



**GOD WHISPERS
TO ELIJAH**
LESSON 4

WONDER TRUTH:
God Can Speak to Us in
Unexpected Ways

SCRIPTURE:
[1 Kings 19](#)

GOD'S BIG STORY:
Afraid for his life, Elijah runs into the wilderness where God cares for his needs. Then God tells Elijah to stand on the mountain, where He comes in the most unexpected way—a gentle whisper.

WORD OF WONDER:
Work together on
memorizing this verse!

[James 4:8a](#)

Come close to God, and God will come close to you.

Watch God's Big Story



Early
Elementary



Late
Elementary

Listen to
our Playlist



Wonder about it!

What's one thing you're curious about from this week's part of God's big story?

How can you live differently or respond to God with what you're learning?

**Family
Conversations**

Families, use this to prompt conversations at the table, in the car, and anywhere else your family experiences life together.

What are some ways God speaks to us—His people? (Ideas: through Scripture, other Jesus-followers, ideas and thoughts, and dreams. Everything God speaks always aligns with who He is!) • What are some ways God has spoken to our family? • What are some things that might keep us from hearing God's voice? • What can we do as a family to make space to hear God's voice?

**Interactive Prayer:
Praying with Motions**

Your family can use this prayer and the suggested motions as a reminder to be listening for God to speak in unexpected ways!

Dear God, (hands folded in prayer)

Help us look (hands around eyes like binoculars)

for You in unexpected places. (hands sweeping out)

Way up high (hands reaching to the sky)

Or way down low, (hands reaching down and touching toes)

Speak, Lord! (hands around mouth like a megaphone)

We're listening! (hands around ears)

We're ready to go! (feet marching in place)

Use this prayer before bedtime or any other time your family prays together. Before or after the interactive prayer, discuss the question: **How did God speak to you today?**

Walk It! Act It! Move It! - Bursting Balloons!

Without your child knowing, write a simple blessing for each family member on tiny slips of paper, such as "God knows you," "Jesus loves you," "The Holy Spirit leads you," and "I am a child of God." Put each slip inside a balloon; then blow up and tie off the balloons.

Invite your family to play a fun (and loud!) game. Use string to tie a balloon to each person's ankle. (Don't tell them about the slips inside!) On the count of three, try to pop each other's balloons by stepping on them. The last person to have his balloon popped wins! Once the balloons are popped, see if anyone noticed something unexpected when their balloon popped. (They probably noticed the slips of paper!) Encourage them to find all of the slips; then read the blessings out loud.

Say: **You expected the balloons to make a loud sound when they popped, but you probably didn't expect to find blessings inside! Similarly, Elijah may have expected the wind, earthquake, and fire, but He probably didn't expect God to speak in a soft whisper. God can speak in unexpected ways!**

