



# The Lord is the true God

God Sends Fire to Elijah  
1 Kings 18:24-39

Pops worked at unloading the wood beams from his truck. Part of the fence that circled the farm had broken. Just as Pops was lifting the last piece of wood out of the truck, he heard a familiar sound.

"Haw! Hi, Pops!" Delbert called.

Pops wiped his hands and waved to Delbert and Lello, who were running his way. Pops gladly welcomed the break to talk to his friends.

"What are you two doing this morning?" Pops asked.

"We were looking for Granny B. We want to hear more about Elijah," Lello said.

Pops nodded his head. "She told me you've been talking about Elijah. Granny B had to go into town today, but I know a story about Elijah!"

"Haw, you do? I can't wait. What's the story about?" Delbert asked, as he flopped onto the grass by the truck. Lello and Pops followed Delbert's example. Once Pops was seated, he leaned against the truck.

"Elijah wanted to show everyone God was the only true God, so he gathered all the people. Then, he built an altar," Pops began.

"What's an altar?" Delbert asked.

Pops explained that an altar is a special place to give offerings to God. Then, he told them how Elijah built the altar. "First, Elijah laid down twelve stones, one for each family. Then, he dug a trench around the altar," Pops said.

"Baa. A trench is like a long hole ... or a ditch, right?" Lello asked.

"That's right, Lello. Then, Elijah put firewood on the altar," Pops continued.

"Twelve stones, a trench, and firewood ... haw! That sounds like a lot of work," moaned Delbert.

"Yes, it was a lot of work. But, that wasn't all," Pops said, smiling.

Lello's eyes grew wide. "What else did Elijah do?"

"Next, Elijah put an offering to God on the altar. Then, he told the people to fill four buckets of water and pour them over the altar," Pops said.

"Wow," gasped Delbert, "that is a lot of water."

"It sure is. Elijah asked the people to do it again and then again," Pops shared.

"Four buckets, plus four buckets, plus four buckets ..." Lello looked down at her hooves and counted, "That's 12 buckets of water!"

Delbert's mouth hung open as he stared at Pops and waited to hear what happened next.

"Elijah prayed God would show all the people He was the one true God and God answered by sending down fire that burned the altar," Pops said.

"Baa! Even with all that water?" Lello asked amazed.

Pops nodded. Pops reminded them that God's power is great and mighty.

"Haw! Wow!" Delbert whispered, "Twelve buckets of water and the fire still worked. God is powerful!"

Lello agreed and thanked Pops for telling them the story. Pops stood up and looked back at the pile of wood. Delbert spoke up again, "Pops, may we help you fix the fence?" He was hoping Pops would tell another amazing story about God.

"That would be great," Pops said thankfully. Soon all three were working hard and having fun.