

ELISHA THE PROPHET



Bible Reference: 2 Kings 2: 4-6

Date: 9/28/25

Grade: PreK /Kindergarten

1st Service

Memory Verse:

"It is the Lord your God you must follow... Keep his commands and obey him." Deuteronomy 13:4

Big Picture Question:

Why do Christians continue to sin?
Christians continue to sin because we still have hearts that want to sin.

Christ Connection

- Elisha was a man of God who performed miracles. His story makes us think of Jesus—the Son of God—who performed miracles and rescues people from sins so we can have forgiveness and receive God's Spirit.

Schedule

- Welcome/ Intro Activity.....5 minutes
 - Kindergarten in Large Group Lesson @ 9:20.....15-20 minutes
- Circle Time and Bible Story.....10 minutes
- Movement Activity.....10 minutes
- Craft.....5-7 minutes
- Music.....5 minutes
- Global Partner Feature.....5-7 minutes
- Prayer and Bible Verse.....10 minutes
- Snack/ Discussion Time.....5-7 minutes
- Group Game.....10 minutes
- Additional Activities.....As Needed

Notes and Reminders

As we begin to get to know the children in each class better, let's continue to pray that God would soften their hearts toward him and make Himself known! Let's also pray that we would have clear words for how we can best explain the importance of God's love to the children in our class!



SHEPHERD BIBLE STUDY

As Elijah's time on earth was coming to an end, God appointed Elisha as a new prophet to His people. Elisha asked Elijah if he could inherit a double portion of his spirit. To this Elijah replied, "If you see me being taken from you, you will have it." Elisha looked on as Elijah was taken up to heaven, and by God's grace, Elisha received his request.

How did Elisha's ministry point others to the one true God? Through miracles, God displayed His power through Elisha, confirming that he was a prophet. God also revealed his wisdom and truth by speaking through Elisha.

Through the many miracles Elisha performed, we not only see the power of God over His creation, but also His care and provision for people. From making bad water drinkable to healing Naaman—a commander from an enemy army—Elisha's miracles pointed people to recognize the one true God. Only the Lord could raise a dead boy to life and miraculously meet the needs of the widow who was in debt. God's spirit was on Elisha, empowering him to be a light to the people of Israel.

Elijah and Elisha were both special prophets, performing miracles and being messengers of God's truth. But there is One greater than Elisha and Elijah. Jesus not only performed miracles and taught with authority; He is also the true Light of the world who saves people from sin. Help boys and girls understand that when we follow Jesus, we receive the Holy Spirit who empowers us to be more like Jesus and shine like lights in the world, proclaiming to all that He is the one true God.

JUNIOR SHEPHERD HIGHLIGHT

Elisha's miracles showed both God's power and His love for people. For example, he made bad water safe to drink, healed Naaman (a leader from an enemy army), and even brought a dead boy back to life. He also helped a poor widow by making sure she had enough to pay her debts. All of these things showed that only the Lord is the one true God.

Elijah and Elisha were both great prophets, but Jesus is even greater. Like them, He did miracles and spoke God's truth—but Jesus is the true Light of the world. He saves people from sin. When we follow Jesus, we receive the Holy Spirit, who helps us become more like Him and shine His light to others, showing that He is the one true God.

As the kiddos continue to settle in to their new classes, we want to focus on growing the amount of trust we have with them. Each time you prove that you are reliable, you help that child to trust you a little more.

It's kind of like saving money in a piggy bank. If you put a few coins in it each day, its value grows. When something happens that you need a lot of money, you can go to your piggy bank and rely on the stored coins for what you need! When we are trying to prove ourselves trustworthy, we have to do it a little bit at a time. Maybe you show one of the kids that you are always willing to sit next to them during story time, or you show them how to build a taller tower with the blocks. They are learning to trust you. Then maybe they get into an argument with another child in your class. Because they trust you, they might ask you to help them solve the problem!

Everything we do around children helps them to see whether or not they can trust us. What can you do to add more to each child's piggy bank of trust?

OUTLINE



Welcome and Intro Activity

5 minutes

Welcome the children and mark them as present on the attendance sheet on the clipboard by the door.

