

## WHAT DOES GOD SOUND LIKE

by Nan Allen

**GENRE:** Drama

**SYNOPSIS:** Four actors make reference to Elijah's experience at Mt. Horeb when he heard God's voice in a way he hadn't expected.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** This piece is designed as reader's theater piece. Read 1 Kings 19:9-21 to better understand the sense of awe in this script. Although this is a short sketch, let the pacing move quickly as it opens as if this is a conversation in progress. When Character 1 says, "Are you sure?" slow down the pacing to create a more pensive thoughtful mood.

**TIME:** Under 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 4

**TOPIC:** Listening to God

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** 1 Kings 19:9-21

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** Worship Service, Bible Study, Prayer Service

**CHARACTERS:** Four characters, either gender, any age

**PROPS:** Modern clothing

**COSTUMES:** First-century peasant costumes. Mary must have a simple head covering that she will use to swaddle the baby.

**SOUND:** Four wireless mikes

**LIGHTING:** General Stage

**SETTING:** Empty stage

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**#1:** What do you think God sounds like?

**#2:** I don't know. Probably like the roaring of a mighty wind.

**#3:** No, I think it's more like the rumble of an earthquake.

**#4:** Oh no. I'm sure it sounds more like a raging inferno..

**#1:** (*doubtfully*) I don't know...

**#2:** Oh yes. Definitely. It's like a hurricane...giant currents of air beating against a house.

**#3:** I'm sorry, but it's like the deafening noise of rocks tumbling down the mountain... or earth moving with tremendous force.

**#4:** No really. First, there's an explosion, you see, and then the swirling of a consuming fire.

**#1:** Are you sure? I mean, I've never heard God speak that way.

**#2:** Really?

**#3:** Never?

**#4:** That's hard to believe. (*pause*) Then...what do you think God sounds like?

**#1:** Well, I hear Him in a soft voice...sort of low...and sometimes even...sweet.

**#2:** Sounds more like...

**#3:** Yeah, it does sound more like...

**#4:** Why, that's...

**#1:** Yes, sometimes God speaks to me in a voice that sounds...more like a whisper.

Suggested Songs: "MORE LIKE A WHISPER" (*The Martins*); "SPEAK TO MY HEART" (*hymn*); "MY LORD IS NEAR ME ALL THE TIME" (*hymn*)

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