



K - 2ND

14.1
Elisha the Prophet



CONNECT TIME

Greet kids by name and play table games as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families. Ask kids:

Who is someone you would like to be like? Why?



DO WHAT I SAY

Start by 9:20/10:45

Lead the kids to line up shoulder to shoulder. Tell kids you are going to whisper an action to the kid at one end 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 kid 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.

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.

START BY
9:30/10:55

REVIEW **3** BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



LARGE GROUP

SMALL GROUP



BIBLE STORY REVIEW

Distribute Bibles and guide kids to find 2 Kings 5. Read 2 Kings 5:15 aloud.

What happened when Naaman obeyed God's instructions?

Naaman washed in the Jordan River seven times, and God healed him!

What did Naaman learn about God?

Naaman learned God is the one true God. Only God can heal us and take away our sin. When we trust in Jesus, He forgives our sins.



DISCUSSION

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

It was God's power that allowed Elisha to perform miracles. We can have God's power in our lives too through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives believers power to turn away from sin and obey God. The Holy Spirit has power to transform Christians to be more like Jesus. One day followers of Jesus will be sinless like Him.

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

When God first created people, He created them in His image. This means we were created to be like Him and live in ways that show what He is like. 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.

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

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.



KEY VERSE

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

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.

Form kids into three groups. Pass out the three parts of the key passage to each group. Have each group create hand motions for their part of the verse. Then invite each group to share the motions, inviting the other groups to join in.



As time allows, pass out crayons and pencils for kids to work on the activity sheet.



Take prayer requests and allow kids to pray.



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.

Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.