- Encourage the children to do a variety of activities seven times. Activities could include jumping, nodding, squatting, clapping, and stomping. Make sure to end with pretending to sneeze seven times. Introduce the word miracle and its meaning.
- SAY You did a great job moving your body seven times. In today's Bible story, a miracle happened after a boy sneezed seven times. Remember, a miracle is something amazing that only God can do. I can't wait to tell you all about the miracles in our story!

Circle Time and Bible Story

10 minutes

Thinking Activity

- Direct the children's attention to the whiteboard. Review what the word miracle means. Ask children to recall some miracles from the Bible. Draw pictures on the paper to show their responses.
- SAY A miracle is something amazing that only God can do! The Bible is full of God's miracles. In our story today, God gave two prophets the power to perform miracles. I can't wait to tell you all about them!

Bible Story

- Elijah was a prophet who loved God, and Elisha was his helper. It was time for God to take Elijah to heaven. As they traveled, they came to a river. Elijah rolled up his robe and hit the water with it. The water split apart, and they walked across on dry ground. Elisha asked if he could have Elijah's spirit to help him, and Elijah said, "If you see me go to heaven, you will have it." As they were walking, a chariot of fire with horses divided the two men, and a whirlwind took Elijah up to heaven. Elisha picked up Elijah's robe and went back to the river. He hit the water with the robe, and it split apart again! Everyone saw this and knew Elisha now had Elijah's spirit. From then on, Elisha did many miracles. In one town, the water was bad and made people sick. Elisha threw some salt into the water, and God made it good again! Another time, a woman who had no money cried to Elisha because she was afraid. Elisha told her to borrow empty jars from her neighbors and pour oil into them from a small jar she had. The oil kept pouring until all the jars were full, and she sold the oil to pay what she owed.





- Then a woman's only son died, and she was very sad. Elisha came and prayed for the boy. The boy sneezed seven times and then woke up! He was alive again! Another man, a commander named Naaman, had a skin disease. He went to Elisha to be healed. Elisha told him to wash in the Jordan River seven times, and when Naaman did, his skin was healed!

Christ Connection

- Elisha was a man of God who did miracles. Jesus came and performed miracles. Jesus died and came back to life to save sinners so we can have God's Spirit and life with God forever.

Review Activity

- Invite children to help you list some of the many miracles Elisha performed. Hold up a finger for every miracle you list.
- SAY God gave Elisha the power to perform miracles. He made water safe to drink by putting salt in it. He prayed, and a boy came back to life. He healed Naaman's skin problem by having him wash in a river seven times. Elisha was a man of God who did miracles. Jesus came and performed miracles. Jesus died and came back to life to save sinners so we can have God's Spirit and life with God forever.

Movement Activity

10 minutes

Arrange the 'E' and 'J' papers on the floor. Invite children to take turns tossing a beanbag toward the papers. Encourage older children to stand farther back when tossing the beanbag. When a beanbag lands on one of the E papers say, "God gave Elisha the power to perform miracles." When the beanbag lands on one of the J papers say, "Jesus came and performed miracles. Jesus died and came back to life to save sinners so we can have God's Spirit and life with God forever."

SAY Elisha was a man who loved God. God gave Elisha the power to perform miracles. He made bad water good and helped a woman fill jars with oil. Elisha prayed for a boy who had died, and the boy came back to life. Jesus came and performed even greater miracles than these. Jesus died and came back to life to save sinners so we can have God's Spirit and life with God forever.





Craft

5-7 minutes

Distribute the chariot printable and crayons or washable markers to the children. Lead children to color the chariot. Guide children to use glue sticks to glue yellow, red, and orange tissue paper squares around the chariot to make fire as you review the Bible story together.

SAY A chariot is similar to a wagon, but is pulled by horses. A long time ago, people used chariots to travel. As Elijah and Elisha were walking, a chariot of fire with horses separated the two men, and a whirlwind took Elijah up to heaven! That is a miracle only God can do. Elisha picked up Elijah's robe, and God gave Elisha the power to do miracles. The miracles Elisha did remind us of Jesus. Jesus performed miracles and rescues people from their sins.



Music

5 minutes

You will find music and other video resources on the USB which is already plugged into the TV. Feel free to play the videos in any order you like! You may distribute the Activity Page for the children to complete at this time, if they would prefer to sit and listen to the music.

