Sunday Kids!

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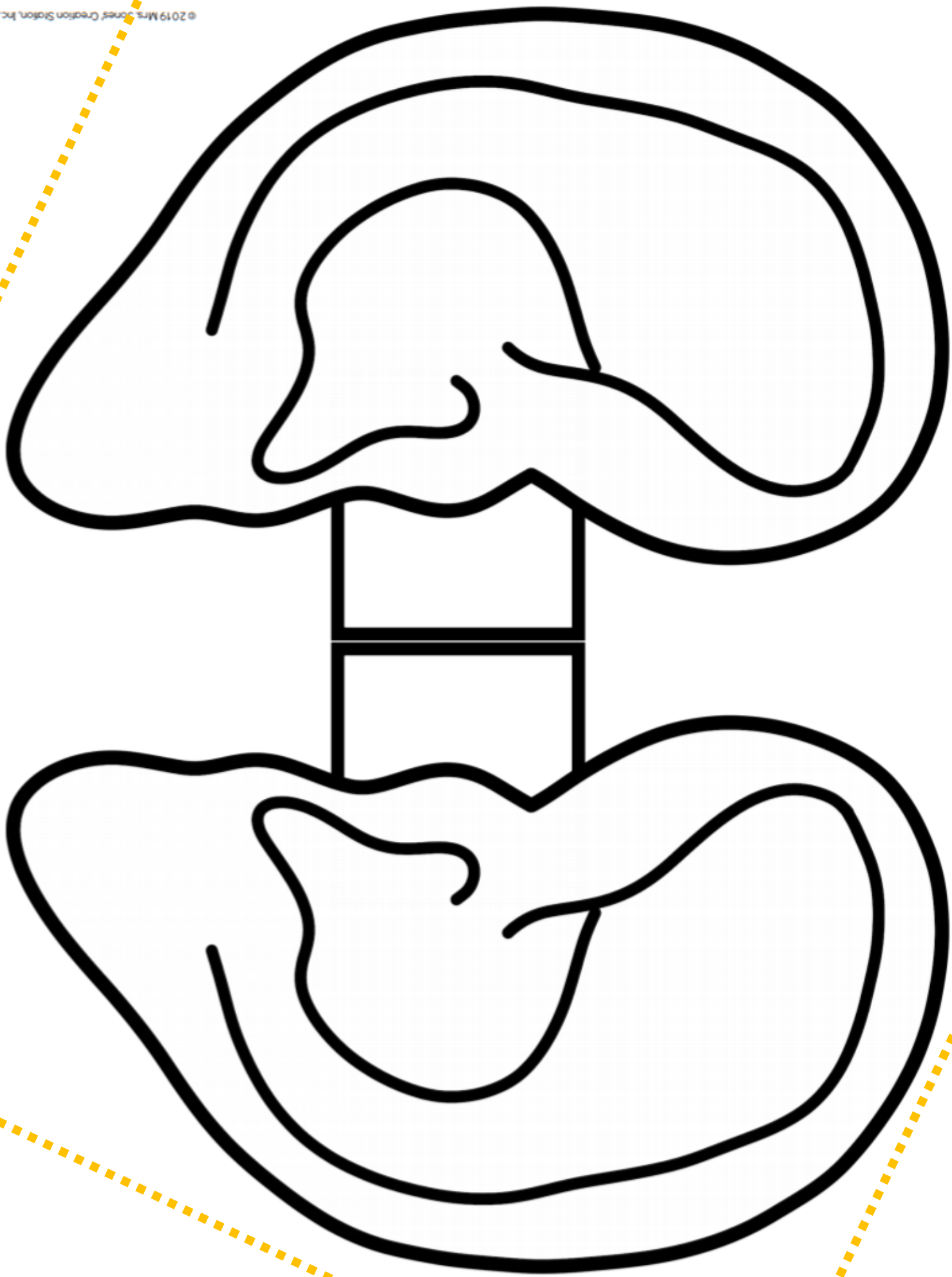## STORIES OF HOPE. THE LORD APPEARS TO ELIJAH.
1 KINGS 19: 11-16.

PLAY: Elijah heard God speak, not in the wind, earthquake or fire, but in a quiet moment. How good are you at gentle whispers? Play a game of Chinese whispers with everybody in your house. It would be fab if you could find a phrase in the bible story and whisper it to the next person. How good is everybody at listening in your house?

Often we spend our days with lots of noise around us– people talking, laughing, singing, music playing, the TV blaring. How good are you at being silent and still? Have a competition and see who can sit still and silently for the longest. Use the timer on a phone to see who is the best. Get everyone else to see if you can make the "silent person" laugh or talk by pulling funny faces etc.

MAKE: I think this might just be my favourite craft so far!!! Elijah listened and heard God speak to him in a "gentle whisper" Have lots of fun making some Elijah listening Ears to remind you of today's bible story. Print out the template on page 3 and 4 and follow the instructions to help you put it together.

BIBLE JORNALLING: Bible journaling is a creative way of studying the bible. It really helps you think about what it says. Follow the links for a bit more information: https://www.dayspring.com/articles/bible-journaling-with-kids. Have a go- it's great fun!! First, print out the Bible passage on page 3. Then, read the Bible story a few times. Which words or phrases jump out or seem important? Use your imagination and decorate the borders of the story with a few special words from the passage or pictures.

Elijah Listening Ears Craft.

1. Print out the ears and head-band templates (card is best, but paper is fine). 2. Colour in the ears and decorate the headband. Carefully cut out the head-band and get a grown up to help you stick the two pieces together so it fits comfortably on your head. (sticky tape is the easiest thing for this job!) 3. Cut out the ears and then glue the tab. 4. Stick the tab onto the band (make sure the ears on in the right place haha!) 5. You are all done! Wear your ears and remember the story of Elijah. Think about ways that we can listen to God speak– the good news is He still speaks to us today! Why not ask a grown-up to take a photo and post it onto your church FB page. (thanks Emellia– you look great in your Listening ears!!!)

God spoke to Elijah
in a whisper

The LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper"

1 Kings 19:11-12

The LORD Appears to Elijah. 1Kings 19:11-16

And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

10 He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. 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."

11 The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by."

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. 12 After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. 13 When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

14 He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. 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."

15 The LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. 1