

# Then What? Role Play

## Materials

- ☐ Then What? Role Play Script (following pages)
- ☐ Robe and belt or cloak for Elijah
- ☐ Crown for Ahab
- ☐ Jewelry for Jezebel
- ☐ Plate and cup
- ☐ Blanket and chairs to make a cave
- ☐ Playground balls or beach balls
- ☐ Optional: props and/or other simple costume pieces

## Instructions

*Print one copy of the Then What? Role Play Script for your use. Choose four students to act out the roles: King Ahab, Queen Jezebel, Elijah, and angel. Have them put on costumes if available.*

*You or an assistant will narrate and guide the actors. As you narrate, ask the students in the audience each "Then What?" question and allow them to tell you what should happen next or what the actor should say according to the lesson. Then have the actors act it out and/or say the lines.*

## Suggested Discussion

Elijah worked hard at Mt. Carmel to help the people see who the real God is. But then, the queen threatened to kill Elijah, and he ran for his life.

Elijah felt tired, alone, and afraid. When he told God how he felt, God understood Elijah's feelings and helped him. God gave him food and water and encouraged him to not give up; God still had work for Elijah to do. Finally, Elijah continued on his way ready to obey.

# Then What? Role Play Script

**Narrator:** After Elijah destroyed the prophets of the false god Baal, King Ahab hurried home.

**Then what did Ahab do?** *He told Jezebel that Elijah killed the false prophets of Baal.*

**King Ahab:** Jezebel, guess what! Elijah just killed all the prophets of Baal!

**Narrator:** The queen was not happy to hear this news. She worshipped Baal and was angry that the false prophets had been destroyed.

**Jezebel:** I will send a message to Elijah. I will hunt him down. He must die!

**Then what did Elijah do when he got Jezebel's message?** *Ran for his life.*

**Elijah:** Oh no! I must run away! *(Runs in place.)*

**Narrator:** So, Elijah left there and ran for his life away from Jezebel. Finally, he came to a place to rest and sat down by a tree. He felt so alone and afraid. Soon he fell asleep. *(Elijah lies down and closes eyes.)*

**Then what happened?** *An angel brought food and water.*

**Narrator:** While Elijah was sleeping, an angel came. He touched Elijah, and Elijah woke up.

**Angel:** *(Sets plate and cup by Elijah then touches Elijah.)* Get up and eat.

**Narrator:** Elijah woke up. When he looked around he saw a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water.

**Then what did Elijah do?** *He ate the food and went back to sleep.*

**Elijah:** *(Pretends to eat and drink, then yawns and lies down again.)*

**Narrator:** Elijah ate the delicious food, but he was still so tired that he fell back to sleep.

**Then what happened a second time?** *The angel came again with food and water.*

**Narrator:** While Elijah was sleeping, the angel came a second time.

**Angel:** *(Touches Elijah.)* Get up and eat. You need strength.

**Elijah:** *(Sits up and pretends to eat and drink.)*

**Then what did Elijah do?** *He traveled for 40 days and nights to Mount Horeb.*

**Narrator:** Elijah got up and got ready to go on his journey to Mount Horeb.

**Elijah:** *(Stands up and stretches then walks around the room once.)*

**Then what did Elijah do at the mountain?** *Found a cave and went inside.*

**Narrator:** When Elijah got to the mountain, he found a cave and went inside.

**Elijah:** *(Crawls into the blanket/chair “cave,” if available, or just sits down.)*

**Narrator:** The Lord spoke to Elijah, and Elijah told God how sad he felt.

**Elijah:** I feel all alone.

**Narrator:** Then God told Elijah to go outside the cave.

**Elijah:** *(Stands up and leaves the cave.)*

**Then what happened? What did God send?** *A great wind.*

**Narrator:** God sent a great wind that tore the mountains and caused the rocks to break apart! *(Have students bounce balls around the cave area where Elijah is standing.)* But God was not in the wind.

**Then what happened? What did God send next?** *He sent an earthquake.*

**Narrator:** God sent an earthquake, but God was not in the earthquake. *(Have Elijah wobble around as if trying to stand on shaky ground.)*

**Then what happened? What did God send next?** *He sent a fire.*

**Narrator:** God sent a fire, but God was not in the fire.

**Then what did Elijah hear?** *He heard a whisper. (Have students whisper, “Elijah.”)*

**Narrator:** God spoke to Elijah in a whisper. Elijah covered his face with his cloak and listened to the Lord.

**Elijah:** *(Gets down on knees and wraps cloak or robe around himself.)*

**Then what did Elijah do?** *He left to follow God’s instructions.*

**Narrator:** God encouraged Elijah and gave him instructions. Elijah left the mountain ready to keep on serving the Lord.

**Elijah:** *(Walks away.)*

*End of skit.*