

## **March 26**

### 1 Kings 17:1-24

In these verses, we begin the story of the great prophet Elijah. Here, he travels to Zaraphath, where miracles happen.

#### *Question to Consider:*

The jar of flour and the jug of oil were not used up, and that defies rational explanation. Does God still do things today that defy explanation? Can you think of an example?

#### *Prayer:*

All powerful God, with you all things are possible. Increase my faith so that I may believe in you, even when what you do seems to defy explanation. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

## **March 27**

### 1 Kings 18:1-15

This passage tells of Elijah's encounter with the prophet Obadiah, and of the extreme fear Obadiah felt.

#### *Question to Consider:*

Was Obadiah justified in his fear? Would you have been afraid in the same situation?

#### *Prayer:*

Merciful God, forgive me when I feel afraid. Most of the time, I feel fear because I don't understand what is going on around me. When I feel fear, help me to find stronger faith. I pray in the name of my Savior Jesus, Amen.

## **March 28**

### 1 Kings 18:16-29

This is the first section of the story of Elijah on Mount Carmel. In this passage, we read of Elijah challenging the prophets of the false god Baal.

#### *Question to Consider:*

What are some false gods that we encounter today? In other words, what do people worship today instead of God?

#### *Prayer:*

Almighty God, there are so many things that compete for my attention and some of them can even become the focus of my life, maybe even an object of worship. Help me, Lord, to keep my heart and spirit focused on you. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

## **March 29**

### 1 Kings 18:30-46

This passage tells the second part of the story of Elijah on Mount Carmel. In these verses we read about God making His presence clear to the people.

#### *Question to Consider:*

How much faith did Elijah need to have in order to do what he did on Mount Carmel? Do you have that much faith?

#### *Prayer:*

Loving God, I say with the disciples, "increase my faith." In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

## **March 30**

### 1 Kings 19:1-9a (first part of verse 9)

This passage tells of Jezebel's threat against Elijah, and of his fear.

#### *Question to Consider:*

After successfully facing 450 prophets of Baal, Elijah fled in fear because of Jezebel's threat. Why do you think he fled in fear so quickly after God had demonstrated his presence and power?

#### *Prayer:*

Gracious God, I know how it feels to have strong faith one moment, and then feel threatened and fearful the next. Through your Holy Spirit, strengthen me Lord, so that my faith remains strong at all times. I pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

## **March 31**

### 1 Kings 19:9b (second part of verse 9) – 18

In these verses, we read of Elijah's encounter with God and the comfort and encouragement he received.

#### *Question to Consider:*

Does it surprise you that God was present to Elijah in the silence, rather than in some dramatic way? Do you ever give yourself time to be silent? If you did, is it possible that you, too, might hear the voice of God?

#### *Prayer:*

Compassionate God, you tell me through the psalmist to "be still and know" that you are God. It is hard to be still, to be silent, so I need your help. Help me, Lord, to have some times of silence in my life, and help me to listen for your voice. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.