

Large Group Leader:

Time	What to Do	Materials
10 minutes	Set up Computer with songs on Youtube, google slides powerpoint for today	
3 minutes	Start timer. Invite classes to join	Timer video
2 minutes	Welcome kids Collect the offering: For wells in Africa	Offering bag
	Birthdays: No birthdays this week	
2 minutes	Leader: Today we're learning about Elisha. Was Elisha powerful all by himself? Kids: No! God is powerful! Leader: God used Elisha to help people, protect people, and show everyone that He is the one true God. Kids: God's power is great! Leader: The same God who worked through Elisha is with us today. Kids: God is always with us! Leader: When we feel weak, who gives us strength? Kids: God gives us strength! Leader: Let's praise our amazing God, whose power	Bible

	never runs out! Kids: We will worship our powerful God!	
10 minutes singing	My God is so big, so strong and so mighty	Video
	My God is Powerful - Lifetree kids song	Video
	Tell the story – Page 51	
3 minutes	Watch the video of the story	powerpoint
	Questions: 1. What did Elisha ask Elijah for? 2. Did Elisha see Elijah taken away? 3. What were some of the miracles he did?	
	Questions from kids video: Are there still miracles occurring today? If so, what do they look like? 2. The Bible says that the same power used to raise Jesus from the dead lives in Christians. How can God's power help you become more like Jesus?	Video
	Summer Scripture Bingo - Tell kids to work on the different bingo sheets, read scripture throughout the summer, and bring it back for a candy!	
2 minutes	Dear God, we praise You as the one true God. Even though we sin and disobey, thank You for making the way for our sin to be forgiven. Help us trust Jesus and follow Him. Amen.	
1 minute	Do the blessing with them: May the Lord Bless You and Keep you. May he make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favour and give you peace."	



LEARN the Bible Story

1 TELL THE BIBLE STORY: VIDEO OR STORYTELLER (10 minutes)

Open your Bible to 2 Kings 2:1-22; 4:1-37; 5:1-15. Use the Bible storytelling tips to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “Elisha the Prophet.” Use the bold text to retell or review the story.

ELISHA THE PROPHET

“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). Elijah went on a journey, and Elisha refused to leave his side. When they came to the Jordan River, Elijah rolled up his robe and struck the water. The river parted, and they crossed on dry ground.

Elisha asked Elijah if he could receive twice as much of Elijah’s spirit. Elijah replied, “If you see me taken away from you, then you will have it.” As they continued walking, **a chariot of fire with horses of fire separated the two men, and Elijah was taken up into heaven in the whirlwind.**

Elisha picked up the robe Elijah left behind and walked back to the Jordan River. He struck the water, and it parted. Elisha crossed over. Everyone who saw it said that the spirit of Elijah had rested on Elisha. From that moment on, Elisha performed many miracles.

In the city of Jericho, the water was not good to drink or water plants. Elisha asked for a bowl of salt and threw some into the spring. The water was healed!

Another day, a widow cried out to Elisha, saying “My husband has died, and now I don’t have enough money to pay the people I owe. I will lose everything if I can’t pay them.” Elisha told her to borrow lots of empty containers from all her neighbors and pour into them a small jar of oil she had. The oil kept pouring out until all the containers were filled. She could sell the oil and pay back her debts.

When Elisha would pass through the town of Shunem, a woman who lived there would invite him to eat some food and rest. One day, as he was heading toward her town, the woman rushed out to him to tell him that her only son had died. When Elisha arrived at the house, he prayed and laid down on top of the boy’s body. Then Elisha got up and bent over the boy. The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes!

On another occasion, a commander of the Aramean army, Naaman, had a skin disease. He heard from a servant girl that there was a prophet in Samaria who could heal him. He sent word to Elisha, who replied with these instructions: “Go wash seven times in the Jordan River and your skin will be clean.” Naaman followed these instructions, and his skin was clear of the disease. Naaman said, “I know there’s no God in the whole world except in Israel.”

STORYTELLING TIPS

Active listening: Invite kids to raise their hands in praise when they hear how Elisha performed a miracle.

Use movement: Act out the story using movement.



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THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

Elisha performed all these miracles and more as the prophet of God!

