

Text 1 Kings 19:9-12
Focus The Holy Spirit is gentle and quiet
Verse Psalm 46:10 “Be still, and know that I *am*
 God” NKJV

Songs of Praise and Worship

Prayer/Offering

Story 1 Elijah (Bible)

Craft 1 Elijah (coloring)

Snack Time

Story 2 In the Forest (creation)

Craft 2 Forest (coloring)

My Bible Verse

Story 3 Listen, Listen! (show and tell)

Craft 3 Mouse (gluing)

Story 4 Quietly (poem)

Craft 4 Beach (stickers)

Elijah

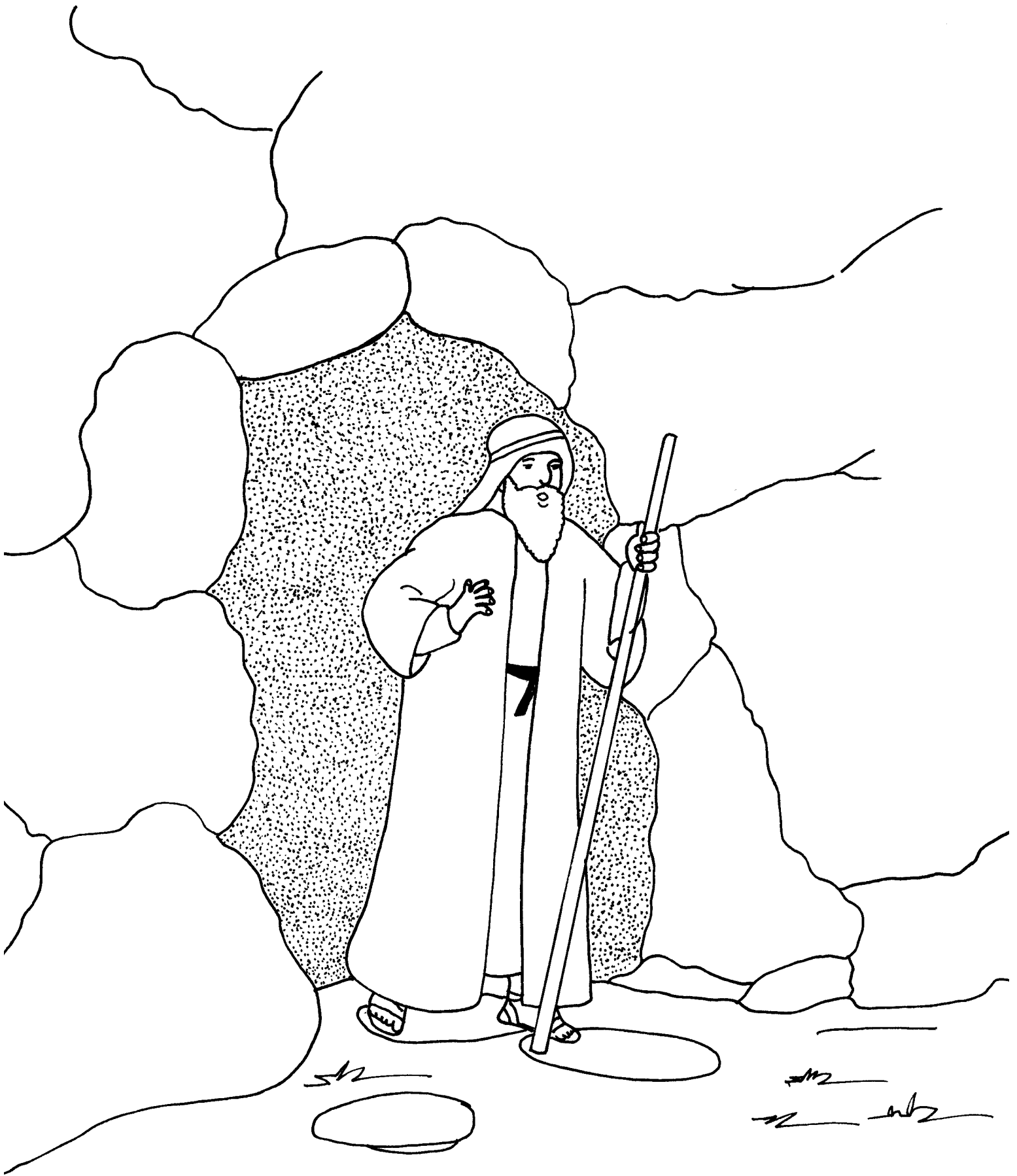
1 Kings 19:9-12

Water and Sky Scene, Prison Scene (used with Cave Overlay), Desert Overlay, Cave Overlay, Elijah (29), Elijah Sleeping (77), Storm Clouds (172), Cave Opening (220), Fire (266)

1. **Elijah was a man of God.** *Display Prison Scene (used with Cave Overlay), Cave Overlay, Elijah Sleeping.*
 - A. Elijah thought he was the only one in Israel who served God.
 - B. Elijah was sad and spent the night in a cave.
 - C. In the morning, God told Elijah to go out of the cave and stand on the mountain.

2. **God wanted to speak to Elijah in a gentle and quiet way.** *Display Water and Sky Scene, Desert Overlay, Cave Opening, Elijah.*
 - A. A mighty wind went roaring past. God wasn't in the wind. *Add Storm Clouds (make wind noises).*
 - B. The ground around Elijah started moving. God wasn't in the earthquake. *(Make the scene go back and forth a little).*
 - C. Elijah saw a fire. God wasn't in the fire. *Add Fire.*
 - D. Then, Elijah heard a very quiet voice. *Remove Storm Clouds, Fire.*
 - E. The quiet voice was God's Holy Spirit.

3. **The Holy Spirit is gentle and quiet.**
 - A. You must be still in order to hear the Holy Spirit of God.
 - B. If you listen, you will find that He is always talking to you.



Elijah heard God speak in a still small voice

In the Forest

Have you ever been in the forest? The forest is so quiet. You can hear little animals. You can hear bug noises. You can even hear your own foot steps! But best of all, you can sense the nearness of the Holy Spirit of God.

The Holy Spirit is gentle and quiet. Most of the time, we must be very still in order to hear His voice. If we listen, we will find that He is always talking to us.



Be still and know that I *am* God... Psalm 46:10 NKJV

Listen, Listen!

Preparation:

Bring to class a cassette player and a cassette with songs for children. Make sure the volume is turned up loud enough that the children *cannot* hear you when you speak quietly. Invite the children to sit on the floor around you and be prepared to turn the cassette player on and off.

What to Tell Them:

