



Fire on Mount Carmel

AT A GLANCE


Bible

1 Kings 18:20–39


Topic

God is real


Takeaway

Trusting God even when many think differently



5 minutes



Object: a piece of wet wood and a match



Preparation: 5 min



indoors or outdoors



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic "God is real". Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

1 min

Opening

Show the wet wood and try to light it with the match (outside, carefully). Ask: Why doesn't it work?

2 min

Story

The people of Israel are worshipping the idol Baal. Elijah challenges 450 prophets of Baal: who is the true God? Both sides build an altar. The prophets of Baal shout all day – nothing happens. Elijah even has water poured over his altar three times. Then he prays a short, honest prayer. Fire falls from heaven and burns everything up – even the water! Everyone cries: "The Lord is God!"

1 min

Thought

Elijah stood almost alone against many. But he knew: my God is real. He did not need shouting, just an honest prayer. Today too you can trust God when others laugh at your faith.

1 min

Question for all

When is it hard to stand by God when others think differently?



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Prayer to read aloud

Lord, you are the true God. Give me courage to trust you,
even when I feel alone. Amen.



For leaders

- Let a child read the prayer aloud – it builds confidence.
- Two or three answers to the question are enough. Nobody has to say anything.
- Leave the object in view until the end of the meeting.



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