




## Supplies

- Bible

# I Wonder...

Remember this part of the Bible story?

 Read aloud 1 Kings 18:26.

**The prophets of Baal shouted and danced, but there was no response.**

- ? Sometimes I wonder...why did the people continue to worship Baal if he didn't do anything for them?** Tell about a time you participated in something just because other people were doing it—for example, going to a movie you weren't interested in or playing a sport you weren't good at. **Have you ever done something just because other people were doing it?** Invite kids to talk about the question in pairs.

**The people worshipped Baal because it was their tradition. They didn't know anything else. They built their faith on what the king and other people told them to do.**

- ? How or why does something become a tradition?**

Have everyone sit in knee-to-knee circles with their Crews. Name some seasonal traditions. Have people stand or raise their hands if they've ever experienced or participated in one of these traditions:

- Watched for Phil on Groundhog Day
- Gone shopping on Black Friday
- Played football on Thanksgiving
- Gone to a state fair in the summer
- Dressed in green on St. Patrick's Day
- Worn an ugly sweater for Christmas
- Stayed up until midnight on New Year's Eve



**Some of these traditions may seem strange to someone who has never experienced them. And sometimes, as you do them, you realize the tradition is rather strange and not-so-impactful.**

**The people trusted Baal out of tradition—it's just what they did. Elijah trusted God because **God is powerful!** (*Fear not!*)**



## Supplies

- ice cubes
- smartphone (optional)

# Make It Real

Today we're discovering that we can have confidence that **God is powerful!** (Fear not!)

**Baal was worshipped as the sun god and storm god. The people believed that he controlled the rain and the crops. By bringing a drought, God showed that he is the Creator and has power over creation. The one true God created the world and set all the systems in place. Let's make this truth a little more real.**

Give each kid an ice cube to hold. When everyone has one, invite kids to make raindrops. You can also use a smartphone to look up and briefly play the sounds of a rainstorm.

❓ **This kind of feels and sounds like rain—but what's missing?**

❓ **How does this show what kind of power we have over the rain?**

We didn't and can't truly make rain. *God can* through the water cycle he created for the earth. Warm, moist air meets colder air in the atmosphere. The water vapor condenses and forms rain that falls to the ground. God made our world with incredible systems like this! Have confidence...**God is powerful!** (Fear not!)





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