

# ENGAGE THE FAMILY

## DEVOTION GUIDELINES

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2. Read the Scripture passage together.
3. Discuss how you and your family members will apply the lesson.
4. Pray for each other and ask for God's help to apply what you have learned.

## READ TOGETHER 1 KINGS 19

1 Kings 19:9-18 <sup>9</sup>Then he came there to a cave and lodged there; and behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and He said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>10</sup> He said, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars and killed Your prophets with the sword. And I alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.”

<sup>11</sup> So He said, “Go forth and stand on the mountain before the Lord.” And behold, the Lord was passing by! And a great and strong wind was rending the mountains and breaking in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake.

<sup>12</sup> After the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of a gentle blowing. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. And behold, a voice came to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>14</sup> Then he said, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars and killed Your prophets with the sword. And I alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.”

<sup>15</sup> The Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus, and when you have arrived, you shall anoint Hazael king over Aram; <sup>16</sup> and Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint king over Israel; and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup> It shall come about, the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall put to death. <sup>18</sup> Yet I will leave 7,000 in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

## TALK TOGETHER.

1. Describe one of the loneliest moments of your life. How did you make it through such a difficult time?
2. Why did Elijah pray for the Lord to take his life? (1-4)
3. How did God miraculously care for Elijah? (v.5-8)
4. Why was Elijah upset with God? How did God reveal Himself to Elijah in the cave? (v. 9-14)
5. How did God turn Elijah's thinking around? What did God command Elijah to do? (v.15-21)

## CONVICTION

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## APPLICATION

What are some ways that you can focus more on God and less on your troubles based on this message?

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