

# Mentor/Student Discussion Guide

## Elijah

February 2022

\*Your goals in your time together today are check in with one another and to discuss the story Elijah the prophet.

\*Today you will need a pencil and a Connect Bible.

\*It is just as important for youth to get to know mentors as it is for mentors to get to know youth. Both mentor and student should answer the questions for one another.

\*Neither person should be made to feel that they should share more than they are comfortable sharing.

\*You do not need to make sure you have answered every question listed below. They are provided merely as a way to guide your discussion. Neither should you feel limited to these questions.

\*You will not be reporting answers to anyone. If it is helpful to write answers or take notes, feel free to do so knowing that it is not necessary.

\*Please take a moment to pray together at the beginning of your time together. You may pray your own prayer or use the following (spoken by one person or both together).

*Loving God, open our ears to hear your word. Open our hearts to accept it. Help us to share your word by the things we say. Help us to share your love by the things we do. Thank you for this time together today to learn and to grow together. Amen*

### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

#### Check in

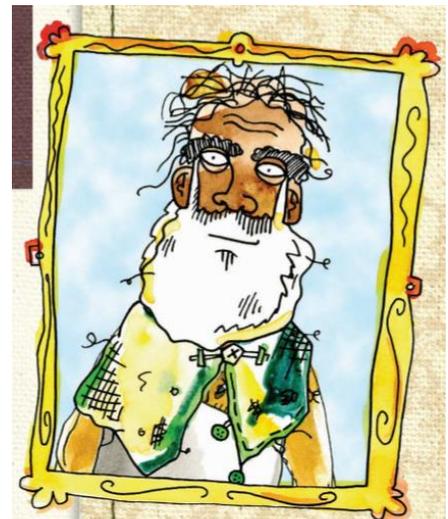
\*Check in about any events that have happened since the last time you met.

\*Each person share a high and a low (something good and something no-so-good that happened) from the previous week.

#### Video

\*What did you learn about Elijah that you didn't know before?

\*How would you describe Elijah to someone who didn't know his story?



#### **CONSIDER THIS**

Elijah's name means "Yahweh is our Creator." God frequently reminds Elijah and the Israelites that God is the source of life and strength through signs and miracles.

Paraphrased from Don C. Benjamin,  
*The Old Testament Story*, 227

## Bible

\*Read the following passages together. After each one, respond to the question:  
Where/how was God at work in this story?

-1 Kings 17:1-7

-1 Kings 17:8-16

-1 Kings 18:20-40

-1 Kings 19:11-18

-2 Kings 2:1-12

\*How hard was it to find God in Elijah's experiences? Why?

\*What are some times in your life that you have seen God at work? Was it easier to see God's action then or when you were reading Elijah's story? Why?

## Deeper Discussion

\*The ancient Israelites often had a hard time discerning if other gods were trustworthy or not. How do you determine if someone or something is trustworthy? What in Elijah's story helped to prove God as trustworthy?

\*When have you heard and trusted God? Was that difficult? Why or why not?

\*Why did Elijah need to pass the mantle of faithful leadership to Elisha?

\*Who has passed the mantle of faith on to you? To whom have you passed on the faith? How has that happened?

\*What do you think makes Elijah's story important, even for Christians today?

\*What wisdom have you gained from Elijah today?

\*How could you apply some of what you've learned today to your own life?

