

# Elijah on Mount Carmel

1 Kings 18

After Solomon died Israel split into two kingdoms – Judah and Israel – they were constantly at odds with one another and their kings often “did evil in the eyes of the Lord”, although there were some kings who “did what was right in the eyes of the Lord”. Ahab was king of Israel and he was one of the most evil kings and he was married to Jezebel who was also wicked and they both worshipped the false god Baal. God used Elijah to try to persuade Ahab to do right and to turn back to him.

Elijah suggested a ‘competition’ between the false god Baal and the true God Yahweh. So they all gathered on Mount Carmel where the prophets of Baal and Elijah set up sacrifices but did not set them alight.

Whichever god set fire to the sacrifice was proved to be the one true God.

In this Superbook video some twenty-first century time-travellers (and a robot!) watch what happens:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P8rZ-0i81zs>

## 1. Our fourteenth decoration for the Jesse Tree

Our decoration to represent Elijah is a bonfire. Ah! I hear you say, isn’t that the same as the burning bush? Well it could be, but you wouldn’t want to be predictable would you?

So yes you could do another twiggy bush with bits of sweet paper in it and that would be great. Or you could do something different.

So you could use clay or plasticine and mould a fire, or you could forget the twigs and make a fire of red and orange and gold and yellow sweet papers and foil, or you could use materials of different colours gathered together into a bouquet-type thing, or, if you’re a Lego whiz try a Lego bonfire, or again try an edible bonfire. Or you might want to make a picture: draw, paint, collage, whatever.

Whatever you do be creative! Hang the finished product on your Jesse Tree (if you’ve not eaten it!) and don’t forget that photo!



## 2. Word Search and Crossword

On the other page is a wordsearch and a crossword relating to this story.

I apologise that there is some American spelling – I did not design it!

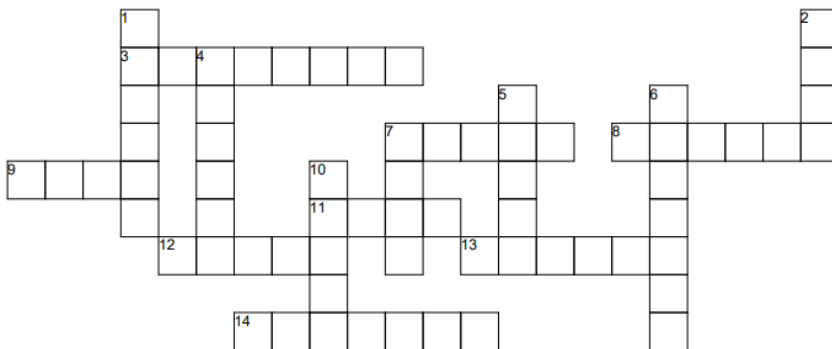
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| jezebel    | offering    | water   | altar  |
| true       | asherah     | baal    | idols  |
| worship    | wisdom      | david   | obey   |
| temple     | built       | prayed  | heaven |
| bull       | mountcarmel | priests | trust  |
| isrealites | fire        | contest | elijah |
| ahab       | prophet     | god     | king   |
| soloman    |             |         |        |

## Elijah and the Prophets of Baal

When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, "The Lord—he is God! The Lord—he is God!" 1 Kings 18:39 (NIV)



### ACROSS

3. To be in a state of rest.
7. Large animals used for offerings to God.
8. Spoke to God.
9. Flames or a burning sensation.
11. A wicked king of Israel.
12. To yell with a loud voice.
13. A ditch.
14. The early part of a day.

### DOWN

1. The nation of the followers of God.
2. Pieces from a tree used to build a fire.
4. The name of the prophet of God.
5. A table or flat-topped block where offerings are placed.
6. One who tells people about God.
7. The false god the people were worshipping.
10. A colorless, liquid that forms the seas, lakes, and rivers.