

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

GOD HAS MADE A GREAT MANY PROMISES. THEY ARE ALL "YES" BECAUSE OF WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE. SO THROUGH CHRIST WE SAY "AMEN." WE WANT GOD TO RECEIVE GLORY. – 2 CORINTHIANS 1:20

PROMISE OF COMFORT

"EVEN THOUGH I WALK – THROUGH THE VALLEY – I WILL FEAR NO EVIL – YOU ARE WITH ME – YOUR ROD & STAFF – COMFORT ME"

PRETEND TO WALK

HANDS DIP LOW

SHAKE HEAD "NO"

HUG YOURSELF

HOLD A PRETEND STAFF

HANDS OVER HEART

STORY: ELIJAH COMFORTED BY GOD – 1 KINGS 19:1–18

DISCUSS:

READ THE BIBLE STORY FROM 1 KINGS OR FROM YOUR FAVORITE STORY BIBLE. HAVE YOUR KIDS RETELL THE STORY IN THEIR OWN WORDS & ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TOGETHER.

1. Elijah was sad, tired, and afraid—what gentle things did God give him to help?
2. God showed Elijah powerful things like wind, an earthquake, and fire. Why do you think God wasn't in those?
3. Where did Elijah finally hear God's voice? What does that teach us about God?
4. What are some gentle ways you feel comforted when you're scared or upset—like hugs, songs, or someone praying with you?
5. How can you be like God and bring gentle comfort to someone else this week?

BIG IDEA: GOD COMFORTS US IN GENTLE WAYS

DID YOU KNOW?

Mount Horeb (where Elijah heard God's whisper) is also called Mount Sinai—the same mountain where God gave Moses the Ten Commandments. In both stories, God showed His power, but in Elijah's story, He reminded us that His presence isn't always in the loud and dramatic. Sometimes, God comes in stillness.

SOMETHING TO NOTE:

God is strong enough to shake mountains, but He often chooses to show His love in quiet, gentle ways. This teaches us that God doesn't always need to "shout" to get our attention. Sometimes, the best way to feel His presence is by slowing down, being still, and listening for His whisper in our hearts.

PROMISES

PRAYER PROMPT:

"Dear God, thank You for showing us that You comfort us in gentle ways. When we feel tired, sad, or afraid, help us listen for Your whisper of love. Teach us to rest in Your care and to share Your gentle comfort with others. Amen."