

ELISHA THE PROPHET



Bible Reference: 2 Kings 2: 4-6

Date: 9/28/25

Grade: PreK /Kindergarten

2nd 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
- **Kids Worship @ 11:00**.....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
- 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.

- Before the session, write the letters P, R, O, P, H, E, and T in large letters on the whiteboard. Guide children to use their arms and legs to stand in the shape of each letter. Introduce the word prophet, its meaning, and that they will learn about some prophets today and over the next few weeks.
- **SAY** A prophet is a person who delivered messages from God to a group of people. Today we will learn about two prophets whose names sound a lot alike! Elijah and Elisha—can you say those names after me? [Repeat the names.] I'm so excited to tell you how God used these two prophets in today's story!

Circle Time and Bible Story

10 minutes

Thinking Activity

- Invite children to join you in group time. Using an adhesive bandage from your drawer, show children how it sticks to your arm.
- **SAY** We wear bandages when we are hurt or have a sore. A man named Naaman had a skin problem. Elisha performed a miracle, and Naaman was healed. God gave Elisha the power to perform miracles

Bible Story

- Elijah was a man who loved God, and Elisha was his helper. One day, God was going to take Elijah to heaven. Elijah and Elisha came to a river. Elijah hit the water with his robe, and the water moved apart so they could walk on dry ground. Elisha asked if he could have Elijah's spirit to help him. Elijah said, "If you see me go to heaven, you will have it." While they were walking, a chariot of fire came, and Elijah was taken to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha picked up Elijah's robe and went back to the river. He hit the water with the robe, and the water moved apart! Everyone saw this and knew God was with Elisha. Elisha did many miracles after that. In one town, the water was making people sick. Elisha put salt in the water, and God made it good to drink! Another time, a woman had no money and was scared. Elisha told her to borrow jars and pour oil into them. The oil kept coming until all the jars were full. She sold the oil and paid her bills. Then, a woman's son died, and she was very sad. Elisha prayed, and the boy came back to life! Another man named Naaman had a skin problem. Elisha told him to wash in a river seven times. When he 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

- Put classroom chairs in a circle facing inward. Instruct children to close their eyes. While their eyes are closed, tape the Bible Story Picture Poster to the back of a chair. Instruct children to open their eyes and turn around to see if the picture is on their chair. Encourage that child to share a miracle from the Bible story (splitting the river, turning the water from bad to good, providing oil for the woman, healing the boy, or healing Naaman). Play again until everyone has had a chance to share a miracle from the story.
- SAY You remembered so many miracles from our story today! God gave Elisha the power to perform miracles. All of these miracles make me think of Jesus, the Son of God. Jesus performed miracles. Jesus rescues us from our sin when we ask Him for forgiveness and trust in Him.

Movement Activity

10 minutes

- Write a capital E on individual sticky notes. Post the notes around the classroom. Make at least one note per child in the class. Invite preschoolers to find a sticky note and stick it to your whiteboard. Tell children that Elijah and Elisha's names both begin with the letter E
- SAY Elijah and Elisha were both prophets of God! Sometimes, we might accidentally mix them up because both of their names start with the letter 'E' and they sound so similar! What do you remember about Elijah and Elisha to help us know the difference (allow responses)

Craft

5-7 minutes

Distribute the folded cards and crayons or markers to the children. Think of people who are hurting or sick and decorate cards for those people. Label the cards with the names of the people the children want to pray for. Pray over the cards together. When you finish, encourage the children to put the card in their bin and give to the person they want to pray for





SAY These cards are decorated so beautifully! I enjoyed praying together for people who are sick or hurting. God gave Elisha the power to perform miracles. Elisha helped many people who were hurting or sick. Jesus, God's Son, also helped people who were sick and hurting. Jesus performed miracles and rescues people from sins so they can have forgiveness and life with God forever.

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.

