

Is God there?



Bible verses:
1 Kings 18:22-27



Aim:
To learn that God always hears our prayers, even when the answers take time



Today's fruit:
Peace



Memory verse

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.'

(Deuteronomy 6:5 *NIV*)



Start it

Experiment with home-made invisible ink, eg from [scouts.org.uk](https://www.scouts.org.uk)

Talk about how even though we can't see something, it doesn't mean it isn't there.



Share it

Share a child-friendly version of 1 Kings 18:22-27 (eg [Biblegateway.com](https://www.biblegateway.com) *ERV/EASY*) or watch the following clip.

***Elijah on Mount Carmel* (Slapstick Theatre)**
by Saddleback Kids (3:17)

Watch: 0.00-2:25 '... but still there was no sound, no reply, no response.'

Sit in a circle and ask the group to share together:

- Who tried to light the fire first? Did it work? Why not?



Sing It

'Elijah' (Bible song for the whole family)
by Little Blessings Network (2:46)

'Great big God' (lyric video) by Kids Bids (2:54)



Action it

Games and activities to reinforce the Bible passage:

- **Make:** Make stick puppets using lollipop sticks and white cardboard, cut out people shapes and help the children create their own characters. They could choose characters from our Bible story and re-tell what's happened so far. Alternatively, they could make the puppets themselves and use them to play and talk about God in their lives.
- **Play:** Get creative with the invisible ink.

- **Pray:** Give a *Let's pray together* for handout to each child and ask them to write or draw something they'd like everyone to pray for. You can talk about what would be good things to pray about. If older children are also using *Explore It*, these prayer posters could be added to their prayer station/leaflet/church prayers too.
- **Try:** Create actions to help learn the memory verse together. Challenge the children to show someone at home and see if they can remember it for next week.