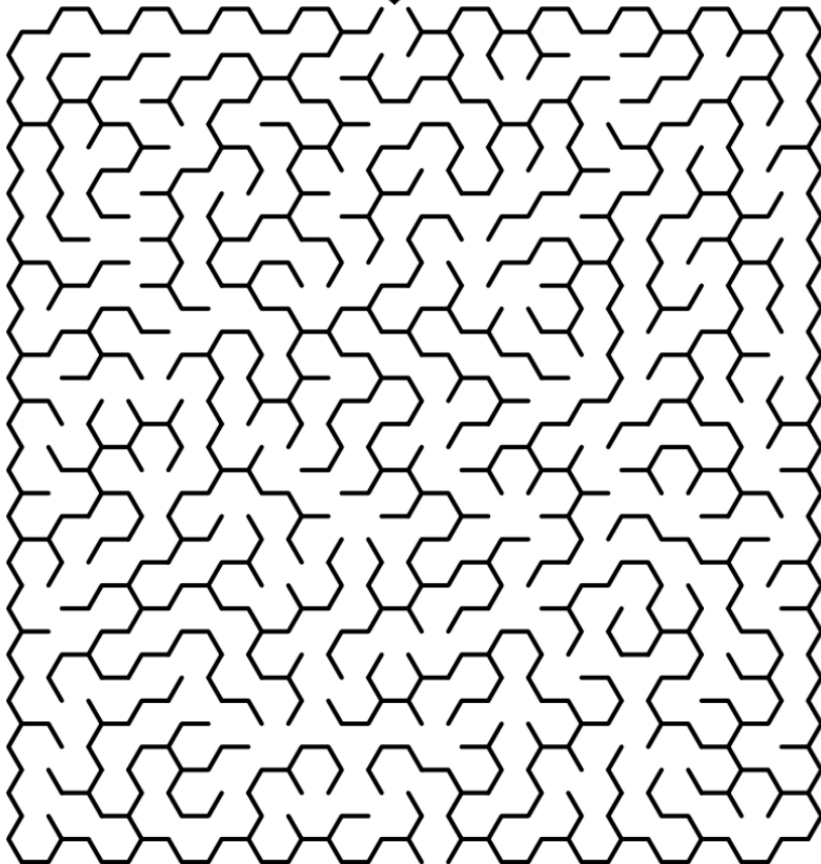


## UNIT 13: THE PEOPLE DISOBEY

Help the people of God walk away from idols  
and through the maze toward God.



### Session 1: Jeroboam Disobeyed God 1 Kings 12-13



Date:

What is  
idolatry?

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in which we love and value  
something else above God.

#### Memory Verse: Deuteronomy 6:4-5

"Listen, Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.  
Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all  
your soul, and with all your strength."

## Session 1 Day 1



### Before you read...

- ▶ Jeroboam is the king of Israel.
- ▶ In the Ten Commandments, God said, 'You shall not make an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them.'



### Read 1 Kings 12:28-30

- ▶ What was Jeroboam's sin?

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- ▶ What is an idol?

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- ▶ What are some things you love the most?  
How do people know that you love them?

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## Session 5 Day 5



### Before you read...

- ▶ Deuteronomy is the 5th book of the Bible. Moses is reminding the people of Israel of God's rules before they enter the Promised Land.
- ▶ Our memory verse is Deuteronomy 6:4-5. Let's think about the words we have memorized.



### Read Deuteronomy 6:4-5

- ▶ What does it mean, 'the Lord is one?'

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- ▶ What are you supposed to love God with?

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- ▶ Give an example of how you love with one of those things you listed.

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These verses sound like our mission at New Covenant...  
to pursue God and to pursue others!



Before you read...

- ▶ Do you remember all of the kings who did evil?  
And all of the people who chose to worship idols instead of God? Those people were God's children whom He loved.



