A Bible Story



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Elijah and the Prophets of Baal

Something unforgettable happened on Mount Carmel. Elijah showed the people that the Lord is the only God who hears and answers.



Everyone on Mount Carmel

King Ahab gathered the people of Israel on Mount Carmel. Four hundred fifty prophets of Baal also came. Elijah was waiting to show them who the true God was.



Whom Will You Follow?

Elijah asked the people, “If the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him.” But no one answered because they still did not know what decision to make.



The Test of the Two Altars

Elijah proposed preparing two altars with wood and an offering, but no fire. The prophets would call on Baal, and Elijah would call on the Lord. The God who answered by fire would be the true God.



A Morning with No Answer

The prophets of Baal prepared their altar and began to cry, “O Baal, hear us!” They called again and again, but no voice was heard and no fire appeared.



Many Hours Passed

At noon, Elijah told them to cry louder. They kept shouting and cut themselves, as they were accustomed to do. The afternoon passed, but there was no voice, no answer, and no sign.



Twelve Stones for the Lord

Then Elijah called the people near. He repaired the altar of the Lord with twelve stones, one for each tribe of Israel. Then he made a trench and arranged the wood and the offering.



Water over the Altar

Elijah asked them to pour four barrels of water over the altar. They did it a second time and a third. The water soaked the wood, ran over the stones, and filled the trench.



Elijah's Prayer

Elijah came near and prayed, "Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the Lord God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again." Everyone was silent and waited.



God Answered with Fire

Suddenly the fire of the Lord fell. It consumed the offering, the wood, the stones, the dust, and even the water in the trench. God had heard Elijah's prayer.



The Lord, He Is the God!

When the people saw what happened, they bowed in reverence and cried, “The Lord, he is the God!” They understood that idols did not hear, but the true God did.



A Very Serious Decision

Elijah ordered the prophets who had led the people away from God to be seized. They were taken to the brook Kishon, where their lives came to an end. It was a very serious consequence, told without showing violence.



The God Who Hears

On Mount Carmel, the people learned that the Lord hears and answers. This story also invites us to trust the true God and follow Him with all our heart.