

God Whispers to Elijah
1 Kings 19

Wonder Truth:
**God Can Speak to Us
in Unexpected Ways**



**Come
near
to
God,**

and

he

will

come

near

to

you.

James 4:8a

God Speaks to Me ...

Name: _____

When I'm scared ...

When I'm worried ...

When I'm hungry ...

When I feel alone ...



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- What are some things that might keep us from hearing God's voice?
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Invite your family to play a fun (and loud!) game. Use string to tie a balloon to each person's ankle. (Don't tell them about the slips inside!) On the count of three, try to pop each other's balloons by stepping on them. The last person to have his balloon popped wins! Once the balloons are popped, see if anyone noticed something unexpected when their balloon popped. (They probably noticed the slips of paper!) Encourage them to find all of the slips; then read the blessings out loud.

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