAH RUNS AWAY

1 Kings 19:1-18

On Mount Carmel God had proved to the Israelites and to King Ahab that He was really the true God. He had answered Elijah's

prayer by sending fire to consume the sacrifice! Baal had not answered, for, after all, he was only an idol made by men's hands.

Elijah may have thought that King Ahab and Queen Jezebel would quit worshiping their idols and turn the nation back to God since the people had shouted, "The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God." But they did no such thing. Instead, when King Ahab returned and told Queen Jezebel how Elijah had all the prophets of Baal killed, she was outraged. She sent a message to Elijah, telling him that she was going to kill him!

Now, you would think that that would not frighten Elijah, because he had just faced 450 of the false prophets of Baal, and God had been with him. But Elijah was still a man, and he was discouraged by the way things were going. He was scared of Jezebel! Elijah was so scared that he ran for his life!

He went to Beersheba in Judah and left his servant there. From there Elijah traveled another day's journey into the desert wilderness and sat to rest under a juniper tree. He was very depressed and discouraged. He asked God to let him die. Elijah said, "O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers." And then he fell asleep.

As Elijah slept, God sent an angel to him. The angel woke him and said, "Arise and eat." Elijah opened his eyes and saw a cake, baked on the coals of a fire. A water pot was beside his head. Elijah ate and drank; then he laid down again. He was still tired from his long trip.

But the angel came a second time. He said to Elijah, "Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee." So Elijah got up and ate again and drank more water. He was able to go for forty days and forty nights on what he had eaten and drunk.

He traveled to the mountain of God, Mount Horeb, otherwise known as Mount Sinai. He came to a cave, and

there he stayed. While Elijah was at the cave, the Lord came to him and asked him, "What doest thou here, Elijah?" Elijah felt that he had done right to run away, so he said to God, "I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away."

God knew Elijah needed to be encouraged. God told Elijah to stand on the mountain. The Lord was going to pass by him. Elijah went out and stood on the mountain, waiting for the Lord.

Soon a great strong wind tore over the mountain, breaking rocks and making a fearful racket, but the Lord was not in the wind. Then, as Elijah stood there, no doubt trembling, a terrible earthquake shook the ground around him and split the earth, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. And then, came a fire that burned around the mountain! But the Lord was not in the fire either.

After the fire, Elijah heard a still small voice. (Elijah had apparently gone into the cave, because at the sound of the voice, the Bible says, "he wrapped his face in his mantle [cloak], and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave.") The voice of God asked him, "What doest thou here, Elijah?"

Elijah told God again that he had been very jealous for the Lord's work, but that he was the only prophet of God left, and they wanted to kill him.

God said to Elijah, "Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria: And Jehu . . . shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha . . . shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room." Those were the men who would be the ones to battle King Ahab and Queen Jezebel and the remainder of the idol worshipers. Elijah would not have to.

God also encouraged Elijah by telling him that he was not the only servant of God. There were 7,000 people who still loved God and were true to Him. They had never bowed to Baal or kissed him in worship.

