

WRM Season 2 Session 2 Storytelling Puppet Script and Pictures for Puppets

Speaking Characters:

Elijah

Non-speaking parts:

Cloud with mouth blowing air

Earthquake pounding sounds

Shepherd to shake the camera

Clouds with lightning

Popsicle “people” and props needed:

Paper that says Outside Cave | Inside Cave

Elijah

Cloud with mouth blowing wind

Cloud with lightning

Puppet Play

Elijah: Nothing is going right! I'm so upset! I think I'm going to just sit in this cave and feel sorry for myself.

[bounce around for a few seconds]

Elijah: I can't get comfortable. And I can't keep thinking about Queen Jezebel who wants to kill me. I mean I can understand being upset. But wanting to kill me? I did her a favor! I showed her that the Bail Prophets were fake! But instead, she just wants to kill me. What can I possibly do? It's hopeless! I just can't hold still, I'm so upset!

[bounce around back-and-forth for a few seconds]

Elijah: I should probably pray. But right now I can't focus. I just keep thinking about work! Augh!

[bang head against cave wall]

Elijah: Alright, this is what I need to do. I need to tell God what I'm upset about. God, I'm upset that I do your work and I do it well, but what happens? What's the reward for doing your work and doing it well? What do I get for my time and energy? I get death threats! And not just from angry, toothless peasants, God-bless 'em, but from the Queen! And the people don't care. They don't listen. This is so USELESS!

[holds still; then tilts as if listening]

Elijah: I just had a thought. A thought that said I was paying attention to the wrong things. And that I should go outside and see what's happening out there.

[move to “outside of cave” part of the sheet]

Elijah: Alright! I'm outside the cave! What do you want to show me!

[Have a cloud with a mouth blowing move in front of Elijah. Have child making blowing sounds. Elijah tilts away from the cloud]

Elijah: Oh my! That is a strong wind!

[cloud goes away]

Elijah: I don't know what the point of that was

[Shake Elijah violently. Have student(s) pound on the stage. Have shepherd gently shake the camera.]

Elijah [gently pound on your own chest when talking to simulate talking in an earthquake]: Why is the earth shaking? Is the world ending? Could I be so lucky?

[earth stops shaking. Stop pounding on chest and on the stage. Stop shaking camera.]

Elijah: Rats. I guess I'm not that lucky!

[Hold up clouds with lightning bolts coming out of them. Have students yell "Boom" for thunder effects]

Elijah: Whoa! The sky is on fire!

[pull clouds down; stop with the thunder effects]

[Be absolutely still; Hold Elijah perfectly still for five seconds; then tilt him as if he is listening; hold for another 5 seconds]

Elijah: I feel peaceful, strangely enough. I can tell that God is present, has always been present with me. I feel thankful and give thanks for this day, even though I've been upset. I give thanks to God for this life I live. I give thanks that even though the people of Israel do not listen to me, I can still listen to God. I can tell that if I sit still now and be silent, I will receive thoughts from God.

[hold still for 5 seconds]

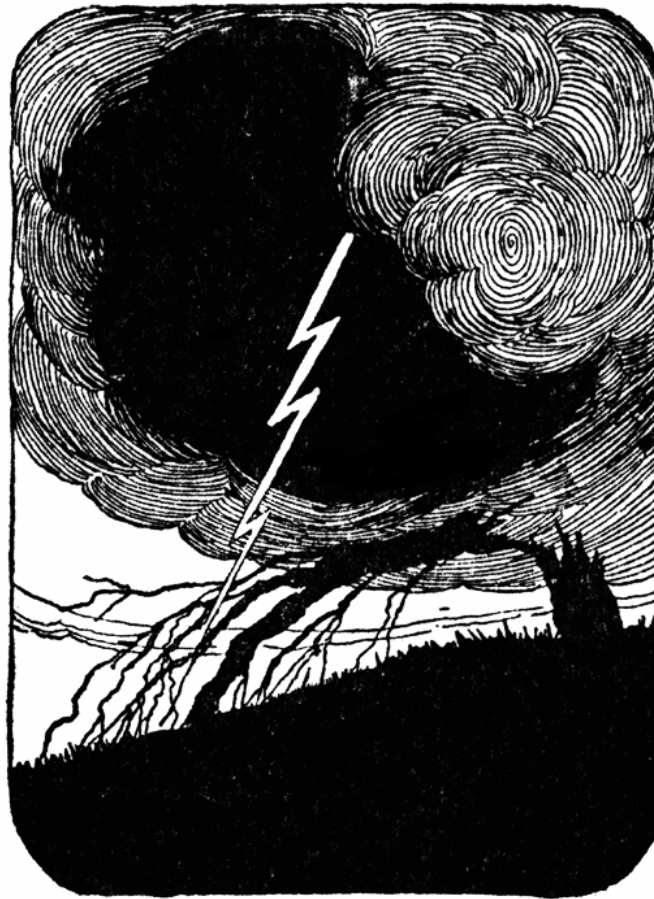
Elijah: Really? Are you sure? You want me to anoint Jehu? He's kinda ... tiny...

{hold still for another 5 seconds]

Elijah: Ok, I will go home and anoint the kings of Aram and Israel. And I will anoint the Elisha as my student. I am still not happy about the Israelites, but I am thankful to be able to have something to do other than run away. [bounces off-stage]



Elijah



OUTSIDE THE CAVE

|

INSIDE THE CAVE