

Sola Publishing Children's Message Pentecost 12 – Year B		SOLA 
God Takes Care of Elijah		
Readings	1) 1 Kings 19:1-8 2) Ephesians 4:17-5:2 3) John 6:22-35	
Scripture Focus	1 Kings 19:1-8	
Take Away		
Aids (pics, props, etc.)	https://www.freebibleimages.org/photos/elijah-horeb/	
Message Long before Jesus was born, the Bible tells us about a king, Ahab, and his wife, Jezebel. They tried very hard to turn God's people away from him and get them to worship Baal, a fake god. Even the fake God had prophets (people who told everyone what Baal wanted them to do). Ahab and Jezebel did not like the true God. They were always trying to get God's people to trust and worship Baal instead of God and did a lot of things to make God mad like building something called an Asherah pole in the middle of the city. It was like a big sign saying, "We don't want your God, we worship Baal here." Jezebel hated God's prophets and was very, very bad. She was so bad that she had all of God's prophets killed – except one, Elijah. Jezebel couldn't believe it! She told him, "I will kill you too by this time tomorrow!" Elijah was afraid. He was SO afraid that he ran for his life into the wilderness! He felt terrible and thought it was his fault that all the other prophets died and he didn't. He was super scared and tired and hungry and didn't know what to do. [What do you think he should do?] He talked to God and said, "I am done. It's too much for me. I failed. Please, let me die and go to heaven." Then he lay down under a tree and fell asleep. Here's the best part! One of God's angels was there with him. After a good sleep, the angel touched him and said, "Wake up and eat." When Elijah looked, he saw a cake of bread on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and went back to sleep. Later, the angel touched him again and said, "Wake up and eat, you have a long journey. And he did. After that, he didn't feel hungry until his journey was over. [What do you think of that story? What can we learn about God from that story?] God is ALWAYS doing what's best for us and giving us what we need to do the jobs he wants us to do. When we talk to God and tell him we can't do HIS WILL, he will give us what we need. It may be to take away some fear, or a friend to help us out, or even a nap and food, but God ALWAYS gives us what we need to do his work if we ask for his help. Let's pray.		
Repeat Prayer	Dear God, No matter what happens / you take care of us. Help us to always trust you / and talk to you. Thank you for loving us. We love you. Amen.	