

2 Timothy 4. 16-17

never alone

You'll never walk alone!

The words of the song, "You'll never walk alone", were written in 1945 by Oscar Hammerstein for the musical, 'Carousel'. In 1963 a recording of the song by a pop group called **Gerry and the Pacemakers** was number 1 in the UK charts for 4 weeks.

Since then it's been adopted as the official 'club anthem' by the supporters of a number of football clubs. Tick the box alongside each football club whose supporters sing this song as their 'anthem'.



Celtic



Man City



Real Madrid



West Ham



Everton



Liverpool

WHEN YOU WALK THROUGH A STORM
HOLD YOUR HEAD UP HIGH
AND DON'T BE AFRAID OF THE DARK

AT THE END OF A STORM, THERE'S A GOLDEN SKY
AND THE SWEET SILVER SONG OF A LARK

WALK ON THROUGH THE WIND
WALK ON THROUGH THE RAIN
THOUGH YOUR DREAMS BE TOSSED AND BLOWN

WALK ON, WALK ON
WITH HOPE IN YOUR HEART, AND

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Aberdeen



Barcelona



Rangers



Hibs



Paris SG



Hearts



Borussia Dortmund



Man Utd



Dundee



Chelsea

serving Jesus can sometimes be quite lonely

today's passage

There were times when Paul felt very alone:

".. no one came to my support," he wrote, "but everyone deserted me .."

This worksheet looks at the life of another man, long before Paul was alive – another man who loved the Lord and who sometimes felt very alone.

Read

2 Timothy 4.16-17

¹⁶At my first defence, **no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me.** May it not be held against them. ¹⁷But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it.

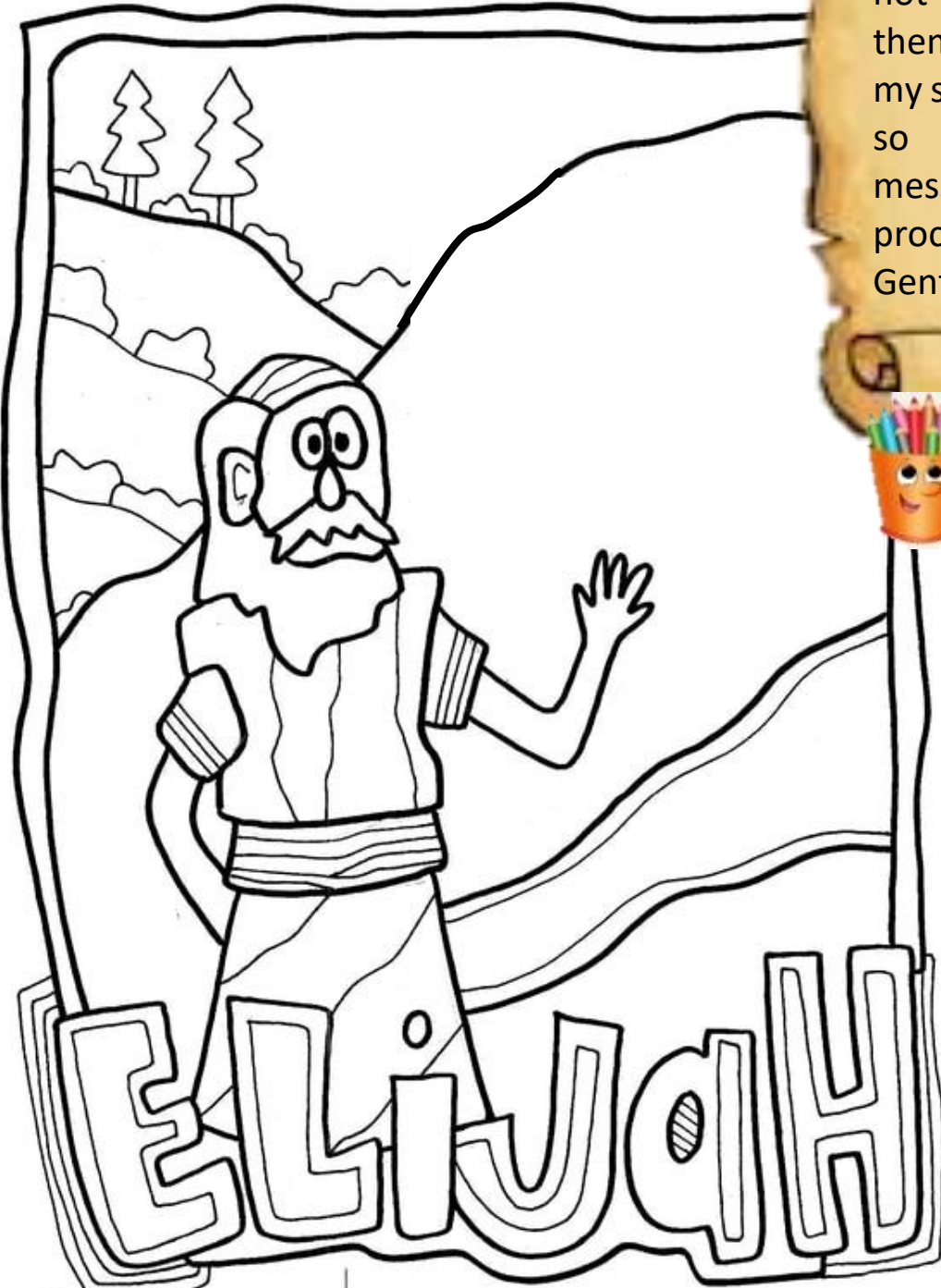


When you see this graphic of the cup of crayons, colour in the words or the picture

Elijah was a prophet whom God had called to bring His Word to the people of Israel at a time when they were ruled by a king who, along with his wife, led the people away from the Lord.