Read Isaiah 44:21-23

- ▶ What has God done with the people's sins?  
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- ▶ Why do you think God redeemed His people even though they did evil things?  
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- ▶ What is the response in verse 23 after God redeems His people?  
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- ▶ How do you like to praise God for the forgiveness of your sins?  
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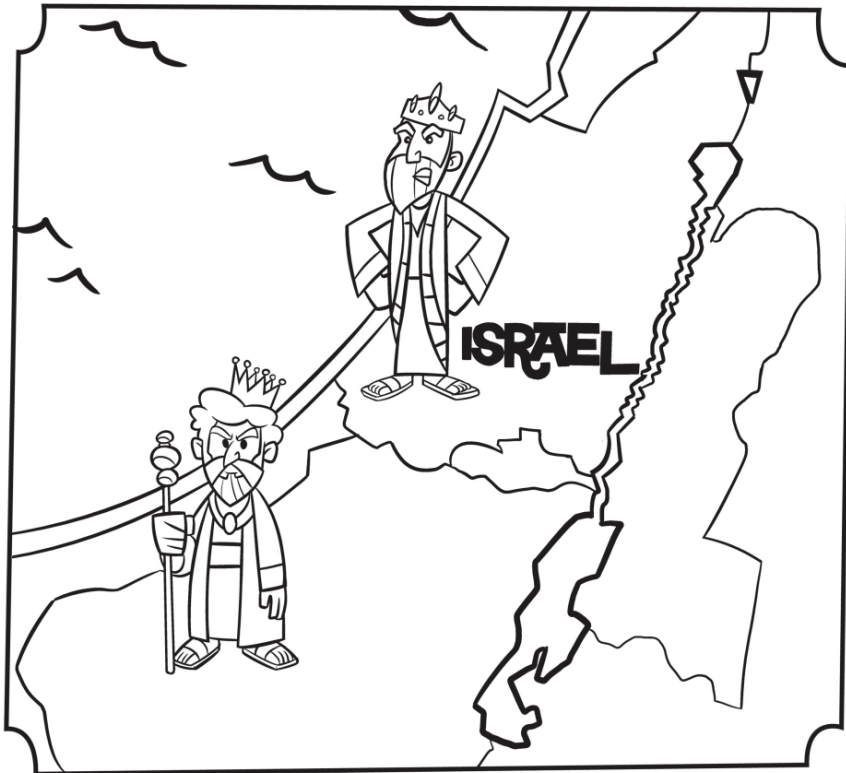
Before you read...

- ▶ God said all priests must be from the tribe of Levi.
- ▶ From yesterday's reading, how did Jeroboam disobey God?



Read 1 Kings 12:31-33

- ▶ In today's reading, how did Jeroboam disobey God?  
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- ▶ Whose power did Jeroboam rely on, his own or God's?  
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- ▶ What kinds of things distract you from God?  
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Israel was split in two! Rehoboam ruled over two tribes in the South - Judah and Benjamin - while Jeroboam ruled over the 10 tribes in the North, called Israel.

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### Before you read...

- ▶ What is an idol?
- ▶ Do you remember any idols that people in the Bible have made and worshiped?
- ▶ What is an idol that you sometimes put in front of God?



### Read Isaiah 44:9-11

- ▶ What does God think of idols and the people who worship idols?

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## Session 5 Day 2



### Before you read...

- ▶ Isaiah was a prophet who lived more than 700 years before Jesus was born.
- ▶ In the time of Isaiah, Elijah, and Elisha, people worshiped many idols and gods. They needed to be reminded very often to worship only the one true God.



### Read Isaiah 44:6-8

- ▶ What happened when Elijah challenged Baal to see who was the one true God?  
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- ▶ Who from our Bible reading in the past few weeks was afraid?  
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- ▶ In verse 8, God says, "Fear not, nor be afraid." Why should we have no fear?  
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## UNIT 13: THE PEOPLE DISOBEY

### Session 2: Elijah Served as a Prophet 1 Kings 16-18



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

What is  
idolatry?

Idolatry is a sin of the heart in which we love and value something else above God.

### Memory Verse: Deuteronomy 6:4-5

"Listen, Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength."



### Before you read...

- ▶ We are reading from the book of 1 Kings. There have been many kings of Israel and Judah since the chapters we read last week. Almost all of them were evil and did not follow God's ways.
- ▶ God sent a prophet named Elijah to warn the kings about their evil ways.
- ▶ The current king is named Ahab.



### Read 1 Kings 17:1-4

- ▶ What did Elijah say would happen in the land?  
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- ▶ What did the Lord tell Elijah to do after he announced this?  
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- ▶ Why do you think God kept it from raining in the land?  
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### Before you read...

- ▶ For the past four weeks, we have read many accounts of people who chose to follow idols instead of the one true God.
- ▶ Many times, God showed up in big ways through His prophets.
- ▶ This week we are going to think about why only the one true God deserves our worship. We will read from the book of another prophet, Isaiah.



