

Script – Elijah Meets Baal’s Priests

Ahab: [angry] Elijah! You have stopped the rain for three and a half years! Crops and rivers have dried up. People and animals are starving to death.

Elijah: No! You caused this! You forgot God and worshiped Baal. Gather the people together on the mountain. We will see if Baal or The Lord is the true God.

Narrator: On Mount Carmel, the people watched the priests of Baal prepare a sacrifice.

Baal Priest: [loud voice, uplifted] Send a fire and burn the sacrifice.

Narrator: But nothing happened. No fire, nothing.

Elijah: [amused] Pray louder! Perhaps Baal is on a trip or maybe asleep.

Narrator: The priest yelled and danced around the altar all day. [pause] But nothing happened. [pause] Then Elijah called the people together. He prepared a sacrifice to The Lord. He dug a trench around the altar.

Elijah: [speaking to his servant] Go down to the sea and get four large jars of water to pour on the sacrifice.

Narrator: The servant returned, carrying four large jars of water up the mountainside. They poured the water over the sacrifice and altar, just as Elijah had told them to do.

Elijah: [speaking to the servants] Now, go and get more water.

Narrator: The men returned and they poured four more large jars of water on the sacrifice.

Elijah: [speaking to the servants] Go and get more water.

Narrator: The men returned and again, poured the water on the sacrifice. They had poured twelve large jars of water on sacrifice. Everything was wet, even the trench was filled with water.

Person 1: [somewhat laughing] Baal did not answer. Elijah thinks that The Lord will?

Person 2: [laughing back] Even if The Lord does, surely fire could not burn the wet sacrifice.

Elijah: [kneeling with arms outstretched] Oh Lord, show these people that you are the true and only God Almighty.

Narrator: [excited] Suddenly, fire came down from heaven, burning the wet sacrifice and lapped up the water in the trench. The people were afraid. They fell to the ground.

Person 1 and Person 2: [bowing] The Lord is God! The Lord is God!

Elijah: Now you know that The Lord is the true God. Capture all of the false priests of Baal. These men have disobeyed The Lord and have taught lies.

Narrator: So the priests of Baal were all killed. [pause] Elijah sat down to rest.

Elijah: [to his servant] God has promised to send rain. Go. Look out over the sea for a rain cloud.

Servant: [goes and then comes back] There are no clouds in the sky.

Elijah: [bowing in prayer, pause, then lifting himself up, speaking to the servant] Go and look again.

Servant: [goes and then comes back] There are no clouds in the sky.

Narrator: Six times the servant went up and looked out for any clouds in the sky. Elijah knew that God would keep His promise of rain.

Elijah: Look again.

Servant: [shrugs shoulders, goes and then comes back] There is a small cloud, no bigger than a person's hand.

Elijah: [smiling] Go, tell Ahab to hurry home. It is going to rain.

Narrator: The tiny cloud grew and grew. Soon the sky was dark with rain clouds. The wind began to blow. The air felt damp. Elijah gathered up his coat and ran down the mountain towards home. [pause; offstage sound effects can be created by the students for the storm.] Ahab saw the dark clouds and jumped into his chariot. Then the rains came! Even Ahab had to admit that The Lord is the true God and answers prayer.

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