

Grades 1-3 Lesson Template

Where	Who and What	What you Need
Classroom	Teacher takes attendance Give students a sticker	Paper on table, check off who is here, put onto the clipboard
	Oil and Water pg. 49	Baby Oil Water Cups Food Coloring Pipettes
Large Group	Large Group Time: Leader is Sophie. She will get you when she is ready.	
Classroom:	Ask questions from page 54 1. Elisha didn't have power apart from God. How can God's power live in us? 2. Elisha wanted to be like Elijah. Why do Christians want to be like Jesus? 3. Elijah didn't die but was taken up to heaven. What happens to Christians when they die?	Bible Ask Questions
	Decode It Worksheet Draw a picture of one of Elisha's miracles, and then one of Jesus' miracles	Worksheet
	Summer Scripture Bingo - Hand out to students to bring home for the summer if a student hasn't gotten it already.	Bingo Worksheet



WELCOME Kids

Greet each kid as he or she arrives. Use this time to collect the offering, fill out attendance sheets, build relationships, and help new kids connect to your group.

| **SAY** “Who is someone you would like to be like? Why?”

1 ACTIVITY PAGE (5 minutes)

Invite kids to complete “Cross It Out” activity page.

| **SAY** “Today, we will learn about another prophet from the Old Testament named Elisha.”

2 SESSION STARTER (10 minutes)

☐ OPTION 1: OIL AND WATER

~~Form kids into groups of three or four. Provide each group with the supplies.~~ Invite a kid from each group to add a few drops of the food color to their cup of water. Consider allowing each group to have a different food color so groups can add different colors to the baby oil. Invite kids to use the pipette to take turns gently adding a drop at a time of the colorful water into the cup of baby oil. Observe as the water droplets fall through the oil to the bottom of the cup. Allow kids to use the colorful water of other groups to add more droplets to the oil. Dispose of the liquids in a sink. Throw everything else in the trash.

SAY “Oil and water may not seem that special, but long ago they were valuable supplies. Today, we will see how the prophet Elisha performed miracles to make water usable and how he produced more oil. **GOD SPOKE THROUGH THE PROPHET ELISHA AND GAVE HIM POWER TO PERFORM MIRACLES.**”

☐ OPTION 2: DO WHAT I SAY



Lead the kids to line up shoulder to shoulder. Tell kids that you are going to whisper an action to the kid at the front of the line, and that kid will act out what you say. Then that kid will tell the next kid in line the same movement and add a new movement to be done as well. For example, if you said, “Pat your belly.” The kid would pat his belly. Then he would tell the kids next to him, “Pat your belly and then touch your toes.” The next kid would perform the actions and add another to be passed down the line. Continue down the line of kids, adding a new movement with each kid.

SAY “Each motion was passed down the line until the last kid had to perform the greatest number of actions. Today, we will see how the prophet Elisha wanted to receive twice as much of Elijah’s spirit. Just as you closely followed the actions of who came before you, Elisha also followed closely in the footsteps of Elijah and wanted to be a prophet like him. Let’s hear our story to learn more about the prophet Elisha.”

Transition from **WELCOME** to **LEARN**





THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

LOVE God by Applying the Story

1 REVIEW & BIBLE SKILLS (5 minutes)

Distribute Bibles and display the Old Testament Kingdoms Map. Guide kids to open their Bibles to 2 Kings 5. Tell kids that 2 Kings is part of the History division of the Old Testament.

Consider pointing out the location of the Jordan River (F6), where Naaman washed seven times, on the Old Testament Kingdoms Map. Choose a volunteer to read aloud 2 Kings 5:15 or ask the kids to follow along as you read the verse aloud.

SAY 🌟 After Naaman obeyed Elisha's orders to go wash in the Jordan River seven times, he was healed. Naaman believed that the God of Israel is the one true God. Only God has the power to heal and give new life. Only God can wash away our sin, like He washed away Naaman's sickness. When we trust in Jesus, He washes away our sin forever. 🌟

2 GROUP DISCUSSION (10 minutes)

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss.

SAY 🌟 Elisha didn't have power apart from God. How can God's power live in us? 🌟

Tell kids that it was God's power that allowed Elisha to perform miracles. Share how we can have God's power in our lives too through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Tell kids that the Holy Spirit gives believers power to turn away from sin and obey God. Explain that the Holy Spirit has power to transform Christians to be more like Jesus. Remind kids that one day followers of Jesus will be sinless like Him.

SAY 🌟 Elisha wanted to be like Elijah. Why do Christians want to be like Jesus? 🌟

Remind kids that when God first created people, He created them in His image. This means that we were created to be like Him and live in ways that show what He is like. Discuss how sin has broken that image, and we don't always live in ways that show us what God is like. But when Jesus, the image of the invisible God, came to earth, He made the way for sinners to be made right with God and be able to rightly show what God is like. Jesus' life shows us how we were created to be and how He gives us new life so we can be like Him.

SAY 🌟 Elijah didn't die but was taken up to heaven. What happens to Christians when they die? 🌟

Explain that some people in the Bible, like Elijah and Enoch, didn't experience death. God simply brought them to be with Him. However, this is not the case for most people. We face physical death because of sin. The good news is that those who have trusted in Jesus as their Savior and Lord will be with God after they die. The Bible tells us that we go to be with God in heaven. We don't have to fear death because Jesus defeated death and made the way for us to live with God forever.

Transition from **LOVE** to **LIVE**





JOURNAL PAGE

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

ELISHA THE PROPHET

2 Kings 2; 4-5

AWHY DO CHRISTIANS CONTINUE TO SIN?

CHRISTIANS CONTINUE TO SIN BECAUSE WE STILL HAVE A SIN NATURE, BUT WHEN JESUS RETURNS, HE WILL MAKE US SINLESS LIKE HIM.

God had a plan for another man to be a prophet after Elijah. That man's name was Elisha. 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." A chariot of fire with horses of fire separated the two men, and Elijah was taken up into heaven. Elisha picked up the robe Elijah left behind and walked back to the Jordan River. He struck the water, and it parted. Everyone who saw it said that the spirit of Elijah rested on Elisha.

In the city of Jericho, the water was not good to drink. 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 money to pay the people I owe." Elisha told her to borrow empty containers and pour into them a small jar of oil. 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, the woman rushed out to him to tell him that her only son had died. When Elisha arrived at the house, he prayed. The boy opened his eyes. On another occasion, a commander of the Aramean army, Naaman, had a skin disease. Elisha replied with these instructions: "Wash seven times in the Jordan River." Naaman followed these instructions, and his skin was clear.

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.



SCAN THE QR CODE FOR RESOURCES TO USE AT HOME!

Decode It

Use the decoder symbols to reveal who God spoke through in today's story.



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Miracle Marvels | Elisha was a prophet, but Jesus is the Son of God. Draw a picture of a miracle Jesus performed. Use the Bible references to help you.

ELISHA

2 KINGS 4

JESUS

MARK 1:40-45; LUKE 7:11-17;