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Then Elijah walked for 40 days and nights to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>9</sup> There Elijah went into a cave and spent the night.

Then the LORD said to him, "Elijah, why are you here?"

<sup>10</sup> Elijah answered, "LORD God All-Powerful, I have always served you the best I can, but the Israelites have broken their agreement with you. They destroyed your altars<sup>c</sup> and killed your prophets. I am the only prophet left alive, and now they are trying to kill me!"

<sup>11</sup> Then the LORD said to Elijah, "Go, stand in front of me on the mountain. I will pass by you."<sup>d</sup> Then a very strong wind blew. The wind caused the mountains to break apart. It broke large rocks in front of the LORD. But that wind was not the LORD. After that wind, there was an earthquake. But that earthquake was not the LORD. <sup>12</sup> After the earthquake, there was a fire. But that fire was not the LORD. After the fire, there was a quiet, gentle voice.<sup>e</sup>

<sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard the voice, he used his coat to cover his face and went to the entrance to the cave and stood there. Then a voice said to him, "Elijah, why are you here?"

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<sup>c</sup> **19:10 altar** A raised area, pile of stones, or table where sacrifices were offered as gifts to God. An important altar was the one in front of the Temple in Jerusalem. See also "golden altar."

<sup>d</sup> **19:11 Go, stand ... you** This is like the time God appeared to Moses. See Ex. 33:12-23.

<sup>e</sup> **19:12 voice** Or "sound."

## What's The Question?

How would you explain God to someone who doesn't know he exists?

# Kids' Answers

"God's main job is making people."

"God's second-most important job is listening to prayers."

"God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere, which keeps him pretty busy."

"If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like camp, but God can."  
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# What's Your Answer?

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# Carey's Comments!

God is hard to explain. Sometimes we think of God as big and powerful. We think of God's strength when we see the force of the wind, the fire of a volcano, or the power of an earthquake. But Elijah discovered that God wasn't in the wind, the fire or the earthquake. God was in a quiet, gentle voice. God doesn't always speak or show himself in a powerful way. He sometimes comes to us in a small and gentle way. We need to be quiet and still enough to listen for him.

When Jesus was baptized by John, “the sky opened, and he [John the Baptist] saw God’s Spirit coming down on him [Jesus] like a dove” (Matthew 3:16). The Holy Spirit is pictured as a dove, one of the gentlest birds.

We live in a noisy world. If your thoughts and mind are filled with noise and silly things, it will be hard to hear the gentle voice of the Holy Spirit. God’s Spirit lives in all Christians. Only those who take time to listen will truly hear his voice.

The Bible says God’s ways are different because his thoughts are higher than ours. What do you do if you know someone is real smart? You listen.

Think About This: God speaks to those who quiet themselves to listen.

Memorize This Truth: “Stop fighting and know that I am God!” (Psalm 46:10).

## Bonus Questions

Will you be quiet long enough to hear God speak? What are some ways God speaks to you?

(Hint: Psalm 1, Psalm 119, Ephesians 5:18 & Romans 1:20).

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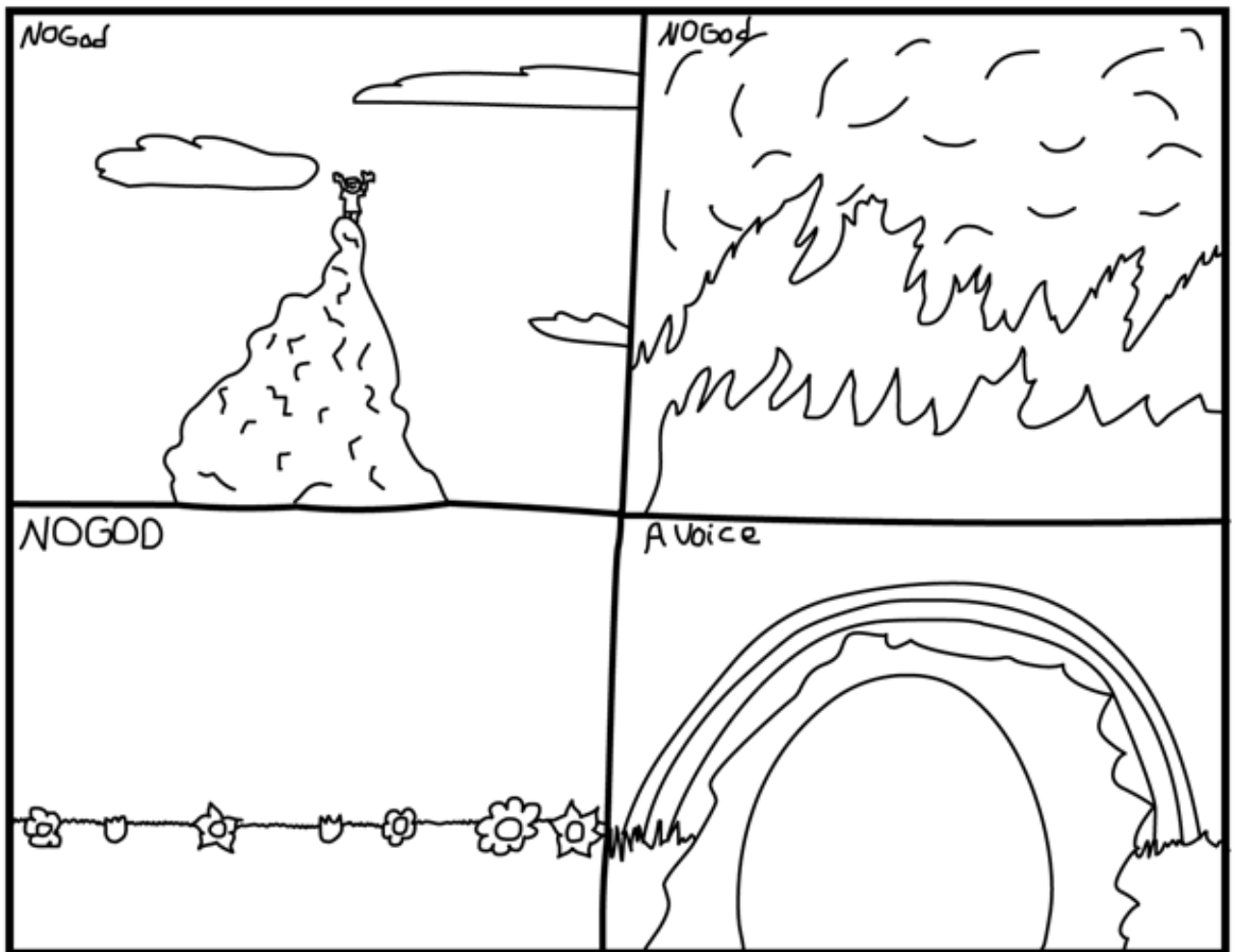
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