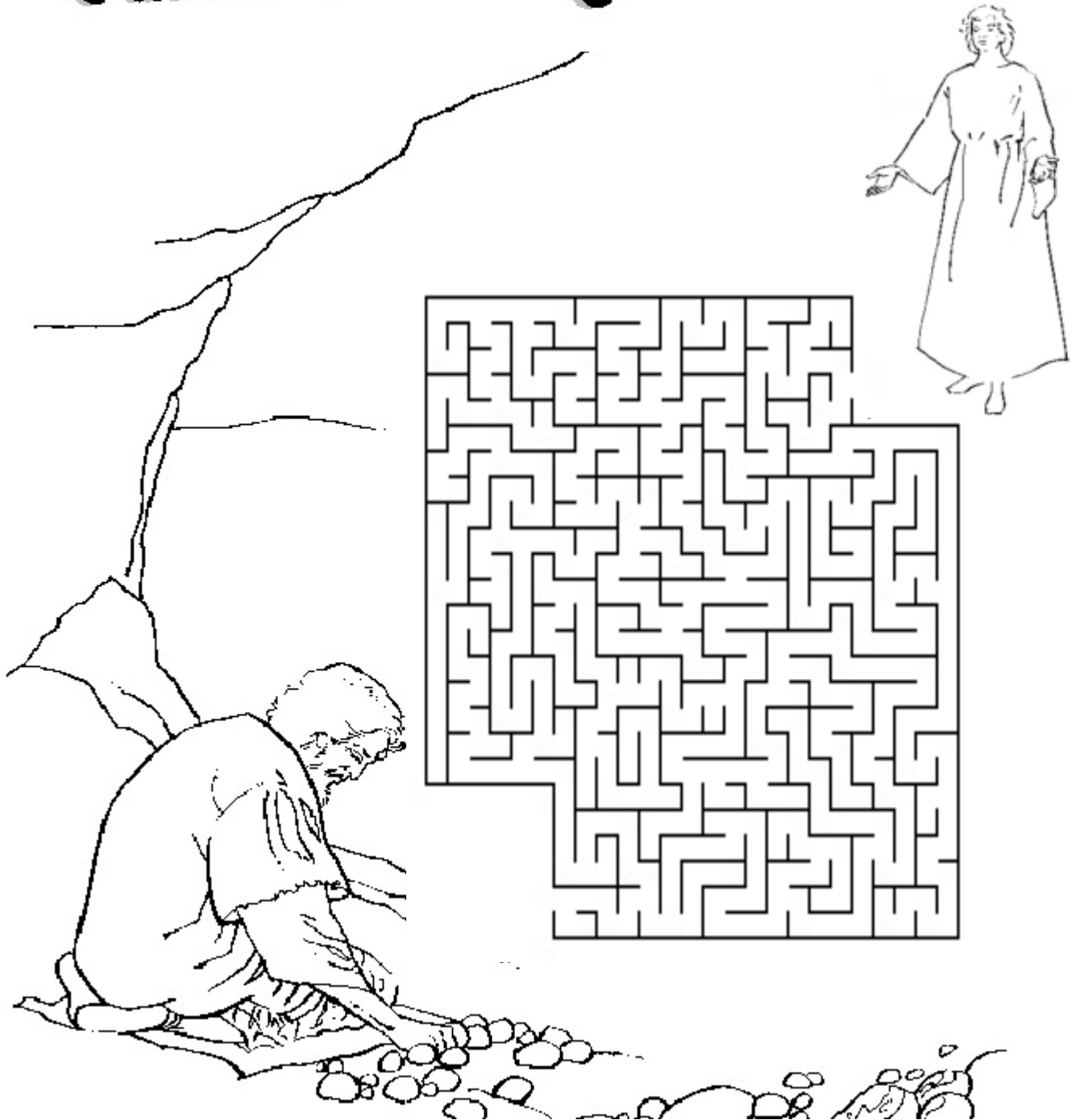
So Elijah was much encouraged by all that the Lord had told him. He felt much better and set out to do what God had asked him to do.

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**MEMORY VERSE:**

*"Yet I have left me seven thousand . . . which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him."  
—1 Kings 19:18*

