**EXTRA! Ideas for Adults – Elisha: Seeing the Hand of God at Work – Session 3**

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**God’s Hand in Meeting Others’ Needs**

**The Point: God blesses as we serve others.**

**Get Into the Study**

*Share the following as you discuss Question 1:*

President Trump and First Lady Melania hosted the [annual White House Easter Egg Roll](https://www.dailywire.com/news/trump-and-melania-play-color-with-kids-at-white-house-easter-egg-roll?author=Mary+Margaret+Olohan&category=News&elementPosition=7&row=0&rowType=Vertical+List&title=Trump+And+Melania+Play%2C+Color+With+Kids+At+White+House+Easter+Egg+Roll) on April 21, with an estimated 30 thousand people in attendance. Activities included the namesake egg roll relay race, a coloring station, hopscotch, and reading nook.

Both the president and first lady enjoyed spending time with the children in attendance, with President Trump joining in at the[coloring station](https://x.com/MargoMartin47/status/1914344862683476252?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctwcamp%5Etweetembed%7Ctwterm%5E1914344862683476252%7Ctwgr%5Ed74c6acb202c19a9be3ef9189026b964e0f82421%7Ctwcon%5Es1_c10&ref_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dailywire.com%2Fnews%2Ftrump-and-melania-play-color-with-kids-at-white-house-easter-egg-roll) and the [first lady reading](https://x.com/MaryMargOlohan/status/1914347379144216869?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctwcamp%5Etweetembed%7Ctwterm%5E1914347379144216869%7Ctwgr%5Ed74c6acb202c19a9be3ef9189026b964e0f82421%7Ctwcon%5Es1_c10&ref_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dailywire.com%2Fnews%2Ftrump-and-melania-play-color-with-kids-at-white-house-easter-egg-roll) “Bunny with a Big Heart.” The children’s activities focused on Melania’s “Be Best” campaign, which highlights the importance of children’s social, emotional, and physical health.

Just as sharing these activities with the attending children was a fun experience for President Trump and First Lady Melania, we should also find joy when we give to others. [2 Corinthians 9:7](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Corinthians%209%3A7&version=CSB) tells us that God loves a cheerful giver, and the joy of joining in God’s kingdom work should make blessing those around us a fun experience for us.

**Get Into the Study (Option from Adult Leader Guide)**

In advance, play a [video clip](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UhETwy_-jwU&ab_channel=DhunDeewane) of someone enjoying giving to others. Then ask Question #1.

**Study the Bible**

*Read the following after discussing Question 3:*

In early April, [Pastor Josh Sullivan was kidnapped](https://www.dailywire.com/news/american-missionary-kidnapped-at-gunpoint-during-church-service?author=Zach+Jewell&category=News&elementPosition=2&row=0&rowType=Vertical+List&title=American+Missionary+Kidnapped+At+Gunpoint+During+Church+Service) at gunpoint while preaching a sermon at Fellowship Baptist Church, where he serves as a missionary in Africa. Though the thirty people attending the church service had their phones stolen, no one else was injured or taken captive. Fellowship Baptist Church was threatened in 2024 and the kidnappers referred to Sullivan by name. Another pastor serving in the Gqeberha area was concerned that Sullivan was targeted for his faith, but said the kidnapping was likely financially motivated.

Five days after the kidnapping, [Sullivan was rescued](https://www.christianpost.com/news/kidnapped-us-missionary-rescued-miraculously-unharmed.html) after a “high intensity shootout” and was “miraculously unharmed.” The South African Police Service reported that the shootout happened at a safehouse in the area, with the suspects waiting in a car on the premises. The suspects attempted to flee and opened fire, and the officers responded with “tactical precision.” Three suspects were fatally wounded, and Sullivan was found unharmed in the vehicle.

It was an unexpected blessing that Sullivan was unharmed during his ordeal. While not all blessings are quite as dramatic or require such intense circumstances, God blesses believers in unexpected ways often. We should keep our eyes opened and our hearts softened to see how God may bless us or those around us in unexpected ways.

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**Additional Questions**

**Ice Breaker**

* Who do you know who serves others sacrificially? / When have you seen someone serve others sacrificially?
* How can believers find ways to serve others?
* When has giving to someone been a joyful experience for you?
* When has giving to someone been a fun experience for you?

**2 Kings 4:8-10**

* Where do we have an opportunity to be a blessing to others in our church or community?
* What do you appreciate about this Shunammite woman?
* What is your initial reaction to this woman’s unprovoked generosity?
* How can believers develop a godly sensitivity to the needs of others?
* What can distract believers from being a blessing to others?

**2 Kings 4:11-17**

* How has God used someone to bless you in an unusual way?
* How have you been blessed as a result of meeting another’s needs?
* When has God given you an unexpected blessing?
* How was the Shunammite woman blessed with more than the birth of a child?
* When have you seen someone blessed in a surprising way?

**2 Kings 4:32-37**

* What is difficult about trusting the power of God to handle our biggest needs and fears?
* What are some of the ways God’s power might show itself in our lives through God’s people?
* When have you trusted God to act despite impossible circumstances?
* How would you describe a person who trusts in God’s power?
* Who do you know that models a lifestyle of trusting in God’s power?
* What are some obstacles to trusting in God’s power in our lives?