

eLIJAH & THE PROPHETS OF Baal

The following script can be used to create a radio drama telling the story of Elijah and the Prophets of Baal found in 1 Kings 18. Encourage the children to fill in the story details with their own words.

SCRIPT:

AHAB: *(What does Ahab say to Elijah when he sees him approaching? Why does he accuse him of being a trouble maker?)*

ELIJAH: *(How does Elijah respond to Ahab? How does he explain why Israel has really had the drought?)*

AHAB: How can we be sure that you are telling the truth? Maybe Baal is controlling the rain and not your God.

ELIJAH: How long will you believe in Baal when God has proven himself so many times. He will prove himself again. Let's have a competition. We'll set up 2 altars and pray to our gods for fire. If Baal sends fire than he is God but if the Lord God sends fire than He is God!

SPORTS ANNOUNCER #1: We're on the top of Mt Carmel bringing you the play by play on the god competition. On one side we have the lone prophet of the Lord - Elijah. On the other side we have 450 prophets of Baal gathered. You heard it right folks - it's 450 against one.

SPORTS ANNOUNCER #2: *(Give some thoughts on who might be the winner at this point - remember that you wouldn't know the outcome yet!)*

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SPORTS ANNOUNCER #1: *(Give some more thoughts on who might be the winner at this point - remember that you wouldn't know the outcome yet!)*

SPORTS ANNOUNCER #2: Looks like the competition is beginning! The prophets of Baal are the first to begin the competition. I guess today we will find out once and for all if this god of fire can actually be counted on. Let's go right on the scene and get some of this action recorded.

PROPHETS OF BAAL: *(Provide a play-by-play on what the prophets of Baal do to try and get Baal's attention. Have a group of students record the sounds, shouting, prayers, actions of the prophets trying to get Baal's attention)*

ACTION #1: _____

ACTION #2: _____

ACTION #3: _____

ELIJAH: *(When Baal doesn't respond, Elijah begins to make fun of the prophets of Baal by saying things like - maybe your god is away or sleeping. Use your own words to describe what Elijah says to the prophets of Baal)*

SPORTS ANNOUNCER #1: Time has run out and the prophets of Baal appear to have lost the battle. Baal is nowhere to be seen and the altar still stands waiting for fire. Now it is time to see if we have a winner in the Lord God of Elijah. Elijah appears to be busy setting something up, let's talk to an Israelite on scene to get their view of what is happening.

ISRAELITE: *(Explain how Elijah is setting up his altar - 12 stones to represent the 12 tribes of Israel and also the pouring of water - many times! Describe watching this scene and explain what you would think about it all.)* _____

SPORTS ANNOUNCER #2: Silence everyone, it appears that Elijah is starting his turn. He's not dancing, he's not shouting, he's just looking up into the sky and.....it appears he is praying! Let's get the mic closer to hear what he is saying.

ELIJAH: *(Put Elijah's prayer into your own words - 1 Kings 18:36-37)*

SPORTS ANNOUNCER #1: *(Describe seeing fire come instantly from the sky)*

CROWD OF ISRAELITES: *(Create the response of the Israelites when they saw the fire and realized that the Lord is the one true God)*

SPORTS ANNOUNCER #2: AMAZING FOLKS! We saw it first hand. The Lord God of Jacob, Moses and Elijah is definitely the one true God. Those prophets of Baal had better run because I don't think God is going to want them around to lead His people astray ever again.

SPORTS ANNOUNCER #1: And now we have to go to the weather station - I hear a warning message coming through - something about a large rain storm coming to town. Can it be? Will we really have rain after all these years of drought?

SPORTS ANNOUNCER #2: Thanks for joining us - tune in next time for _____.