

1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?

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| 2. What does this story teach me about myself? |
| 3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good? |
| 4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God? |
| 5. How does this story help me to live on mission better? |



Unit 13 • Session 3

ELISHA SERVED AS A PROPHET 2 Kings 2

WHAT IS IDOLATRY? IDOLATRY IS A SIN OF THE HEART IN WHICH WE LOVE AND VALUE SOMETHING ELSE ABOVE GOD.

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.

Bible Verse Match | Match the following Scriptures to the role of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers.

John 6:63

The Galatians 5:22

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

Romans 8:26

Secret Message Decode the message to learn another way the Holy Spirit helps believers.

The Spirit guides us in truth.

The Spirit helps us pray.

The Spirit gives us life.

The Spirit produces good fruit in us.

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