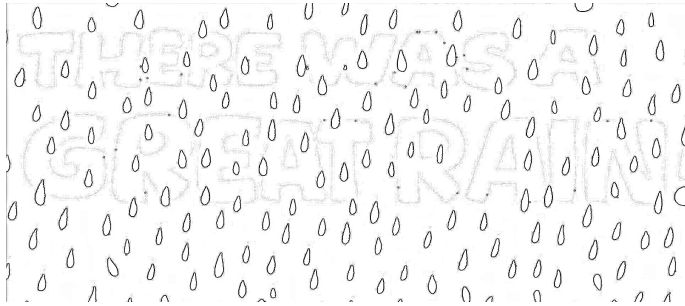
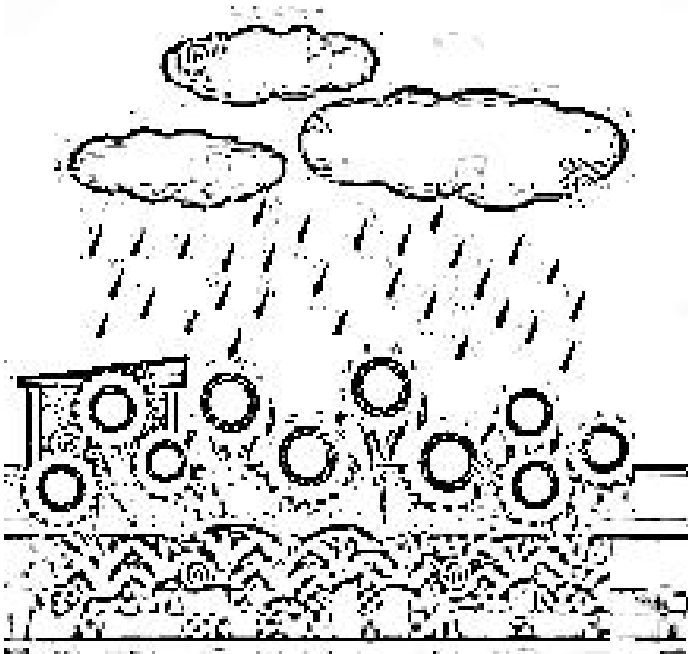


It rained and rained.



The plants started to grow well and the people could have enough food to eat again.



The people were very happy and they realized that God is the only one who can help.

Then they believed now that God is the Creator and the only one who can give rain.

You can read this true story in the Bible, in 1 Kings 18 V 41-46.

There are more true stories about Elijah :

ELIJAH & THE CROWS

ELIJAH AND THE WIDOW'S MIRACLE

ELIJAH AND THE DEAD BOY WHO CAME ALIVE AGAIN

4 ELIJAH PRAYED FOR RAIN

Do you also like going outside after it had rained and rained? To go and jump over the puddles in the road ? Or maybe you like walking right into the puddles and make the water splash ! And it's so wonderful to see the sun peeping through the clouds and then finally shining brightly again.



As much as we like the sun, rain is very important for all of us as well as for the animals and plants. Can you think of things we do with water?

Yes, we drink it, we wash ourselves, our clothes and our dishes. And the plants need water to grow, so that we can have food to eat.

Well I want to tell you the last story about Elijah. This time it's about the rain.

The previous 3 stories about Elijah happened during the time of drought. Remember how Elijah told king Ahab that it would

not rain for 3 years and it won't start raining until Elijah says so? That happened in the story called "Elijah & the crows."

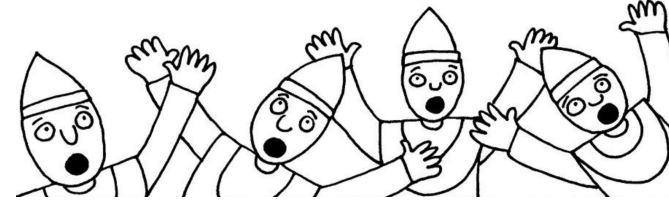


Well, it's now 3 years later and it still did not rain at all in Israel. The time had come when God wanted to send rain on the land again. But God wanted to teach them all a lesson first. So He told Elijah to go back to king Ahab.



Elijah listened to God and asked king Ahab to call the people together to pray for rain.

Most of the people still followed king Ahab's evil ways. They rejected God and followed other gods. They thought these gods could give them rain.



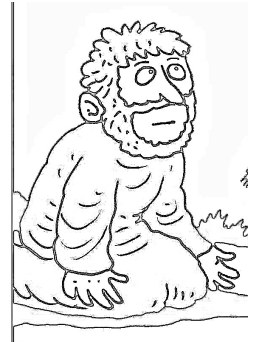
So Elijah gave them a chance to pray to their gods first. They did and for almost the whole day nothing

happened. Elijah even teased them, saying that maybe they should shout louder. Maybe their gods were asleep and couldn't hear. They did that but nothing happened. They tried all sorts of things but nothing happened.

Then it was Elijah's turn. Even though God told him it will rain again, he still had to pray.



He sent his servant to the mountain top to see if there are any clouds in the sky yet. This happened 3 times. The last time his servant saw a cloud as big as his hand. Elijah was so happy!



Elijah told king Ahab to hurry home because the rain was coming! And then he even ran faster than king Ahab's chariot. It soon started raining.