### Read Isaiah 44:1-5

- ▶ God says He will pour water on the thirsty land. Look back at the past few weeks and tell about a time when God poured water on thirsty land?  
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- ▶ Have you ever been really really thirsty? What does it feel like to finally get a drink of water?  
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- ▶ Jesus has been called the living water. What does it mean to have Jesus be the living water in our lives?  
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### Session 5: We Are To Worship God Alone Isaiah 44



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

What is  
idolatry?

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#### Memory Verse: Deuteronomy 6:4-5

"Listen, Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength."



Before you read...

- ▶ Elijah predicted there would be no rain in the land. This is called a drought. It did not rain for years.
- ▶ Draw a picture or describe what that land would be like if there was no rain for a year.



Read 1 Kings 17:8-16

- ▶ What did the widow have to do for Elijah?  
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- ▶ What happened to the flour and oil?  
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- ▶ The widow trusted God with the only food she had. Generosity is one of our six cultural values at New Covenant Bible Church.  
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- ▶ What can you trust God to be generous with this week?  
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**GENEROSITY**  
WE JOYFULLY GIVE  
OUR RESOURCES  
TO HELP ADVANCE  
THE GOSPEL



## Session 2 Day 3



### Before you read...

Today we will start reading about the miracle Elijah is most known for. Some things to know about King Ahab:

- ▶ Ahab did more evil than all of the kings before him. He did not follow any of the Lord's commands.
- ▶ Ahab and his followers worshiped a false god called Baal.
- ▶ God told Elijah to meet Ahab and his followers and challenge them to find out who was the true God.



### Read 1 Kings 18:22-29

- ▶ Elijah suggested a little contest between himself and the prophets of Baal. What did they each have to do?

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- ▶ What happened when the prophets called out to Baal?

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- ▶ Elijah said that maybe Baal was asleep. Does the one true God sleep? How do you know?

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### Elisha Healed an Army Captain Word Scramble

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circle boxes and unscramble them to find the answer to the last phrase.

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What did Elisha tell Naaman to do?

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## Session 4 Day 5



### Before you read...

- ▶ The last miracle we will read is about the army of Aram who wants to go to battle against Elisha and God's people.



### Read 2 Kings 6:15-17

- ▶ What could the servant NOT see that Elisha could see?  
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- ▶ Name something you cannot see that you know is there.  
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- ▶ Even when we cannot see God, how do we know He is there?  
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## Session 2 Day 4



### Before you read...

- ▶ Today we pick up in the middle of the account about Elijah vs. the prophets of Baal.
- ▶ From our reading yesterday, what happened on the altar of the prophets of Baal?



### Read 1 Kings 18:30-39

- ▶ What did Elijah do to his altar?  
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- ▶ What did Elijah want the people to know about God in verse 37?  
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- ▶ How would you have reacted if you saw the fire from God burn up everything on Elijah's altar?  
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## Session 2 Day 5



### Before you read...

Remember from yesterday:

- ▶ There was no rain in the land for 3 years when God sent fire down on Elijah's altar.
- ▶ God wanted the people to remember who he was.
- ▶ What did the people do after the fire consumed the altar?



### Read 1 Kings 18:41-46

- ▶ After King Ahab and the people turned their hearts back to God, what did God do for the people and the land?

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- ▶ How is the one true God different from all of the other false gods?

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- ▶ Do you think God still does miracles today?  
Can you think of an example?

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## Session 4 Day 4



### Before you read...

- ▶ Today we will read about an army commander named Naaman who had leprosy.
- ▶ Leprosy is a disease that causes white spots on your skin and it eventually causes your skin to shrivel up.
- ▶ People who had leprosy were not allowed to live with or even be close to other people.
- ▶ Naaman had heard that the king of Israel could cure his leprosy, but he could not. This is where we will begin reading.



### Read 2 Kings 5:8-14

- ▶ What did Elisha tell Naaman to do?

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- ▶ What did Naaman think of Elisha's instructions?

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- ▶ Tell about a time when you received instructions you did not want to follow.

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## Session 4 Day 3



### Before you read...

- ▶ Elisha is in a place called Gilgal. There is a famine in that area.
- ▶ A famine is when there is an extremely small amount of food in an area.



### Read 2 Kings 4:42-44

- ▶ How much bread did the man bring to Elisha? How many people did they feed?