Friends From Afar

5-7 minutes

You will find today's activity for Friends from Afar in the Binder on the counter. The information for this month's Global Partner family and an activity to learn about where they are serving are included. Necessary supplies are located in your bin.





Prayer and Bible Verse

10 minutes

Prayer (Use these words, or your own, to pray about today's Bible lesson. Take time to listen to prayer requests from the children and pray for them as well!)

- God, thank You for caring for us. You gave Elisha the power to perform miracles and helped people who were sick and hurting. You care for us and sent Your Son, Jesus, to save us from our sins so we can have forgiveness and receive Your Spirit. We are grateful for You. Amen

Bible Verse

- Read the key passage aloud. Create motions for preschoolers to use as they say the key passage. Use the key passage song video for inspiration.
- **SAY** Our key passage tells us, 'You must follow the LORD your God. You must keep his commands and listen to him.' This was an important message the prophets brought to the people. It is an important message for us too!

Snack and Discussion Time

5-7 minutes

Have children sanitize their hands before passing out snacks and cups of water. During this time, you can connect with children and discuss questions regarding the lesson.

1. What did you like about the Bible story? (Answers will vary.)
2. What were some things in the Bible story that made Elisha happy or sad? (Answers will vary.)
3. Who did God give power to perform miracles? (Elisha)
4. What did Elisha do that showed God's power? (Split the river, made the water clean, helped a woman, healed a boy, and healed Naaman)
5. What can we tell others about God's power? (Tell them about the miracles that God gave Elisha the power to perform, tell that God sent Jesus to save people from sin)
6. Why do Christians continue to sin? Christians continue to sin because we still have hearts that want to sin.

SAY When it was time for Elijah to go to heaven, his helper, Elisha, asked for his spirit. God gave Elisha the power to perform miracles. Elisha helped many people with the power God gave him. Elisha's story makes us think of Jesus. Jesus also performed miracles. Jesus rescues us from sin so we can have forgiveness and receive God's Spirit.





Group Game

10 minutes

- This game is a twist on the classic Simon says. You say an action for example, “Elisha says clap” If you say “Elisha says” They must do that action seven time (so clap seven times then stop). If you don’t say, “Elisha says” they should ignore the instruction.
- SAY Elisha was a prophet. This means God gave him power to help other people. After Elisha prayed to God about one boy, the boy sneezed seven times and came back to life. Just like Elijah, we can trust God to do amazing things!

Additional Activities

As Needed

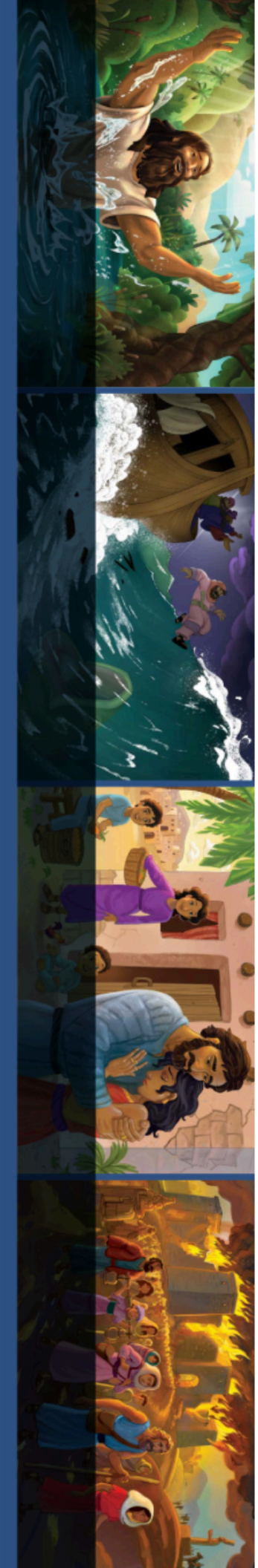
Sing a Song

- Sing the following song to the tune of “The Farmer and the Dell”:
 - God gave Elisha power; God gave Elisha power.
 - Elisha could do miracles; God gave Elisha power.
 - The woman filled her jars; the woman filled her jars.
 - She filled them up with oil; the woman filled her jars.
 - Elisha prayed to God; Elisha prayed to God.
 - The boy sneezed then came back to life; Elisha prayed to God.
 - Naaman washed in the Jordan; Naaman washed in the Jordan.
 - After that he was healed; Naaman washed in the Jordan.
- Encourage children to come up with motions as they sing.
- SAY You sang about the miracles from our story today. Who gave Elisha the power to perform miracles? [Allow responses.] That’s right, God gave Elisha the power to perform miracles. These miracles point us to Jesus, God’s Son! Jesus did miracles and rescues people from sin so they can have forgiveness and receive God’s Spirit.

