

# ELIJAH

Is there a pattern in the artwork below? Do you see any patterns in the stories we've been reading? Will you follow a pattern when you draw in the faces on the remaining pumpkins?



## I KINGS 17:1-16

God sends the prophet Elijah to tell the evil King Ahab that it will not rain until Ahab changes his ways. Then God tells Elijah to flee to the Jordan River, where ravens will feed him. When the brook that's sustaining him dries up from the drought, God sends him to a small village to ask a poor widow for help. Elijah finds her and asks for food and water, even though she's certain her family will soon starve. Elijah assures her that her small jars of meal and oil will not run out. Miraculously, the jars do continue to be replenished, and each day she has enough.

### TALK ABOUT THIS:

Have you noticed any patterns in these stories? Things that happen over and over again? Notice how often the characters are forced to let go of what's familiar in order to embrace a deeper trust in God: Adam and Eve leave the garden to make their way in the world. Abraham and Sarah leave their home and journey toward a land that God hasn't revealed to them yet. Joseph is forced from his home and into slavery in Egypt. Moses leaves his pastures to confront Pharaoh. The Israelites leave the familiarity of Egyptian slavery and wander through the wilderness. These people leave the familiar behind to find themselves in God's hands. Is that true in your story?



### SURPRISE

Are we supposed to confront "evil" the way Elijah confronts Ahab? How do you know your "truth" is more true than someone else's truth?



### RELATIONSHIP

Does God provide for Elijah and the widow? Does God provide for you, and for all of us, too? What happens when you consider how many people are starving in the world? Is this an invitation for us to be a miracle for someone else? What does that mean?

## FAITH5

A BEDTIME ROUTINE FOR FAMILIES

**SHARE** your highs and lows from the day.

**READ** the Bible story.

**TALK** about how the story relates to your highs and lows.

**PRAY** for one another's highs and lows.

**BLESS** one another.

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