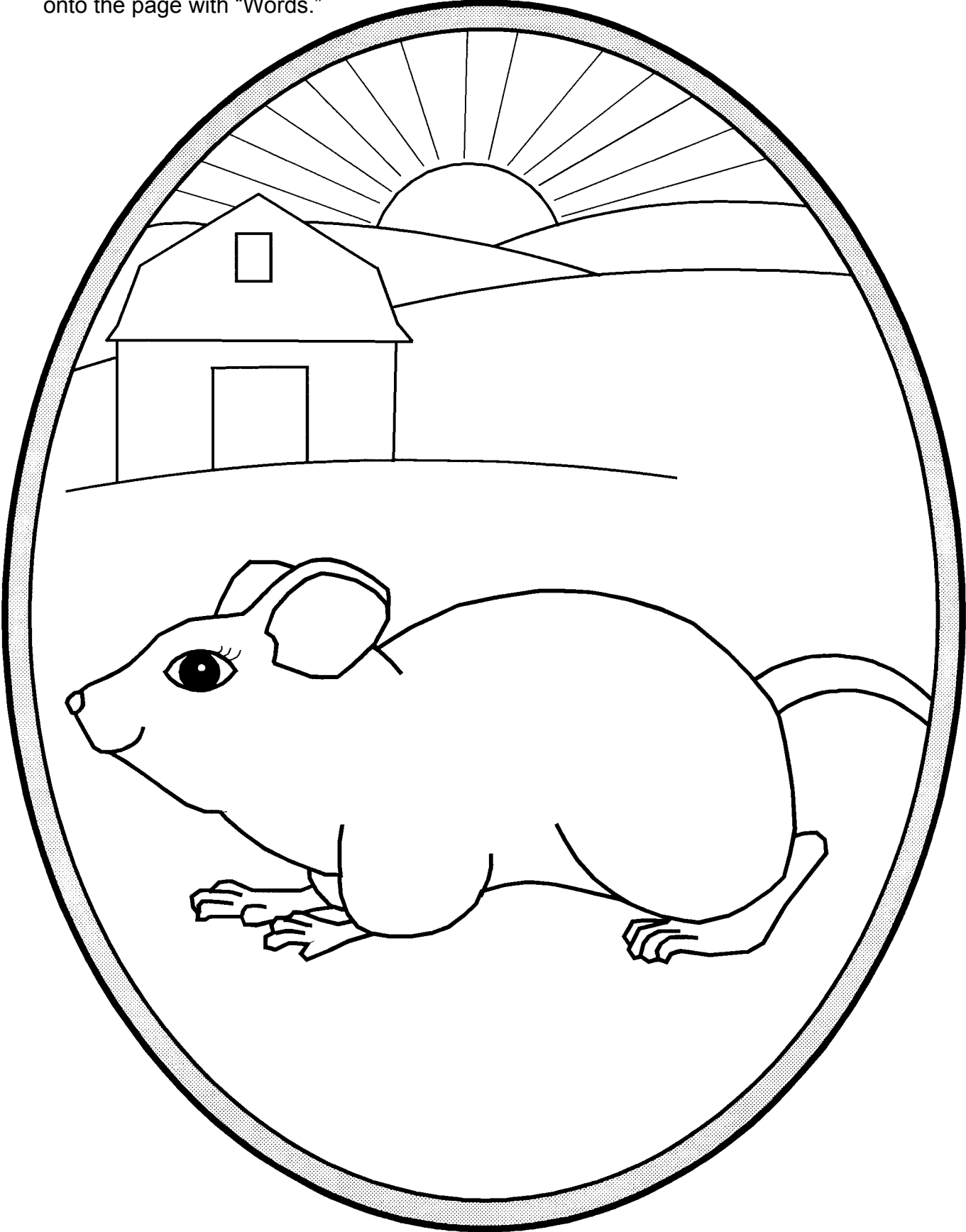
I am going to tell you something very important. See if you can hear me when I turn this music on.

Turn on the cassette player and say the following quietly. The Holy Spirit of God is gentle and quiet. *Turn the cassette player off.* Did you hear me? *Pause and allow the children to say "No."*

This time I won't play the music. I want everybody to be still and listen. *Say the following quietly.* The Holy Spirit of God is gentle and quiet. Did you hear me? *Pause and allow the children to say "Yes."*

Boys and girls, you must be still in order to hear the Holy Spirit of God. If you listen, you will find that He is always talking to you.

Copy this page with "Mouse and Barn" onto yellow paper. Copy the page with "Words" onto blue paper. Cut out "Mouse and Barn." Have children glue a "Mouse and Barn" onto the page with "Words."



Be as quiet as a mouse so you can hear the Holy Spirit

Quietly

When I listen quietly,
The Holy Spirit speaks to me.
When I stop and take a rest,
He always tells me what is best.

Hand to ear.

Hand on heart.

Head to one side.

Shake head yes.

When I listen quietly,
The Holy Spirit speaks to me.
When I stop and take a rest,
He always tells me what is best.