Find a Match

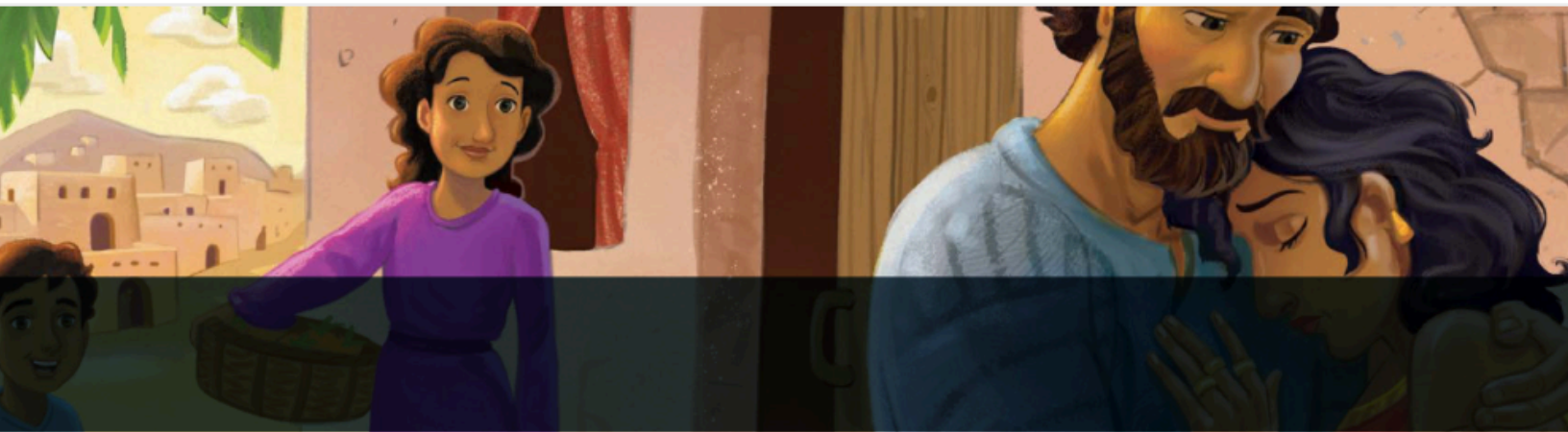
- Arrange the matching cards facedown on a flat surface. Guide a child to choose two cards to try to find a match. Take turns choosing cards until all of the matches have been discovered.
- SAY When people have a scratch on their skin, they often wear a bandage until it heals. In today’s Bible story, Naaman’s skin disease was terrible. His disease would not heal with just a bandage. Naaman knew that only a miracle would take away his sores. God gave Elisha the power to perform miracles. Naaman did what Elisha said, and his skin was healed! This proved to Naaman that Elisha was God’s prophet. Later, Jesus’ miracles showed that He is the true Son of God.





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must follow ... Keep his
commandments and obey him.**

Deuteronomy 13:4



UNIT 14 - THE NORTHERN KINGDOM

Unit Description: Although the Northern Kingdom continued to worship idols, God provided prophets to warn His people—and even foreign nations—to turn away from their sin. While Nineveh repented and was spared God’s judgment, the nation of Israel refused to worship God alone. As a result, God judged Israel’s idolatrous sin by allowing the nation of Assyria to destroy the Northern Kingdom.

Younger Preschool Big Picture Question:

Why do Christians continue to sin? Because we still have hearts that want to sin.

Older Preschool Big Picture Question:

Why do Christians continue to sin? Christians continue to sin because we still have hearts that want to sin.