God called Elijah (about 850 to 900 years before Jesus) to go and challenge the people to stop following other gods and to get back to worshipping the Lord.

Elijah wasn't very popular – and there were times when he felt very alone.



so lonesome I could cry

Elijah was sad that the people had all followed the king of Israel (a man called Ahab) and his wicked wife (she was called Jezebel) in turning away from the Lord: and sad, too, that the king wasn't prepared to say sorry to God.

Elijah went far away, back to the mountain where God had first given His law to Moses (Mount Horeb). It was a long, long journey and Elijah was tired. He went into a cave.

And then ..

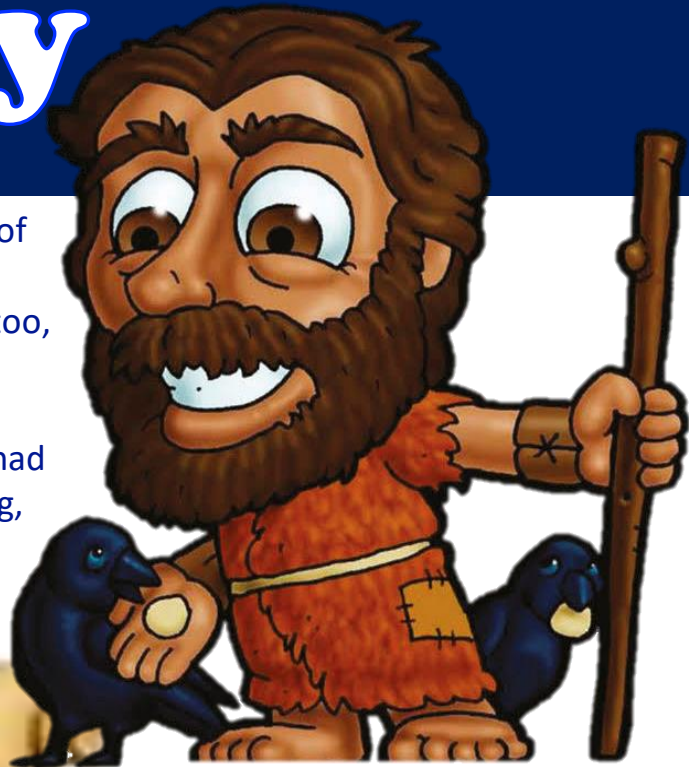
Read **1 Kings 19.9b-13**

And the word of the Lord came to him: 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'

¹⁰ He replied, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am **the only one left**, and now they are trying to kill me too.'

¹¹ The Lord said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.'

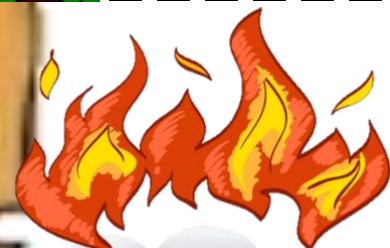
Then a great and powerful **wind** tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an **earthquake**, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake came a **fire**, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle **whisper**. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.



When the Lord asked Elijah what he was doing there, Elijah said that he was "**the only one left**".

He felt very alone.

The Lord showed him 4 things.
Write down what Elijah saw.



never alone!

