

ELIJAH AND KING AHAB DRAMA

After three and half years of no rain, God decided it was finally time to send rain on the dry land. So He sent Elijah, His messenger, to King Ahab. *(Elijah goes to center of room.)* **Elijah told King Ahab,** *(King Ahab joins him in center of room.)* **“Gather all of Israel, as well as the 450 false prophets of Baal and the 400 false prophets of Asherah to join me on Mt. Carmel.” Little did King Ahab realize that a great showdown was about to happen.**

So King Ahab gathered the people to Mt. Carmel. *(King Ahab huddles the students together and Elijah goes over to the group.)* **Then Elijah stood in front of them and said, “How long will you go back and forth between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him! But if Baal is your god, then follow him!” The people were completely silent.** *(Place hands over mouth in silence.)*

Elijah brought two bulls and instructed the prophets, “Choose a sacrifice and place it on your altar. I will choose a sacrifice and place it on this altar. The one who answers by setting fire to the wood is the one and only true God!” *(Elijah drags a bull to his side of the room while the students drag the other bull to their side of the room.)*

From morning until noon, the false prophets cried out to Baal, their god, but there was no answer. *(All the group cries out, “Help.”)* **In the afternoon, they cried out even louder.** *(Group cries out louder, “Help.”)* **Elijah just sat back and joked with them.** *(Elijah laughs out loud.)* **“Hey, maybe your god is sleeping and you need to shout a little louder,” he said. “Maybe he is in deep thought or perhaps he is traveling.” But as hard and as long as the false prophets cried out, their god did not answer.**

Then Elijah stepped forward with all eyes watching him. *(Crowd watches Elijah as he walks to opposite of room.)* **He repaired the altar of the Lord that had been torn down.** *(Elijah stacks rocks.)* **He placed wood on the altar and then placed the bull sacrifice on top.** *(Elijah throws wood on the altar and drags the bull onto it.)* **Then he dug a trench all around the altar.** *(He digs a ditch all around the altar.)* **“Fill four large jars with water, and pour the water over the offering and the wood.”** *(Four from the group pick up four jars of water and pour it over the altar.)* **When they finished,**

he instructed them to pour four more large jars of water over it. *(Again, four from the group pick up four jars of water and pour it over the altar.)* **“Now, do it a third time,” he ordered.** *(And again, four from the group pick up four jars of water and pour it over the altar.)* **The water soaked into the wood and ran down the altar into the trenches that surrounded the altar. Elijah created what seemed to be an impossible situation for fire to burn.**

Then Elijah stood in the front of all the people and prayed to God, *(Elijah looks toward Heaven.)* **“Lord, answer me so everyone will know You, O Lord. You are the one true God and I am Your servant. Turn these people’s hearts back to you.”**

Immediately the fire of the Lord flashed down from Heaven and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones, and the dust. It even licked up all the water in the trench! When all the people saw it, they fell face down on the ground and cried out, “The Lord—He is God! Yes, the Lord is God!” *(Everyone bows down and cries out, “The Lord He is God!”)*

Elijah challenged the people to make a choice. Were they going to keep worshiping other gods and idols or believe in the one true God? They couldn’t stay in the middle. There are still only two choices: a wrong path away from God or a right path following Him.