Christ Connection: Elisha spoke the truth of God and performed miracles. Jesus taught with the authority of God and performed miracles as well. Elisha was a prophet, but Jesus is the Son of God, our Savior. 🙏

2 REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

SAY 🗣️ Elijah was a faithful prophet to God. He spoke God's words and reminded the people that God is one true God. But Elijah's time on earth was coming to an end. So, God prepared Elisha to follow after Elijah as a prophet. What did Elisha ask Elijah for? **[Allow responses.]** Elisha wanted twice as much of Elijah's spirit. Elisha recognized God's power in Elijah, and Elisha wanted to be a great prophet like Elijah. If Elisha saw Elijah taken away, then Elisha would receive his request.

Did Elisha see Elijah taken away? **[Allow responses.]** Yes, Elisha saw Elijah being taken up to be with God. Then Elisha picked up Elijah's robe, struck the water of the Jordan River, and the water parted. Elijah's spirit was now with Elisha.

Elisha performed many miracles as God's prophet. What were some of the miracles he did? **[Allow responses.]** Elisha made bad water good, helped a woman multiply her oil supply, raised a dead boy to life, and healed Naaman's skin disease. **GOD SPOKE THROUGH THE PROPHET ELISHA AND GAVE HIM POWER TO PERFORM MIRACLES.** Through Elisha, God showed that He cares for people of every nation and wants them to know He is the one true God.

Elisha reminds us of Jesus. Elisha spoke the truth of God and performed miracles. Jesus taught with the authority of God and performed miracles as well. Elisha was a prophet, but Jesus is the Son of God, our Savior. 🙏

3 GOSPEL DISCUSSION

SAY 🗣️ Elisha performed many miracles through God's power. But Elisha was just a man. He couldn't save people from sin. The greatest miracle ever is the miracle of salvation through faith in Jesus. Jesus died on the cross and was raised to life three days later, paying the penalty for our sin and giving us eternal life when we trust in Him. 🙏

(Tip: Use Scripture and the Gospel Plan Poster to explain how to become a Christian. Create an environment where kids are welcome to ask questions about what it means to follow Jesus.)

4 QUESTIONS FROM KIDS (3 minutes)

Show the "Unit 14, Session 1" Questions from Kids video. Prompt kids to discuss:

1. Are there still miracles occurring today? If so, what do they look like?
2. The Bible says that the same power used to raise Jesus from the dead lives in Christians. How can God's power help you become more like Jesus?



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5 MISSIONS MOMENT (3 minutes)

SAY “ Dr. George and Joan [Jo-ann] Braswell served as missionaries in Iran from 1968 to 1974. Iran is a country in the Middle East. The main religion in Iran is Islam. George and Joan wanted the people of Iran to know the one true God and His Son, Jesus. Through his position as a professor, Dr. Braswell was able to tell his students about Jesus. ”

Play the missions video. Mention that Dr. Braswell said he first had an interest in teaching people from a different country and religion about Jesus while he was in college. Joan said she enjoyed meeting and getting to know people of different cultures while she spent a summer in Europe. Later, George and Joan strongly felt God calling them to be missionaries when they took a group of high school students to a conference about missions. Dr. Braswell had many opportunities to tell the students he taught about the one true God who sent His Son, Jesus, to save people from their sins. Pray more missionaries will go to Iran to tell others about Jesus.

6 KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

Show the Key Passage Poster. Lead kids in reading aloud Deuteronomy 13:4 together.

SAY “ We don’t always keep the commands of our key passage because we sin. But through faith in Jesus, we can receive power to obey God’s commands. One day, when Jesus returns, Christians will be sinless like Him. ”

Divide the key passage into three parts. Form kids into three groups and assign each group a part of the key passage to create motions for. Then invite each group to share the motions, inviting the other groups to join in.

Lead kids to sing “Faithful to Him (Deuteronomy 13:4).” You may also choose to sing a worship song of your choice.

7 PRAY (2 minutes)

Invite kids to pray before transitioning to Love.

SAY “ Dear God, we praise You as the one true God. Even though we sin and disobey, thank You for making the way for our sin to be forgiven. Help us trust Jesus and follow Him. Amen. ”

Transition from **LEARN** to **LOVE**



