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Elijah the prophet was in trouble. He had just come from a contest to prove God is the one true God. Of course God had proved He is the only true God. But now the queen was mad at Elijah. The queen believed in false gods. Now she was going to have Elijah killed!

Elijah ran to the desert to hide. Soon he was so tired and sad that he sat under a bush and fell asleep. He wanted to die! But an angel came and gave Elijah some bread and a jar of water. Now Elijah felt stronger! He walked for 40 days and nights! He came to a cave in the mountains.

God talked to Elijah again. God told Elijah to stand out on the mountain, so God could speak to him. Elijah did what God said. First, a powerful wind blew. It ripped the rocks off the mountain! Then a huge earthquake shook the mountain. After that, a fire swept across the mountain. But Elijah didn't hear God's voice when any of those things happened! Finally, Elijah heard a soft, gentle whisper.

Elijah put his coat over his face and listened to God. God told him to go find a man named Elisha. Elisha would be God's next prophet. Elijah was glad to hear God's message!