

Story Outline Sheet

Scripture Text: 1 Kings 18:1-2, 17-46

Introduction: Story of child in China who buried her family's wooden idol to see if he would come back
to life like Jesus did.

Story Facts: _____

(1) Elijah and King Ahab meet (18:1-2, 17-19)

Drought continues; famine and other effects of drought

The Lord tells Elijah to go see Ahab and Elijah goes

(S) Ahab tells Elijah that the drought and famine is his fault. Ahab did not want to admit that he

was wrong just as we often don't want to admit when we're wrong. Elijah wasn't afraid of

Ahab and he says that Ahab's sin has caused this famine. Elijah tells Ahab to send 400 of

his best prophets, prophets of Baal, a false God, to Mt. Carmel.

(2) Elijah and the Contest on Mt. Carmel (18:19-41)

The king, the people, and the prophets go up the mountain to meet Elijah. No one knows

what is going to happen. Elijah knows because God showed him what to do. Elijah

(G) challenges the prophets of Baal (READ from 18:21). There is only one true God, and he is

(O, P, E) known through his Son Jesus Christ. Elijah may have felt alone but he was

not alone. Explain set-up of sacrifices. Prophets of Baal go first and make their sacrifice up.

When nothing happens, they begin dancing around. They do this from morning until

evening. Elijah makes fun of them (18:27). Elijah takes his turn and calls the people near.

He makes up his sacrifice, has it doused three times with water, and prays a simple prayer.

Fire "whooms" out of heaven and burns up the sacrifice, the altar, and the water in the ditch.

The people fall on their faces and worship God. They knew then the Elijah was a true prophet

of the one true God. Elijah was a regular person just like you and me but the Lord did a great

(PAS) thing through him because he was not ashamed or afraid. The Lord worked Elijah's whole life

to prepare him for that day. What is the Lord preparing you to do? Then Elijah told the

people to take the prophets of Baal down to the river and kill them because they broke the law.

(3) Elijah Prays for Rain (18:42-46)

Elijah tells Ahab to go eat and drink because rain was coming. Elijah went to the top of the mountain and fall down on his face and knees and prayed that God would send rain. Seven times Elijah sent his servant to check for rain and finally, on the seventh time, he came back and reported that rain was coming. God hears and answers prayers. God didn't answer Elijah's prayers right away and he doesn't always answer our prayers right away. either. But we should remember God's wonderful promises in his Word, the Bible, that he will take care of us, give us what we need, and that he will save our family members when we pray for him. We must not only pray for the things he has promised, but also believe that he will keep his promises and do what has said he will do.

It began to rain and it rained and rained after three years without rain. Elijah sent his servant to tell the king to get back to his home before the rain stopped him

Conclusion: There is no God but the one true God and you must trust in his Son.

Most of the boys and girls in the world don't know the one true God and so they cannot trust in Jesus. Later we will build a bank for you to hold your mission offering that you can give to missionaries, people who go to other lands to tell people about Jesus.

(L) Maybe there is someone here who needs to trust in Jesus Christ. (Give instructions).