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, You have the power to heal the sick and make wrong things right. Through Jesus, You have rescued people from sin. I pray that (say each child's name) will one day choose to trust in Your Son, Jesus, and use the power of your Spirit to share Your love with others. Amen

Bible Verse

- Encourage preschoolers to say the key passage phrase with you several times, alternating the pitch of your voice each time. Say it with a very high, squeaky voice. Then say it with a deep, low voice. Tell preschoolers that Elisha was a man who followed the Lord, his God.





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.

Additional Activities

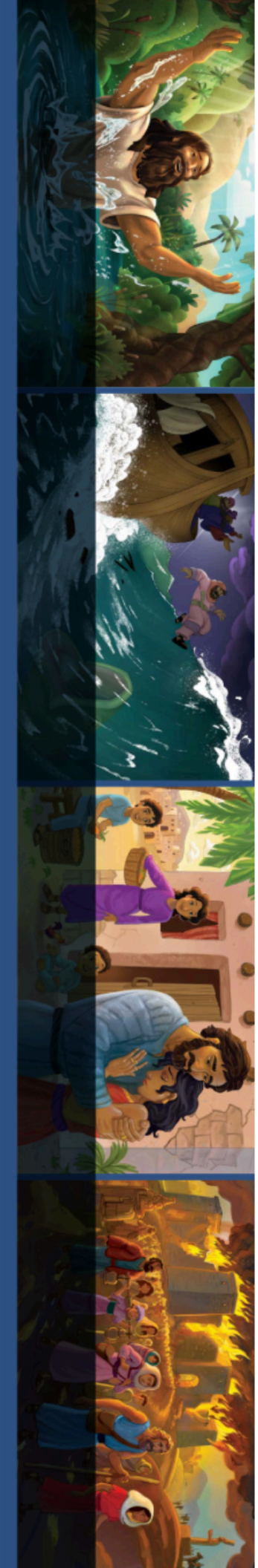
As Needed

Kindness Bounces Back

- Inflate a balloon. and have the children bounce it back and forth between each other. Each time say kindness bounces back. Review the kindnesses of the story in order: he made good water, he helped a woman sell oil, he brought a woman's son back to life.

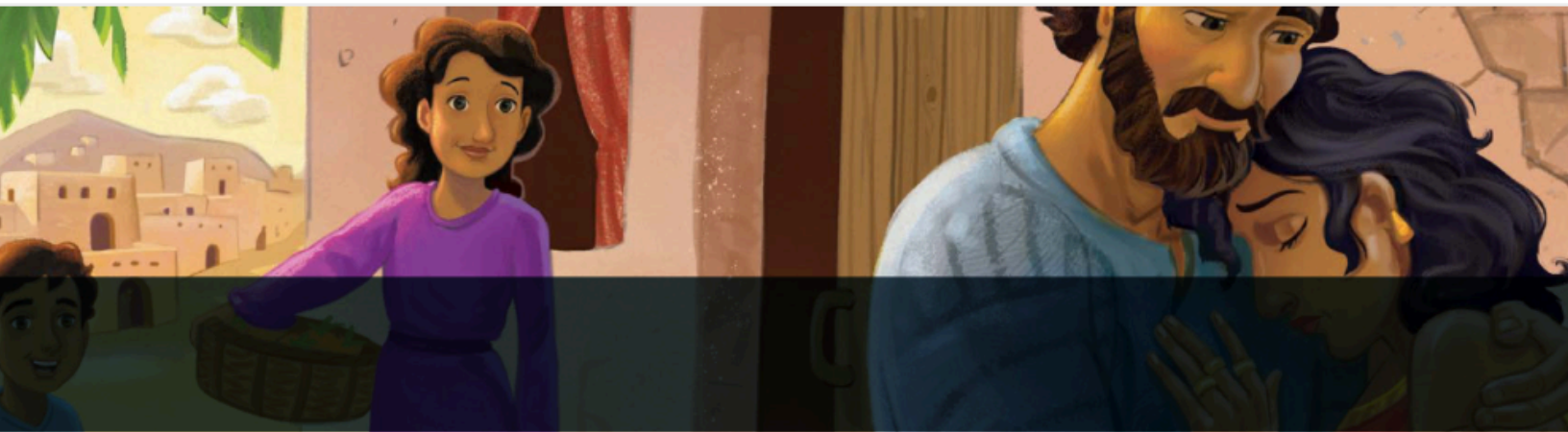






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commandments and obey him.**

