

2 Kings 1.1-18

messed up!

I.

WARNING SIGNS



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

Road signs which are in the shape of a triangle are **WARNING** signs. They're letting you know that you should be careful because of the road layout or because of some hazard which lies ahead. They will almost always have a red border.

See if you can work out what the signs below are warning you about!



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Today's reading starts with some 'warning signs' which let people know that things weren't right.

A rebellion: a fall: and a poor decision by the leader.

Read **2 Kings 1. verses 1-2**

After Ahab's death, Moab rebelled against Israel. ² Now Ahaziah had fallen through the lattice of his upper room in Samaria and injured himself. So he sent messengers, saying to them, 'Go and consult Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, to see if I will recover from this injury.'

Read

2 Kings 1. 9-12 🎨

3. sinners are stubborn

⁹ Then he sent to Elijah a captain with his company of fifty men. The captain went up to Elijah, who was sitting on the top of a hill, and said to him, 'Man of God, the king says, "Come down!"'

¹⁰ Elijah answered the captain, 'If I am a man of God, may fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men!' Then the fire fell from heaven and consumed the captain and his men.

¹¹ At this the king sent to Elijah another captain with his fifty men. The captain said to him, 'Man of God, this is what the king says, "Come down at once!"'

¹² 'If I am a man of God,' Elijah replied, 'may fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men!' Then the fire of God fell from heaven and consumed him and his fifty men.

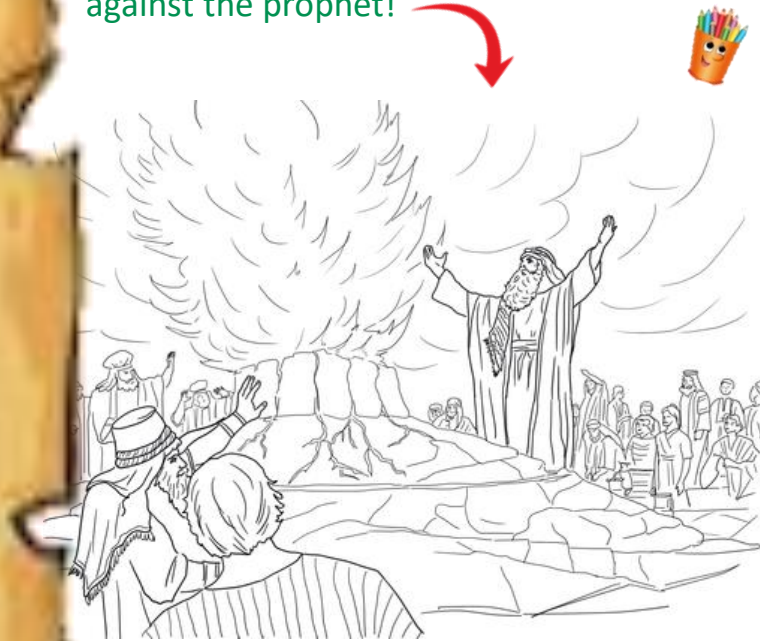
The king said, 'That was Elijah the Tishbite.'

The king didn't like the message which the Lord had spoken through the prophet.

He wanted to put the prophet in his place.

But it's never a good idea to stand against the Lord .. as the king and his men started to find out!

They should have remembered what happened the last time the king came up against the prophet!



You can read that story in **1 Kings 18.16-39**.



Fire

**with a
difference
(or 5)**

There are 5 differences in the two pictures.

Can you spot all 5 differences?

Answer on last page

judgment

4. is certain



By the time the third group of soldiers was being sent by the king to the prophet, there were at least some people who had figured out what was going on!



The third captain could see that it's not a clever idea to mess with the Lord!

He could see that because the people of Israel had ignored the Lord and gone their own way, the Lord was not pleased with them and His 'judgment' was falling on them.

He did the only sensible thing. He begged for ...

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That's what the king should have done as well!

In **1 Kings 18.38** the fire fell on the sacrifice, not the people.

The Bible teaches us that Jesus came to be the sacrifice for our sins. If we turn our backs on Jesus and ignore what He has done for us, then the fire of the Lord's righteous judgment will fall on us.

And that'll be a dreadful way for your life to end!



