

Children's Service for Trinity 4

5th July 2020



Welcome and Introduction

When the earth shakes and the mountains tremble

Be still and know that I am God

When the sea roars and the ocean crashes

Be still and know that I am God

When nations fight and armies clash

Be still and know that I am God

When life is strange and I feel sad

Be still and know that I am God

Verses from Psalm 46

Thinking about God's prophet Elijah: A game of 'Elijah says.....'

Bible Story and reflection

Bible Story: God speaks to Elijah (1 Kings 19 verses 1-18)

Big Bible Storybook page 80

The Queen was angry. She was angry because Elijah had shown the people who God really was and she didn't like it. So, Elijah ran away and hid in a cave on a mountain.

"What are you doing here?" God asked.

"I'm unhappy" Elijah replied. "I've always tried my best to obey you, but other people don't want to worship you like I do. Some of them even want to hurt me."

"Go outside the cave," God told Elijah. "Stand on the mountain, I want you to see that I'm here with you." Elijah waited. Suddenly, there was a **strong wind**. Rocks began to move. But Elijah did not see God.

Then the **ground began to shake**. But Elijah did not see God.

Then a **fire began to blaze**. But Elijah did not see God.

Elijah felt a gentle breeze blowing all around him, **whispering very quietly**. He covered his face with his cloak. Elijah knew God was with him. He was sure God understood why he was unhappy. Then Elijah listened as God promised to help him.

Song: Wide, wide as the ocean

Prayer time

The response to
Lord in your mercy
Is Hear our Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Notices and conclusion

Notices

This is the end of the more child friendly part of the service, so please feel free to go, or to stay for a meditation on God's gentle offer of help to us all.

Bible Reading Matthew 11: 25-30

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Some thoughts about this reading

Silence

Blessing

May God keep you in all your days.
May Christ shield you in all your ways.
May the Spirit bring you healing and peace.
May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you
and pour upon you blessing and light.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

If you'd like to stay and chat we'll spend 5 minutes in break out rooms so we can chat in smaller groups.

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