**This shows the layout with Knowing Truth – Slides 1-12 go right in order then at the end of the lesson you add slide 13 and close the study with a reflection on the Heart Verse with a parallel to the current study to close.**

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Anyone know our heart verse?

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**1 Corinthians 1:25 (NKJV)**

Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

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**Even though I may be thought of as a moron. I know that God’s foolishness to some is what saved me and broke down the barrier that no power on earth could of broke down.**

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Our new heart verse is:

**I Kings 19:12 (NIV)**

After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.

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We are going to read 1 Kings 19:1-17.

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19Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. **2**So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, “May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them.”

**3**Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there,

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**4**while he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. “I have had enough, Lord,” he said. “Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.” **5**Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep.

All at once an angel touched him and said, “Get up and eat.” **6**He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

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**7**The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, “Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you.” **8**So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. **9**There he went into a cave and spent the night.

And the word of the Lord came to him: “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

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**10**He replied, “I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

**11**The Lord said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.”

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Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. **12After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.**

**13**When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

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**14**He replied, “I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

**15**The Lord said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram.

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**16**Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. **17**Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. **18**Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him.”

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Just before Elijah fled to Horeb – He had seen the power of God… He said to the people make a choice “If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.” There were 450 prophets of Baal and just Elijah as a prophet of God. You may have heard of the altar test on Mount Carmel – to prove who was the true God. Elijah suggested making an offering for each belief and the “God who answers by fire, He is God.” The prophets of Baal cried out to their god from morning till evening cutting themselves – which was a form of worship to Baal…. No answer. Then Elijah had the people douse the sacrifice and wood with water and even filled a trench around the sacrifice with water. He called out to God. God sent fire down- but this did not just burn up the bull sacrifices – it burnt up the wood, the stone and even the dust – it even consumed the water… Elijah slew all of the prophets of Baal. Elijah witnessed and believed in the power of God – This power was even shown in another way – even though Baal was considered to be the storm god the one who brought fertility to the land… God gave Elijah power to shut the heavens for 3 ½ years – the heavens were opened after the sacrifice – the drought ended… Elijah witnesses and believed in the power of God..

But then he was afraid in the scripture we heard- Ahab the king of Israel was very wicked, and his wife’s name was Jezebel – she had threatened Elijah and he ran away for safety –

I think back to the Exodus and all the great signs God has done over and over again… In Exodus the people saw a pillar of fire, food fall from the sky, water come out of a rock… But I think just like them, we may see wonders and say- that is God… but it doesn’t really click until we listen for the still small voice…

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**What was the main thought of 1 Kings 19:12?**

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**God is heard in the whisper.**

**Here is the writing for slide 13 see the example below to close the study with a reflection on the Heart Verse with a parallel to the current study to close.**

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Remember our heart verse and its context – keep it close to your heart-

**I Kings 19:12 (NIV)**

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We have been talking about speaking in tongues – but we forget an important aspect in our relationship with God - is just quieting ourselves to listen…