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Guide the Angel to Elijah



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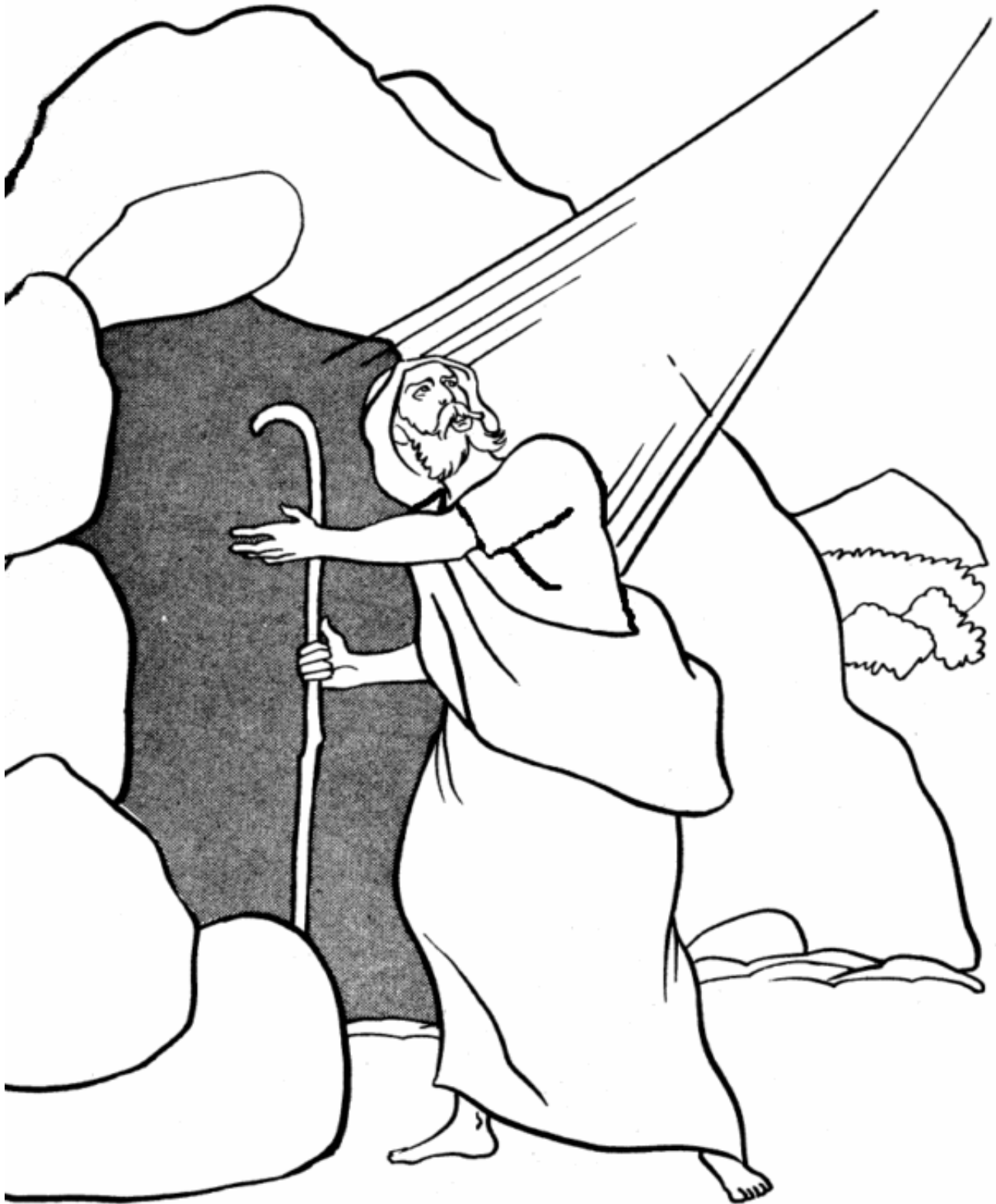
Elijah proved on Mount Carmel that the LORD was the true God. That made Jezebel, who worshiped Baal, very angry!

Write in the coded words below.

She wanted to kill Elijah. He went away! He went to the desert to pray. He _____ . An _____ woke him and told him to _____. He found a cake of _____ and a jar of _____ by his head. He needed strength for a _____. He traveled 40 days and 40 nights to Mount Horeb. He went into a _____. God _____ Elijah what he was _____ there. Elijah said he felt he was the only one left _____ to God. God told Elijah to go _____ on the _____. God would _____ by soon. So Elijah did as God said. There was a great _____, a strong _____ and a _____. But God was not in any of those.

How did God come to Elijah there? It was in a _____





Elijah Hears a Still, Small Voice