ELIJAH WANTED TO GIVE UP



Text Truth: God helps people.

Bible Verse: Do not be afraid. I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you. Isaiah 41:10

Bible Verse Paraphrase: I am your God. I will strengthen and help you.

Isaiah 41:10

1 KINGS 19:1-18

Elijah had been doing God's work for a long time. Elijah had preached to people and told them to stop their wrongdoing and return to God. Elijah had shown people God's great power.

Some people did not like the things Elijah did. People began to look for Elijah so they could get rid of him.

Elijah was afraid. He decided to run far away. First, Elijah went to the wilderness. There he sat down and prayed that he would die. Elijah said, "God, I give up. I've had enough! I'm no better than anyone else." Elijah lay down and slept under a tree.

While Elijah slept, an angel touched Elijah and said, "Get up and eat." Elijah looked around and saw some bread and a jug of water. Elijah ate and drank, then he lay down again.

The angel touched Elijah another time and told him to eat and drink more for the long journey ahead. Elijah obeyed the angel's instructions. Then Elijah walked for forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God. There he found a cave and spent the night.

Suddenly, Elijah heard someone ask, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

Elijah answered, "I have been busy doing God's work. But God's people continue to disobey God and worship false gods. Now my enemies are coming after me."

The angel told Elijah to stand on the mountain. Elijah did that, and he felt a great wind blow. Then Elijah felt the ground shake and he saw a fire. Then, Elijah heard a whisper. The soft voice asked, "Elijah, what are you doing here?"

It was God's voice. God said, "Elijah, go back." God had more work for Elijah.

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Elijah at the Cave

Elijah heard God's voice in the cave. God told Elijah to go to the entrance. There, Elijah experienced a great wind, an earthquake, and a fire! Follow the lines from the cave opening to each of these things.



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