

CHAPTER FOUR  
VERSES &

# EVENTS

# COLORING BOOK ALL-STARS

## TODAY'S VERSES

1 JOHN 5:21  
1 KINGS 17  
MALACHI 4:5

MATTHEW 17:2  
1 KINGS 16:33  
1 KINGS 18:21  
REVELATION 3:16

1 KINGS 18:23-39  
EZEKIEL 36:26  
1 KINGS 18:40

## BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE...

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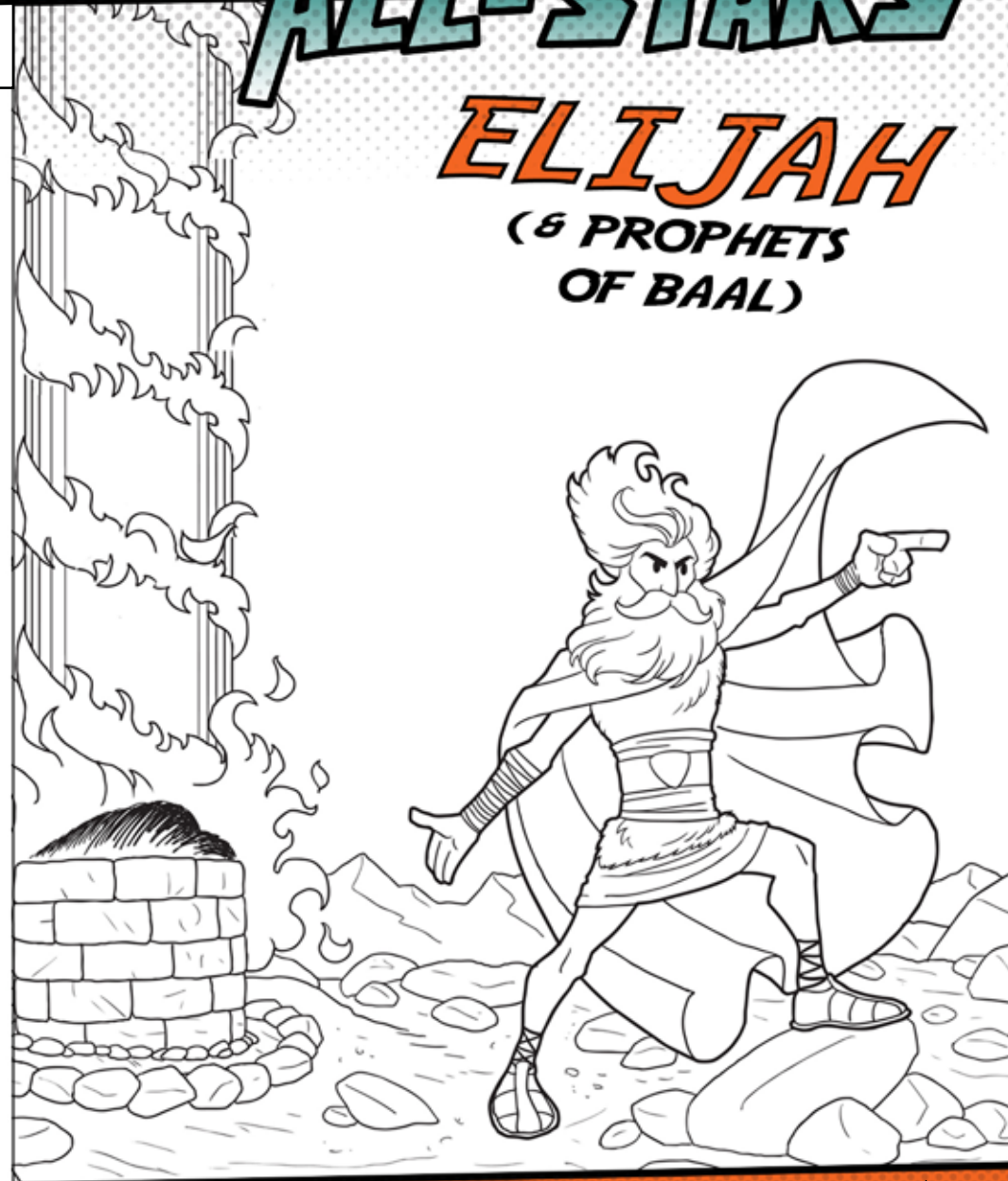
## BAPTISMS! & LABOR DAY BBQ!

...Will be Sunday, 9/6 at 1pm.

If you're interested in being  
baptized or would like more  
information, come to our  
short meeting next Sunday  
after each service.

The Women of Element  
are planning a Bunco party  
August 7th here at Element!  
Grab your girlfriends for a  
night of fun! Sign up at the  
Welcome Center

## LADIES BUNCO!!



## ELIJAH (6 PROPHETS OF BAAL)



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This week we look at the story of Elijah and the false prophets of Baal. The story of Elijah is ultimately a story about the God of the universe who wants to reveal Himself to us despite the fact that we betray Him and put our faith and hope in false gods.

**1 Kings 18:21 "How long will you go on limping between two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him."**

In the Story of Elijah there are many different characters; God, Elijah, Baal, the prophets of Baal, Ahab, and the people of Israel.

**Who in the story do you identify with the most?**

**When do you forget that God is real?**

Throughout scripture we learn that the Israelites have a terrible habit of forgetting who God is. They begin to doubt the characteristics of God; they forget that He is good, just, merciful, loving and the only way to salvation. The Israelites are exactly like us, we look to false gods to find meaning, purpose, and identity—ultimately though, these things all lead to despair and death. We can forget God when things are going well and we start to believe the lie that things are going well because of all the "hard work I am doing." On the other hand we can forget God, or harden our hearts toward God, when we face a disappointment.

**What are some things our culture tells us will lead to fulfillment besides Christ?**

We love to look at civilizations from thousands of years ago and poke fun at their foolish beliefs or practices. It is easy to look back with a judgmental lens and believe that we will never make the same mistakes, but we do, time and time again. We throw ourselves at false gods hoping they bring peace, comfort, stability, joy, money, life, a great family, and/or all the things we have planned. We consistently put our trust in some false god, some made up deity, something we want to have power, but doesn't.

Things like our money, another person, our children or spouse (or future spouse or next relationship), our hobby, our job, the next stage of life, or a substance like alcohol or food. We think if we can find something we can control then we will finally have peace, stability, or purpose. We think that once we get what we want we will be satisfied. We think getting our desires will make us whole.

**Does getting your desire make you whole? Why or why or why not?**

**How have you stood on the sideline hoping someone else would take care of your relationship with Jesus?**

**When in your life has God been most real to you?**

For the people of Israel, God was most real when He became a consuming fire. God made it seem like the odds were not in His favor, but He showed that there is no contest between Him and anything else that He cannot win. Time and time again, God shows how foolish we as a people are to put our hope in anything but Him. We forget the goodness and the power of God and substitute it for something else.

**How can we remember the realness of God?**

Even Elijah, after he took an epic stand and saw the all-consuming nature of God, became scared. Elijah ran away and begged for God to kill him. Elijah is just like us: scared, faithless, and constantly seeking the easy way out. This story is about God seeking His lost people, it's about God loving us even when we are undeserving; this story is not about Elijah. It is important to remember that even when we forget about God, God does not forget about us and will do anything to get our attention back to Him.

**Pray that God will continue to make Himself more real to you, that you will not forget His love and passion to make all things new.**

