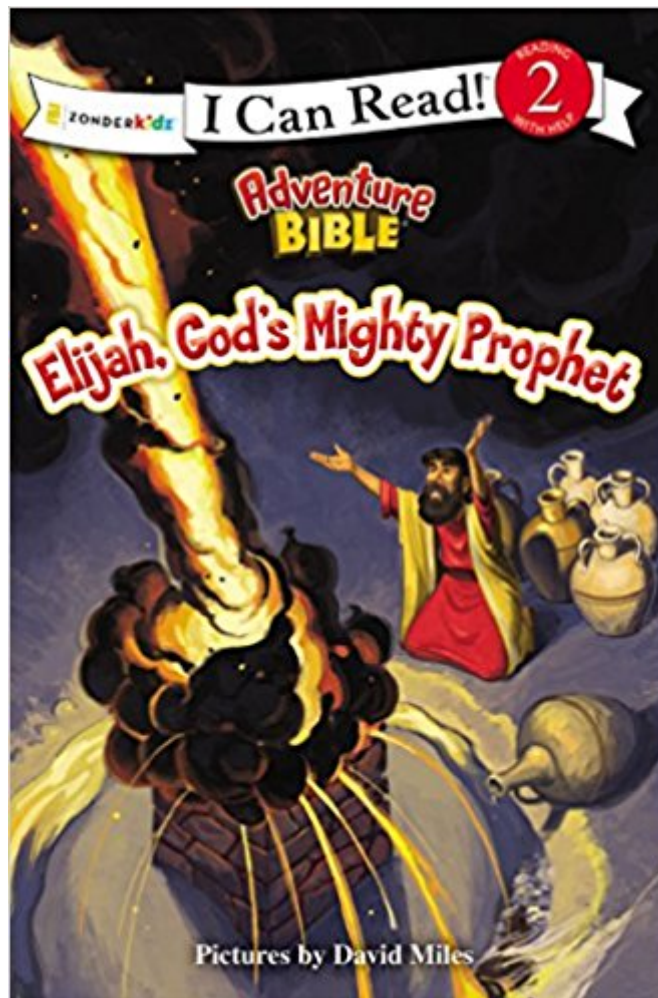




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Elijah, God's Mighty Prophet (I Can Read! / Adventure Bible)



Synopsis

When Elijah tries to convince the Israelites to stop worshipping idols, King Ahab won't hear of it. In this Level 2 I Can Read written and illustrated in the tradition of the bestselling NIV Adventure Bible, beginning readers learn about the epic challenge between Elijah and King Ahab and the false god, Baal. Perfect for readers ages 4-8, learning Bible stories on their own.

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Customer Reviews

Elijah, God's Mighty Prophet re-tells the biblical account of Elijah's confrontation with Ahab, one of the Kings of Israel who led the people astray by worshiping Baal. This account includes Elijah's announcement of no more rain in Israel and the famine that followed. God provides for Elijah through ravens that brought him food where he stayed by a small stream. It also includes the widow lady with a young son whose oil and flour didn't run out while Elijah stayed with them. King Ahab agrees to have a showdown between the real God and the god called Baal. They build two altars in turn first to Baal and then to God. The Baal worshipers put their bull on their altar with firewood and called on Baal to light their fire but he did not. Then Elijah had his altar built to God and placed his bull and firewood on the altar. He had the people drench it with water. Then he called

on God to send fire down on the altar. God sent fire that burned not only the water soaked wood and the bull, but it burned up the stone altar and burned up all the water. The people agreed with Elijah that his God was the true God. This book is written simply enough for a beginning reader to be able to read it for himself. The story line stays true to the Bible and includes excellent background so the young reader will understand not only the events that took place but also the concepts of trusting God and worshiping him alone. At the end of the book the concept of prophet is given special attention so the child will better understand who Elijah was. What do I like best about this book? The accuracy of the story and the excellent balance in explaining concepts while maintaining the enthusiasm in the story is impressive. What do I dislike about this book? Nothing. My only question is why the altar appears to be squared off. My understanding has been that the stones were not to have been cut when making an altar to God in Bible times. But this is a pretty remote issue in a children's book so nothing to get uptight over.

Produced by Zonderkidz (Zondervan), the series puts the Bible Stories into words that younger readers will understand, along with colorful illustrations. Adventure Bible: Elijah, God's Mighty Prophet is 32-pages and features pictures by David Miles, and it's a part of the I Can Read! series (level 2). As the story goes, King Ahab thought the only true god was Baal and many of his people thought so as well. After Elijah found out about this, he made the announcement, "There will be no more rain in Israel until I say so. God is not happy with you." The streams quickly dried up and most of the food was gone. Later, Elijah runs across a woman and her young child, whom only had a little flour and oil. He told them to go make a loaf of bread and they did as he asked. A miracle occurs, and the woman and child would never run out of flour and oil again. Despite there being very little water across the land, King Ahab and his people still believed that Baal is the true God. With the Lord's help, Elijah will show them that "The Lord is their God!" This is my first time reading an Adventure Bible picture book, and for the most part, I've been impressed with this one. The story has been written to appeal to children and give them a good understanding of who Elijah was without having to preach to them. The illustrations are very detailed and enhances the story quite a bit. Overall, Adventure Bible: Elijah, God's Mighty Prophet is a cute picture and a great way to introduce the Bible to young readers. I received a complimentary copy in exchange for my unbiased review. All opinions are my own.

Bringing to life one of the most exciting stories from the Old Testament, "Elijah, God's Mighty Prophet" follows the story of Elijah as he confronts the prophets of Baal in a mighty showdown. The

people of Israel have turned away from the one true God and, along with their king Ahab, have been following Baal. Elijah proposes a contest between God and Baal to prove who is the real God. Will the Jews return to the God they've forsaken? My son, who is grade 1, greatly enjoyed reading through this story about Elijah. The pictures are colourful and filled with action, and do an excellent job at bringing the text to life. The story itself is written at level 2 of the "I Can Read" level, which has longer sentences than the prior level, and for the most part my son was able to read the text without assistance. The story flows well, and made for a number of discussion points with my son, who had many questions about how the woman's oil and flour never ran out or why Elijah had the people pour water on his alter to make it extra difficult to burn. I personally have always loved Elijah and especially this story, and I am so glad to have an engaging book like this one to spark my children's interest in the story in a deeper way than simply reading it from our family Bible. I, and my children, give this book a solid rating and award it 4.5 out of 5 stars. A review copy was received from the publisher via the Booklook Bloggers program, for the purposes of this unbiased review.

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