Read

2 Kings 1. 13-17

¹³So the king sent a third captain with his fifty men. This third captain went up and fell on his knees before Elijah. 'Man of God,' he begged, 'please have respect for my life and the lives of these fifty men, your servants!' ¹⁴See, fire has fallen from heaven and consumed the first two captains and all their men. But now have respect for my life!

¹⁵The angel of the Lord said to Elijah, 'Go down with him; do not be afraid of him.' So Elijah got up and went down with him to the king.

¹⁶He told the king, 'This is what the Lord says: is it because there is no God in Israel for you to consult that you have sent messengers to consult Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron? Because you have done this, you will never leave the bed you are lying on. You will certainly die!' ¹⁷So he died, according to the word of the Lord that Elijah had spoken.



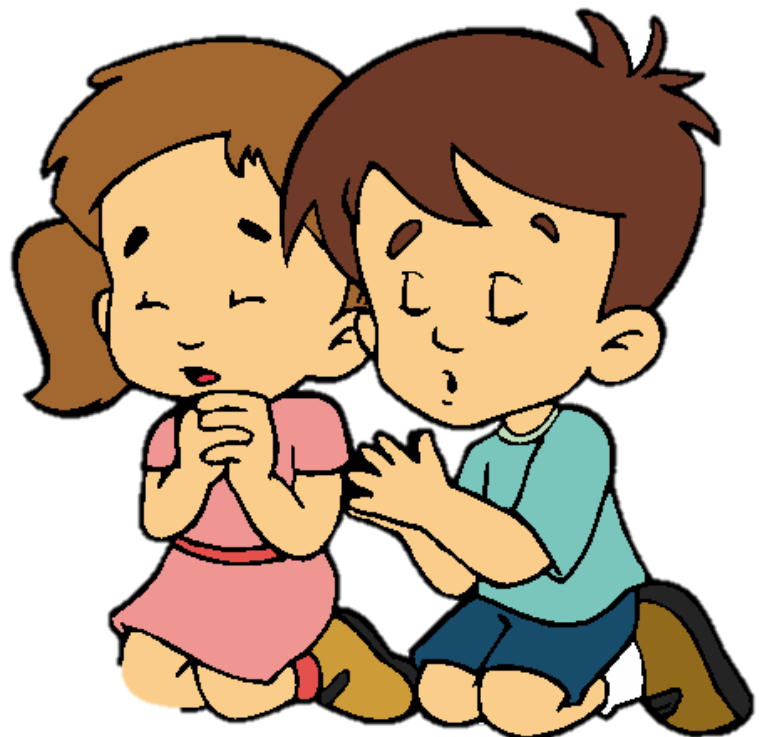
Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet. Speak to God about what you've learned.

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for all that You teach us from the Bible.

Help me to remember from stories like this that when we ignore You and go our own way .. things go badly wrong.

Thank You, that You came to provide a way of forgiveness – because I can see that we all need that: like everyone else I often ignore You!

Help me to be a good learner.
Help me, too, to show my friends as well that You are the one they need to be trusting.



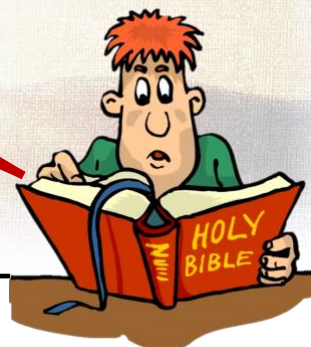
Thank You, Jesus, that You took my place and bore the judgment of God on all our sin and wrongdoing.

Help me through this week to serve You well.

Today's verse for you to try and remember!

“Is it because there is
no God in Israel ...?”

2 Kings 1.3



A WORDSEARCH ..

Here's a Wordsearch taken from the story of Elijah on Mount Carmel in 1 Kings 18

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B A A L E S D L T R U E C Z K R O
G R W X A S O L O M A N T H A E B
F V T P V W A V P I H S R O W T E
P B E A E I T E M P L E W N F A Y
B U H L N S K Y N A J B H A L W O
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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



For you to COLOUR IN

Elijah on Mount Carmel



Here
are the
answers to
the puzzle on p.3