SESSION 1



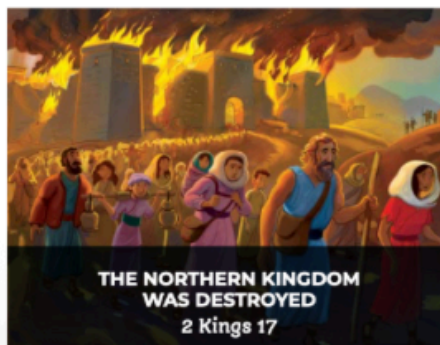
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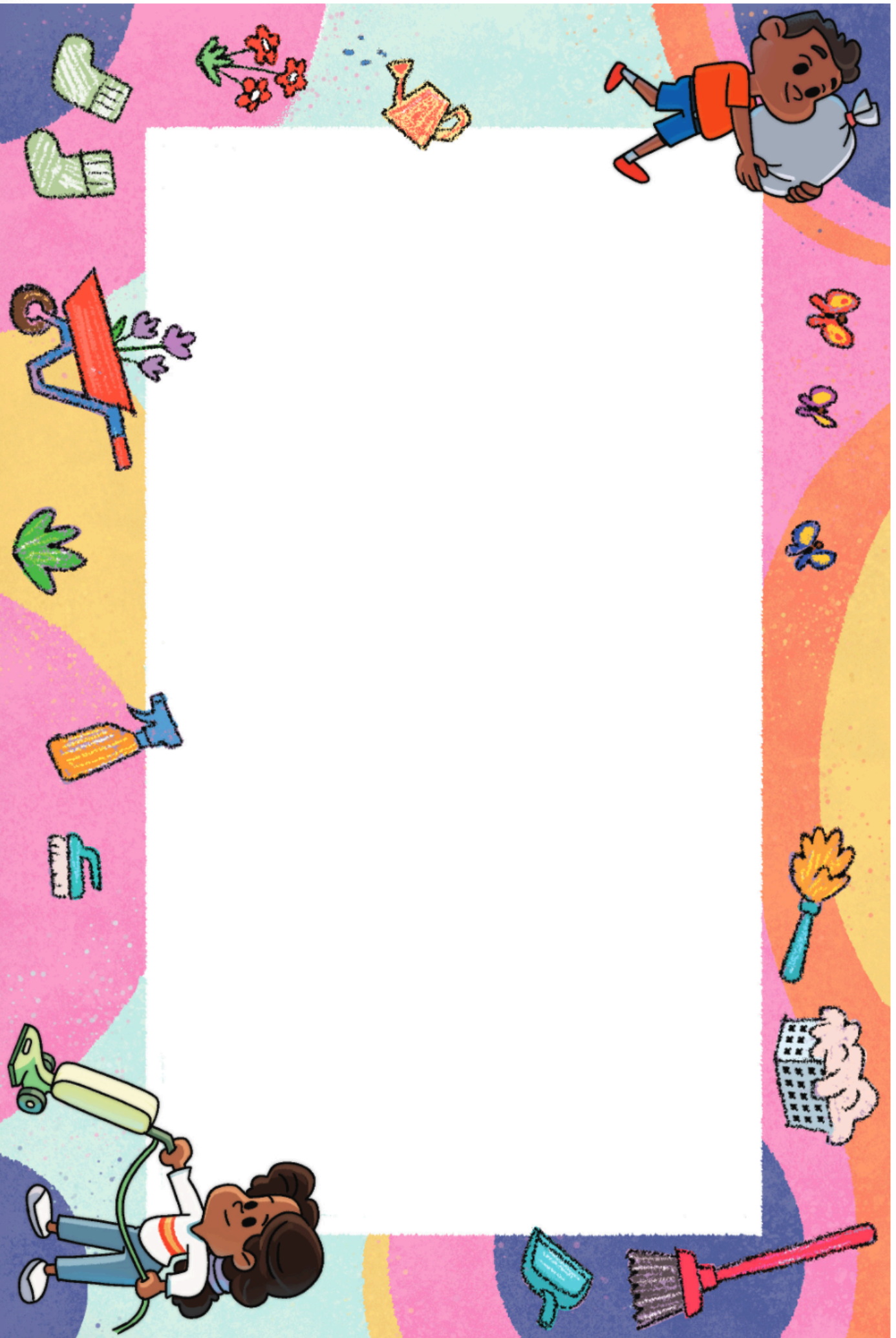


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I Can Help

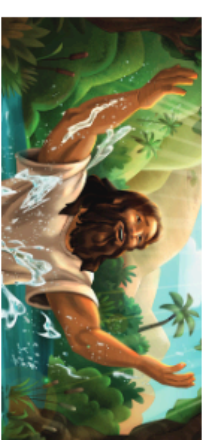
INSTRUCTIONS: Elisha helped people. In the space below, draw some ways you can be a helper.



