

SUMMER 2025

Unit 3, Session 1

CONNECTION POINT:

God equips us for Christlike character.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: “You do you” is a popular phrase people use to give themselves and others permission to do and act in any way that feels best to them. The problem with this mindset is that we are flawed human beings; we do not always act in the best way. The only way we can live rightly is to live the way God calls us to live—and that begins with embracing the character traits that reflect Christ.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to live out his or her faith.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: 2 Kings 4:8-17

Live It Out: Encourage your child to help at home and in your community. Assign duties that correspond to his age. Take your child along to help during service in your community.

Elisha was a prophet of God. A prophet told people what God wanted them to know. Elisha walked from town to town, telling people about God’s love. When Elisha came to a town, he often felt tired and hungry. He needed a place to eat and sleep.

Elisha often went to a town called Shunem. Every time Elisha went to Shunem, he ate a meal at the home of a man and his wife who lived in the town.

One day the woman said to her husband, “Elisha helps people know about God. Let us build a room for Elisha. He can stay here when he comes to town.” The couple built the room on the roof of their house. Inside the room they placed a bed, table, lamp, and chair.

When Elisha returned to Shunem, the couple showed him the room. Now Elisha had a special place to rest when he came to town. Elisha was thankful.

KIDS

Scripture: 2 Kings 4:8-17

Live It Out: Choose a person in your neighborhood who needs help. Help your child plan a way to help this person, such as taking them a meal or doing yard work.

The prophet Elisha often traveled through the town of Shunem. A woman there invited Elisha to her house for a meal, and Elisha began to eat with her family when he passed by.

The woman and her husband made a room for Elisha on top of their house.

Elisha told his servant he wanted to do something for the woman. The servant told him the woman had no children. Elisha called for the woman again and told her, “At this time next year, you will have a son!” By the next year the woman had a son!

When the boy was helping his father, the son had a terrible headache. His father’s servant carried the boy home. The boy sat on his mother’s lap for a time, and then he died.

The boy’s mother went for help from Elisha. Elisha arrived and prayed and laid on the boy. The woman’s son was alive again. When she saw her son, she thanked Elisha.

STUDENTS

Scripture: 2 Peter 1:1-11

- Why is it necessary that we believe people truly can change?
- What does it mean that we grow in Christlike character by God’s power?
- How do we protect ourselves against the lies of the world?

Live It Out: As we follow Jesus, live in obedience to His Word, and strive to honor God with our words and actions, the Spirit works in our lives to shape us to be more and more like Jesus.

The Great Commission tells followers of Jesus to make disciples of all nations. This involves not only sharing the gospel with nonbelievers in our lives but supporting our message with the ways we live. Ask your student some ways his or her lifestyle supports the gospel and some ways it might hinder the gospel. Be open about ways that your lifestyle either supports or hinders the gospel, too.