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- ▶ Who else multiplied bread for people to eat?

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- ▶ Do you know which bread miracle came first?

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### The whole Bible points to Jesus...

Elisha's miracles showed that he was a prophet of the one true God. In a greater way, Jesus' miracles showed He is the true Son of God.



## Elijah and the Prophets of Baal

When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, "The Lord—he is God! The Lord—he is God!" 1 Kings 18:39 (NIV)

1. At the bottom of the page is a list of words. These words are hidden in the puzzle. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. When you find a word, draw a circle around it.

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### Session 3: Elisha Served as a Prophet 2 Kings 2



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your soul, and with all your strength.”



### Before you read...

- ▶ Today’s miracle is a little bit longer to read. If you want to read the whole story, start at 2 Kings 4:8.
- ▶ If it is too long for you, here is what you need to know: Through the words of Elisha, God gave a son to a woman who could not have children. One day the child became ill and died. His mother immediately traveled to another city where she found Elisha. Elisha came back to the woman’s home.



### Read 2 Kings 4:32–37

- ▶ When the child died, his mom must have felt very sad. But instead of mourning, she immediately went to find Elisha. Why do you think she did that?

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- ▶ What did Elisha do for the child?

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- ▶ Why do you think God raised the child from the dead?

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## Session 4 Day 1



### Before you read...

- ▶ God performed many miracles through his prophet, Elisha.
- ▶ God was showing his people that they could trust him with all the details of their lives. Each day this week we will read about a different miracle.



### Read 2 Kings 4:1-7

- ▶ What miracle did God perform for the widow?

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- ▶ Why did she need the oil?

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- ▶ Describe a time when you didn't know how to solve a problem. How did God help?

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## Session 3 Day 1



### Before you read...

- ▶ Last week we learned about a prophet named Elijah. This week we will learn about a prophet named Elisha. Confusing! Practice saying uh-ly-JUH. Practice saying uh-ly-SHUH.
- ▶ God told Elijah to anoint Elisha as the next prophet. This usually meant rubbing oil on someone to mark them as the next leader.



### Read 1 Kings 19:19-21

- ▶ What was Elisha doing when Elijah found him?

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- ▶ How did Elijah 'anoint' Elisha? Read verse 19 again.

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- ▶ How do you think Elisha knew he was supposed to follow Elijah?

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## Session 3 Day 2



### Before you read...

- ▶ A few years have passed with Elisha following Elijah as his assistant. God decided it was time for Elijah to come to heaven.



### Read 2 Kings 2:1-8

- ▶ How many times does Elisha insist on following Elijah?

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- ▶ What happened to the Jordan River?

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- ▶ When was another time God parted the waters?

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## UNIT 13: THE PEOPLE DISOBEY

### Session 4: Elisha Performed Miracles 2 Kings 4-6



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## ELIJAH IS TAKEN UP TO HEAVEN

2 Kings 2:1-14



*Elijah is taken to heaven in a chariot of fire*



### Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday we read that God was ready to take Elijah to heaven.
- ▶ We also learned that Elisha wanted to follow Elijah until the very end.



### Read 2 Kings 2:9-10

- ▶ What did Elisha ask Elijah for?  
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- ▶ Draw a picture of at least three things you would like a double portion of.

## Session 3 Day 4



### Before you read...

- ▶ We are going to read yesterday's verses again, plus a few more.
- ▶ What did Elisha want a double portion of?



### Read 2 Kings 2:9-12

- ▶ How did Elisha know God's Spirit was with him?  
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- ▶ How do you know the Holy Spirit is with you?  
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- ▶ Elisha wanted to follow Elijah because he knew God's Spirit was with Elijah. Now God is sending Elisha out on his own to be a prophet. In a similar way, God gave us the Holy Spirit when Jesus went up to heaven. Jesus has sent us out with the Holy Spirit to tell others about God.
- ▶ Who in your life has taught you about God's Word?  
Who is someone you have taught about God's Word?  
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## Session 3 Day 5



### Before you read...

- ▶ God uses Elisha to perform many miracles. We are going to look at several of them next week. But at the end of 2 Kings 2, we get to see the first miracle God does through Elisha.



### Read 2 Kings 2:19-22

- ▶ What was the problem in the land?  
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- ▶ What did Elisha do?  
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- ▶ Who or what do you think truly healed the water?  
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