NAME: _____



the **GOSPEL** PROJECT



Elisha the Prophet

2 Kings 2: 4–5

STORY POINT:

God gave Elisha the power to perform miracles.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

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KEY PASSAGE:

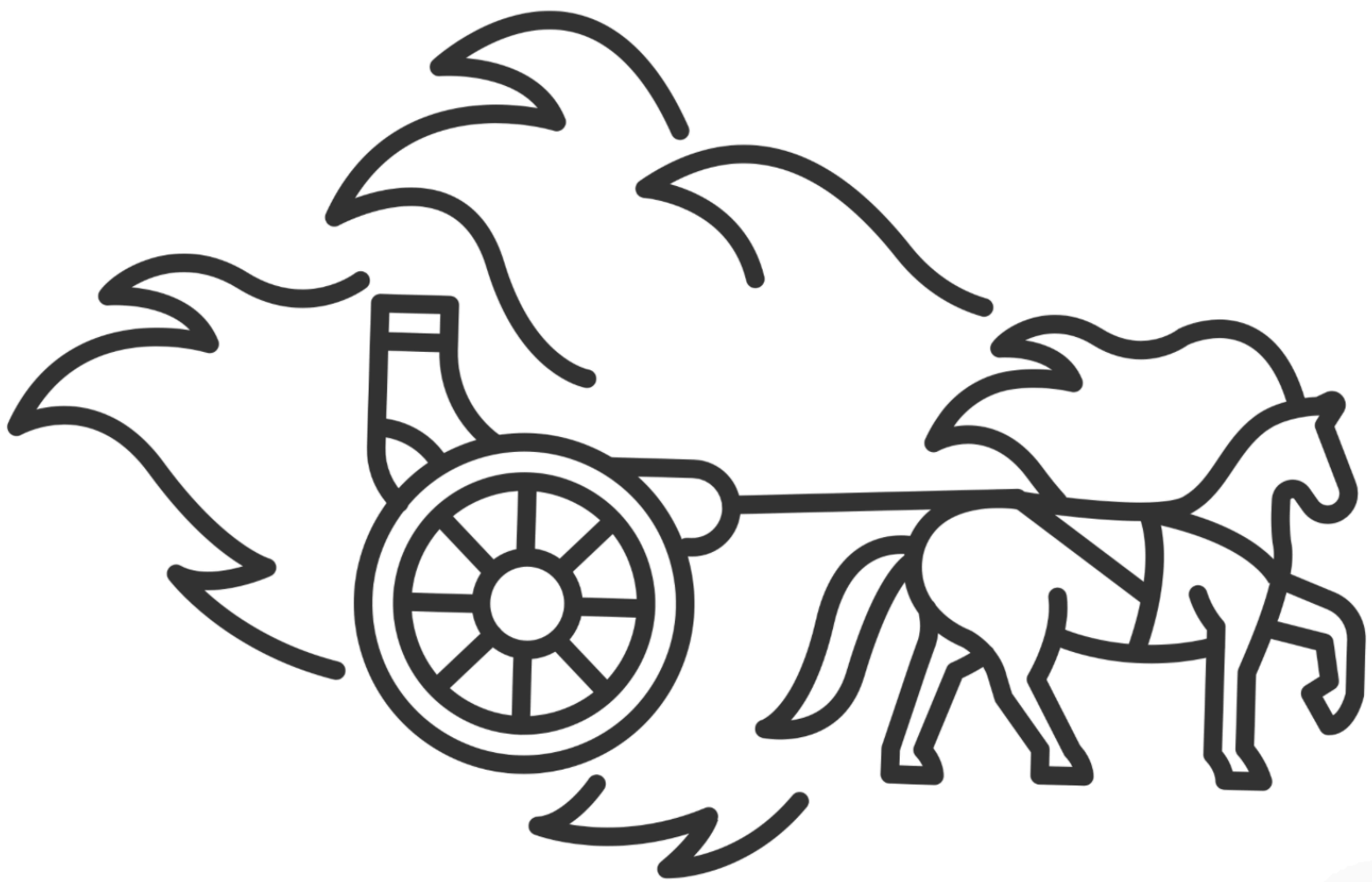
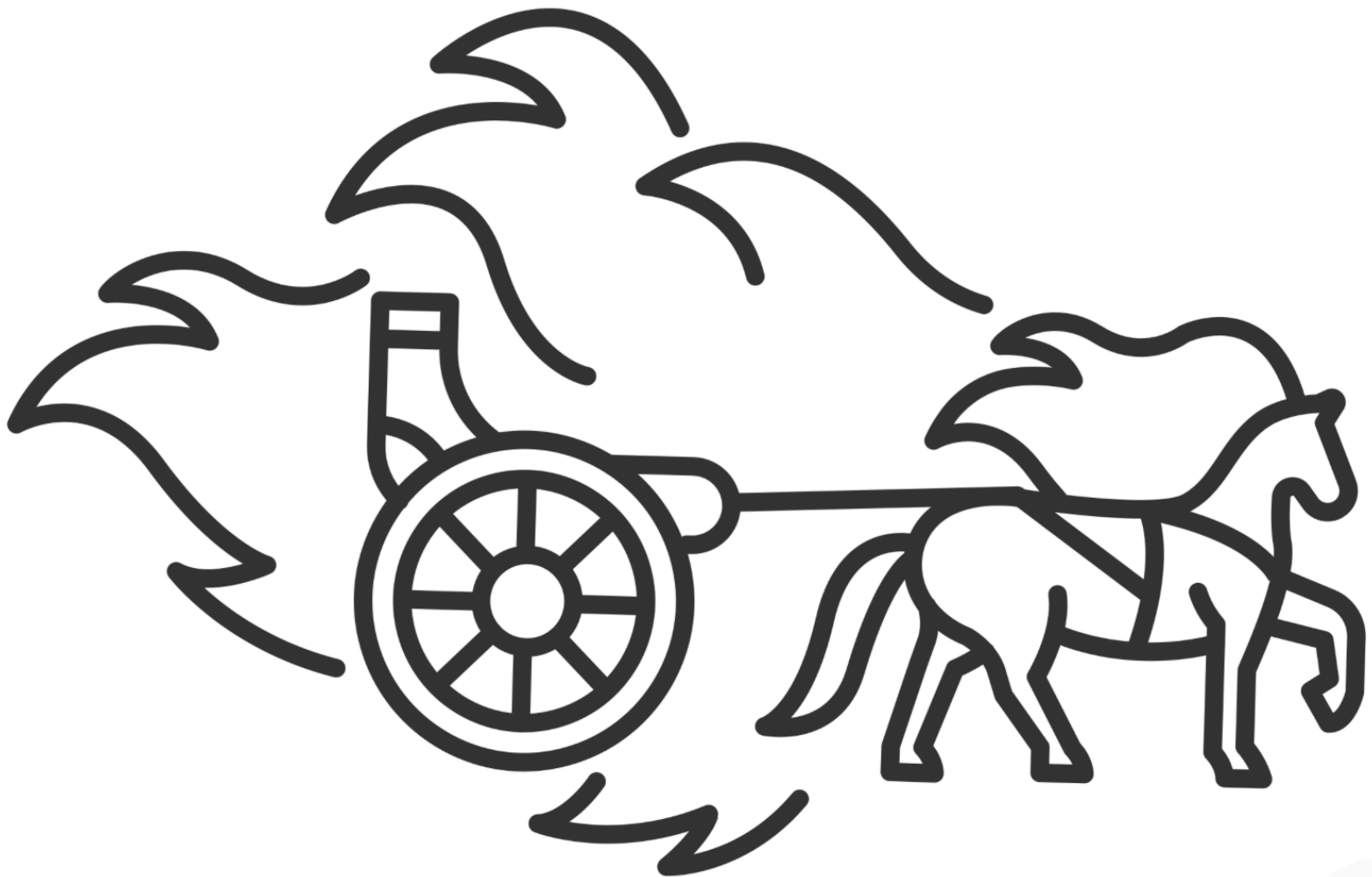
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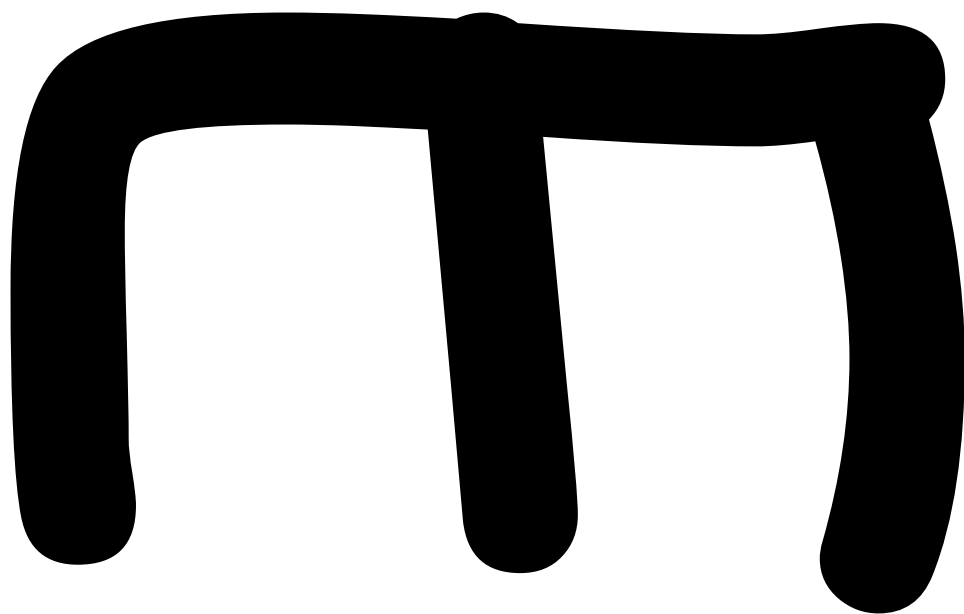
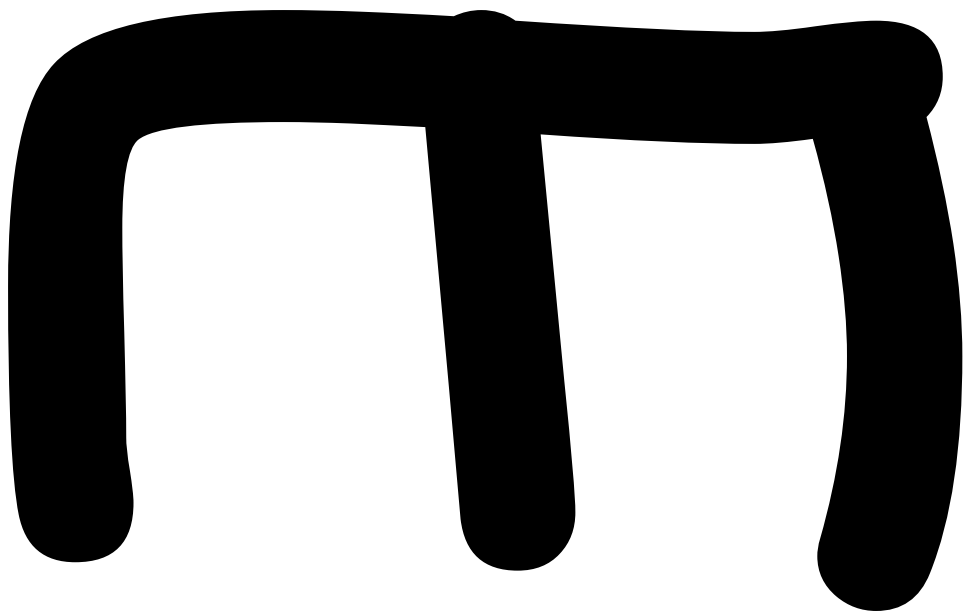
BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

Why do Christians continue to sin? Christians continue to sin because we still have hearts that want to sin.

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