Deuteronomy 10:1-4



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:

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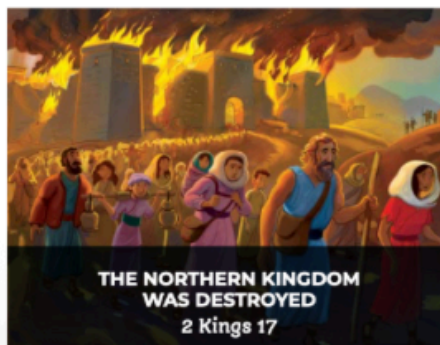
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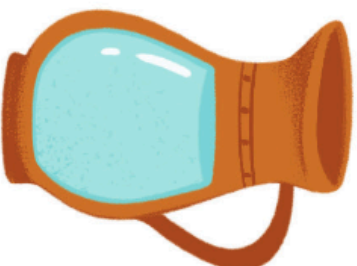
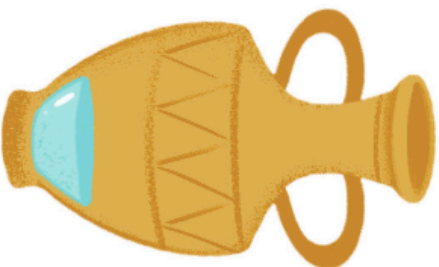
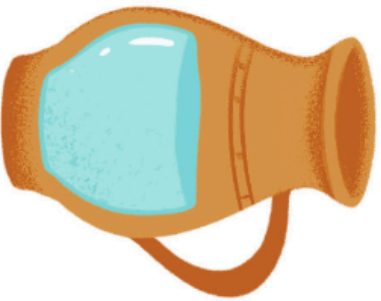
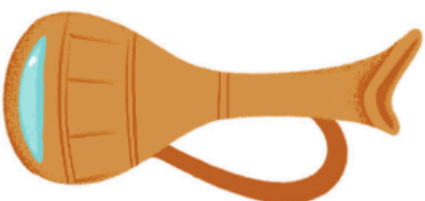
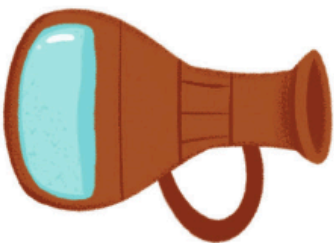
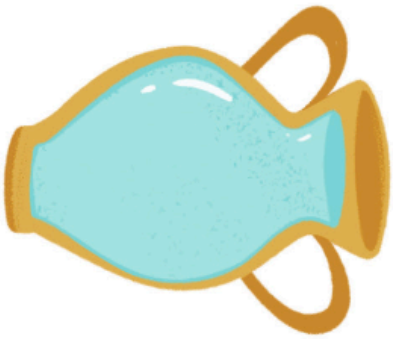


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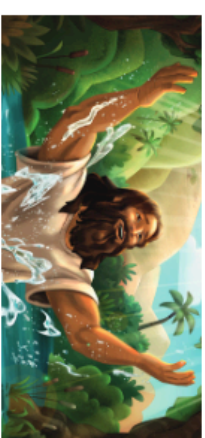


Circle Full Jars

INSTRUCTIONS: Elisha told a woman to borrow jars and pour oil into them. The oil kept flowing until all the jars were full. Circle the full jars.



NAME: _____



Elisha the Prophet

2 Kings 2: 4-5

STORY POINT:

God gave Elisha the power to perform miracles.

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.

KEY PASSAGE:

Deuteronomy 13:4

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

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use at home!



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