



Unit 13 | Session 3

ELISHA SERVED AS A PROPHET

2 Kings 2

Elijah was a powerful prophet to Israel, but God had a plan for another man to be a prophet after Elijah. That man's name was Elisha (ih LIGH shuh).

When the time came for the Lord to take Elijah up to heaven, Elisha did not want to leave Elijah. Elijah said, "Elisha, stay here. But Elisha said, "As long as you are alive, I will not leave you." So they went together to the Jordan River.

A crowd of prophets watched Elijah and Elisha as they stood by the river. Elijah rolled up his cloak and hit the water with it. The river parted, and they crossed to the other side.

Elijah asked, "Is there anything I can do for you before I go?"

Elisha said, "I want a double portion of the spirit that you have."

Elijah said, "If you see me go, you will

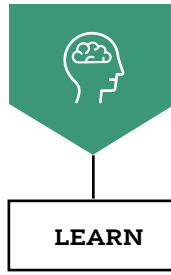
have it."

Suddenly, a chariot of fire with horses of fire appeared and drove between them. Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind.

Elisha watched as Elijah went away. Then he picked up Elijah's cloak and went back to the river. He hit the water, and it parted for him to cross to the other side just as it had for Elijah.

The crowd of prophets was there watching, and they saw that the spirit that was with Elijah was now with Elisha. The prophets searched for Elijah, but they could not find him since God had taken him up to heaven.

Christ Connection: God gave Elisha the same spirit that was in Elijah so Elisha could carry out his mission as a prophet. Years later, Jesus told His followers to wait for the Holy Spirit. God gives believers the Holy Spirit so they can share the gospel with the world.



THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

» Match the following Scriptures to the role of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers.

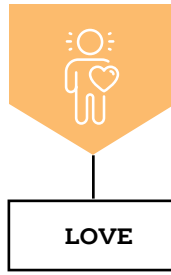
John 6:63	The Spirit guides us in truth.
John 16:13	The Spirit helps us pray.
Galatians 5:22	The Spirit gives us life.
Romans 8:26	The Spirit produces good fruit in us.

» What does this story teach us about God?

» Can we earn the Holy Spirit?

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THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

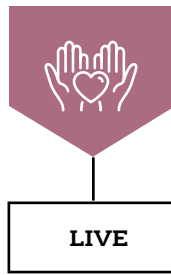
» How did Elijah follow the Lord and how can we follow the Lord?

» How do we know if we have the Holy Spirit living in us?

» What role does the Holy Spirit play in a believer's life?

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THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

» Find Deuteronomy 6:4-5 in your Bible and write the words below.

» Write a prayer to God, thanking God for His Spirit at work in your life.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

☐ Nehemiah 9:20

☐ John 3:5

☐ Job 33:4

☐ John 4:24

☐ Psalm 143:10

☐ Acts 1:8