

April: 08

**Elijah under the broom bush**

**Scripture to read: 1Kings 19:1-11**

After Elijah brought down fire from heaven, he slaughtered all the prophets of Baal. Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done. So, Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, by this time tomorrow you will be killed. Elijah was afraid and ran for his life into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, Lord," he said. "Take my life, then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." He ate and drank and then lay down again. The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." So, he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. And the word of the Lord came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" Elijah replied the Israelites have rejected your covenant torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."



The Lord said to him, I have reserved seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him." Children what'd did you learn from today's lesson? 1. Elijah Fears Jezebel and runs away, he runs away to die. 2. He also says that he alone was a zealous man. Though he had an intimate relationship with God, he gets dismayed very often. We should always live with the faith that God will always help us, protect us and fight for us. We should not be filled with pride saying that, only am there for the Lord. Nor should we think that, it is only me who prays, lives a holy life and reads the word of the Lord. How much ever greater thing we might have done, we should always humble ourselves by saying that it was the hand of the Lord that did this amazing and great thing.

**But I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble. Psalm 59:16**

**Prayer**

King of Israel, to you alone belongs glory and honor Lord. Deliver us from emotional stress and fill us always with the spirit of fervor Lord. We live by your strength alone. Amen

