



PARENT DEVOTION

BIG AND STRONG | WEEK 4

GOD OF MIRACLES

Answer me, LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again. – 1 Kings 18:37

ELIJAH ON MOUNT CARMEL

READ 1 KINGS 18

When things aren't going well, it can seem like an endless cycle with no end in sight! Maybe you've received bad news week after week or continually been let down by a friend or family member. Sometimes we start to feel alone and distant from God when times are hard. Does He really hear us? Can He really change things for the better? Yes!

The people of Israel had experienced three years of drought and famine, and there seemed to be no end in sight. Some cried out to their false god, Baal, to rescue them but to no avail. Finally, Elijah came along and challenged them as he prepared an altar to God, knowing that his was the true God who was strong enough to overcome the drought and famine.

Elijah prayed to God to reveal Himself. He immediately sent down a flash of fire. He sent a rainstorm in their direction. God showed His strength in a mighty way when it seemed like all hope was lost. However, Elijah knew that hope is never lost – he was courageous and stood up to everyone who told him that his God wasn't real.

When you feel alone or caught in a cycle of trials and trouble, remember the courage of Elijah and the strength of our God who is strong enough to overcome anything. When you call out to God through prayer, He will provide for you. Our miracles may not always involve fires and floods, but sometimes small miracles are found in a renewed sense of peace, a healing conversation with a friend, or a scripture God brings to your mind. God will do great things to show you His power and love for you.

QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT

1. Have you ever witnessed a miracle? Describe it.
2. How have you seen God's power at work?
3. What is one way God has shown you His love in times of trouble?