



UNIT 13 | SESSION 4

ELISHA PERFORMED MIRACLES

2 KINGS 4–6

CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus' miracles show that He is the Son of God.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: Love the Lord your God. Deuteronomy 6:5

BABIES GOSPEL GEMS

- God used Elisha to give His people food.
- The power to heal comes only from God.
- Jesus' miracles show that He is the Son of God.

BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS:

One day, Elisha told a man to give a few loaves of bread to a lot of people. The man obeyed, everyone ate, and there was even food left over! Another time, God used Elisha to heal a man named Naaman. Naaman had a skin disease. Elisha told Naaman, "Wash seven times in the Jordan River." When Naaman obeyed, he was healed! On another day, Elisha met people cutting down trees by the Jordan River. An iron ax head fell into the water. Elisha took a stick, threw it into the water, and the ax floated to the top. The power to perform miracles comes only from God.



BABIES ACTIVITIES

LEARNING Activities

Engage babies in the following activities during the session. In each activity, provide handheld Bibles for babies to handle. Open a Bible to 2 Kings 4. Show the Bible story picture as you say the gospel gems in a soothing voice. Read the key passage phrase card. Pray for the babies.

1 SING A FAMILIAR SONG

Sing to the tune of “Mulberry Bush”:

“Love the Lord God with all your heart
All your heart, all your heart.
Love the Lord God with all your heart
And live with Him forever!”

SAY “Miracles are things that only God can do. Jesus’ miracles show that He is the Son of God. We can be God’s children too, live with Him forever, and love God with all our hearts.”

2 SHARE FOOD

Place toy food (including bread) in a basket. Pull out each item and name it for the babies. Pretend to share a meal together, describing the food’s texture and taste as you “eat” them. Encourage the babies to imitate your actions. If the babies try to share the food back with you, respond with excitement and enthusiasm. Keep wipes handy to disinfect and clean items babies put into their mouths.

SAY “God used Elisha to share a few loaves of bread with a lot of people. Everyone ate and there was even food left over! God used Elisha, and Elisha obeyed God.”

3 GET CLEAN

Place medium plastic bins filled with about 1 inch of water on top of towels. Sit a baby in your lap and use a wet washcloth to clean plastic toy people. Allow babies to explore the water, dipping, cleaning, and drying off the people. When the people are all “clean” set them aside to fully dry.

SAY “God used Elisha to heal a man and make him clean. The power to heal comes only from God. Jesus’ miracles show that He is the Son of God.”

Check diapers, serve bottles if needed, and release babies to parents according to your church’s security guidelines. Give parents today’s big picture card. Repeat the Christ connection, gospel gems, and Bible-learning activities for babies who stay a second hour.



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

LEARNING Activities

Engage toddlers in the following activities. In each activity, show the Bible story picture as you review the Bible story. Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle.

1 CIRCLE TIME

Open your Bible to 2 Kings 4. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the provided toddlers' Bible story. Read the key passage phrase card and guide toddlers to say it with you. Pray for the toddlers.

2 MAKE BARK RUBBINGS



Lay out pieces of bark for toddlers to explore. Tape a piece of paper lightly on top of the bark. Lay crayons horizontally and gently color until the bark image appears. Retell the story.

SAY “God used Elisha to do many miracles. In today’s story, Elisha threw a stick into water to find an ax lost in the water. The power to perform miracles comes only from God.”

3 SING A SONG

Sing to the tune of “Skip to My Lou” while the children stomp, clap, or march to make music.

“E-lisha shared his bread.

E-lisha healed Naaman.

E-lisha helped a friend.

Elisha was a man of God.”

SAY “God used Elisha to perform miracles. Jesus’ miracles show that He is the Son of God.”

4 FIND THE MIRACLES

Hide a piece of bread in a ziplock bag, a peg person, and a piece of wood in plain sight around the room. Retell the Bible story, emphasizing the bread, the man who was healed, and the stick Elisha threw. Invite toddlers to find objects from the Bible story, giving hints as needed.

SAY “These items remind us of the miracles in our story. God used Elisha to give His people food, to heal a man, and to find a lost ax head. The power to perform miracles comes only from God.”

5 STAMP WITH NATURE ITEMS

Press nature items (sticks, leaves, flowers, and so forth) in various colors of washable ink pads (or paint squirted onto sponges). Push the items onto construction paper to make different shapes and patterns using the different colored ink.

SAY “God used Elisha to do many miracles. Elisha used a stick to get back an ax that had fallen into the water. The power to perform miracles comes only from God.”

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1 TRANSITION ACTIVITY: HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Gather children and ask them to think of ways they can help family members at home or friends at school and in their neighborhoods. Review the Bible story. Discuss the various miracles in the Bible story. Ask if Elisha's actions helped the people around him. Encourage toddlers to consider how they can help those around them as well.

SAY “God used Elisha to do many miracles that not only helped people but also pointed them to God. We can also help people around us and point others to God like Elisha did. Jesus' miracles show that He is the Son of God.”

2 SING A FAMILIAR TUNE

Sing to the tune of “Mulberry Bush”:

“Love the Lord God with all your heart

All your heart, all your heart.

Love the Lord God with all your heart

And live with Him forever!”

3 FORM STICK ART



Lay out large pieces (about 9-by-12 inch) pieces of clear contact plastic (one per child), sticky side up. Assist the children in laying craft sticks or twigs on the paper in the shape of their choice (house, boat, tree, and so forth). Provide craft supplies (markers, crayons, yarn, and so forth) for toddlers to decorate their art. When finished, lay a piece of construction paper on top of the art. Trim edges. Print each child's name on the back of his art. Review the Bible story, focusing on the miracle of Elisha using a stick to find the lost ax head.

SAY “God used Elisha to do many miracles. The power to perform miracles comes only from God. The biggest miracle of all is Jesus. Jesus' miracles show that He is the Son of God.”

4 BAKE BREAD

Provide play dough for each child. Show the children how to roll and shape the dough into a bread-like loaf. Review the story as the children explore.

SAY “God used Elisha to give His people food. This was a miracle! The power to perform miracles comes only from God. Jesus' miracles show that He is the Son of God.”

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release toddlers to parents according to your church's security procedures. Give parents today's big picture card to reinforce today's Bible story, Christ connection, or gospel gems throughout the week.