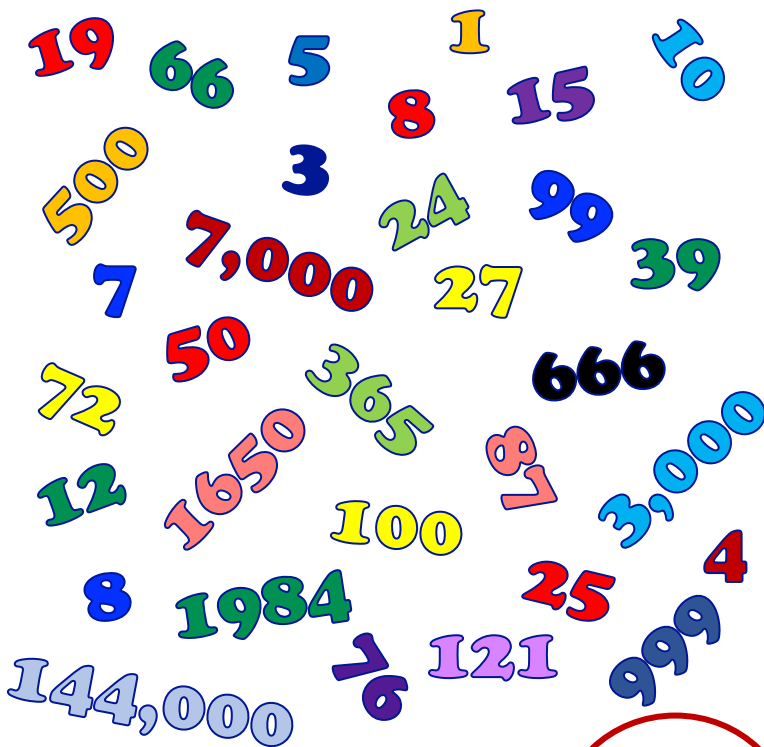


Elijah needed to learn that the Lord doesn't always work in dramatic ways – nor always immediately.

And he needed to learn, too, that he wasn't as alone as he thought he was.

How many people did the Lord tell Elijah he was to go and 'anoint'?

Pick out the correct number from the numbers below and write the answer here ..



How many people were there who hadn't turned away from the Lord? Again, pick out the correct number and write it in the circle here

Read

1 Kings 19.13b-18

Then a voice said to him, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'

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¹⁵ The Lord said to him, 'Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. ¹⁷ Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. ¹⁸ Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel – all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him.'

Those who trust in the Lord are never alone: Jesus promised that He will be with His people always.

There were a lot of other believers at the time of Elijah – he just didn't realise they were there!

Remember –



- Jesus will always be there with you to help you, whatever the problem you face: ask Him for help and trust Him to help you!
- Joining with other believers at church reminds you that you're not alone in trusting Jesus – and it reminds you too that He's there! So make being at worship a top priority!





Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet. Speak to God about what you've learned.

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for reminding me that You're always with me.

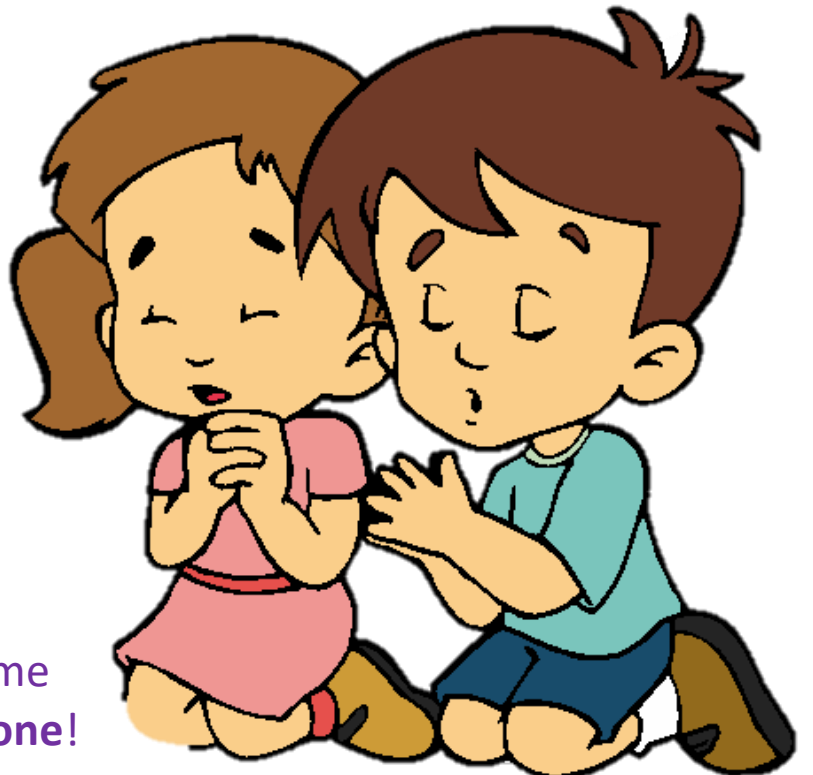
Sometimes I feel quite alone. It feels like no one really understands what I'm thinking or feeling.

It's hard when my friends laugh at me because I've told them I trust in You and I go to church.

It must have been hard for Elijah when he was the only one who seemed to be speaking up for you: it must have been hard for him to think that he was the only one left.

Help me to remember that You have promised **never** to leave Your people; help me to remind myself day by day that You have made a promise **always** to be with us!

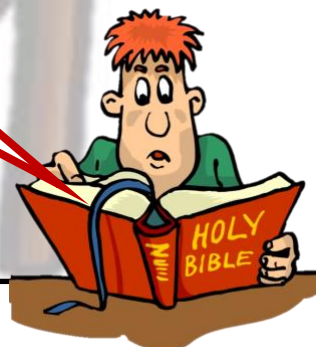
Thank You, too, for all the people at church – seeing them always helps me to remember that **I'll never walk alone!**



Today's verse for you to try and remember!



“Surely I am with you
always, to the very
end of the age”
Matthew 28.20



A WORDSEARCH ..

You can read the full story of how Elijah challenged the people of Israel on Mount Carmel in 1 Kings 18.16-39

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"IF THE LORD IS GOD, THEN FOLLOW HIM."

1 KINGS 18:21



ELIJAH

