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Lesson 1



ELIJAH, GOD'S PROPHET

READING ASSIGNMENT: 1 Kings 17:1.

MEMORY VERSE:

"The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust;..." Psalm 18:2.

Elijah was born in the land of Gilead, east of the Jordan River. The name "Elijah" means "my God is Jehovah." God spoke to Elijah and told him to go to Ahab, who was king of Israel at the time.

1. What message was Elijah to give to Ahab?

- a. Many blessings would come
- b. No rain would fall for many years
- c. Ahab would be known as a good king



2. Why was this going to happen?

- a. Because the king and the people sinned
- b. Because God was angry
- c. Because Elijah didn't like Ahab

It was not a happy message that Elijah was sent to deliver, but he did it willingly because he loved God. And, just as he said, the dry weather began. The earth was so dry and hard that it was difficult to plow and even more difficult to plant crops. When it was time for the crops to come up, they did not appear. The level of the water in the streams and rivers got lower and lower. Pretty soon the cattle began to die and the sheep and the goats also. The people began to worry and started to pray.

3. Did the people turn to God?

4. To whom did they pray?

- a. Elijah
- b. Ahab
- c. Idols



After it had not rained for a long time, and no dew had fallen, King Ahab put a price on Elijah's head; a reward was offered. He thought it was Elijah's fault that no rain had come. But Ahab couldn't find Elijah.

5. Where did Elijah hide? Draw the place.

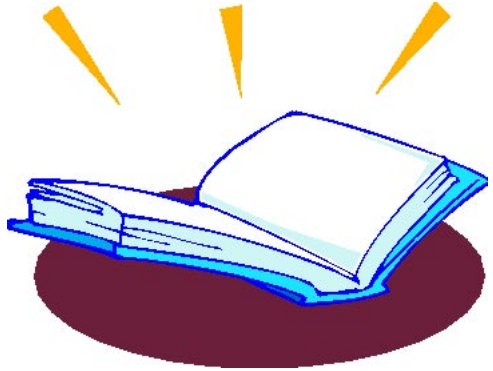
God knew where he was. God was protecting Elijah from any harm, because he had been so faithful in doing what he was asked. God will protect us also if we faithfully do whatever He asks.

6. Write down next to each prayer if the expressed thought is true or false:

- a. It didn't rain because Elijah was angry with Ahab
- b. Ahab was a good king
- c. The people prayed to idols instead of God
- d. God knew where Elijah was when others couldn't find him
- e. Ahab wanted to kill Elijah



Lesson 2



GOD TAKES CARE OF ELIJAH

READING ASSIGNMENT: 1 Kings 17:2-7.

MEMORY VERSE:

"Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you." 1 Peter 5:7.

The message Elijah was sent to deliver to King Ahab was not a good one. When Elijah left Ahab's palace, he was told by God to go and hide near a brook.

1. What was the name of the brook?

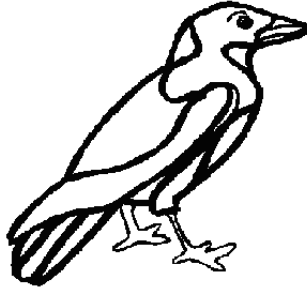
- a. Cherith
- b. Jordan
- c. Sunny Brook



Elijah went there as God had directed. He was also told that his food would be provided and that he wouldn't have to worry about it.

2. Who was to feed Elijah?

- a. Angels
- b. Good people
- c. Ravens (birds)



When Elijah was hungry and no food could be found, a raven flew overhead and dropped something on the ground. "It's food!", exclaimed the prophet. Elijah was very thankful. More ravens came with food, and Elijah remembered God's promise.

3. How often did the ravens come?

- a. Morning and evening
- b. Three times a day
- c. At lunch-time



Each day passed, and still there was no rain. Elijah soon began to realize that the brook would dry up too. And as he thought about it, God told him to go to the town where someone would be able to keep him safe.

4. Who was that "someone"?

- a. Ahab
- b. A widow woman
- c. More ravens



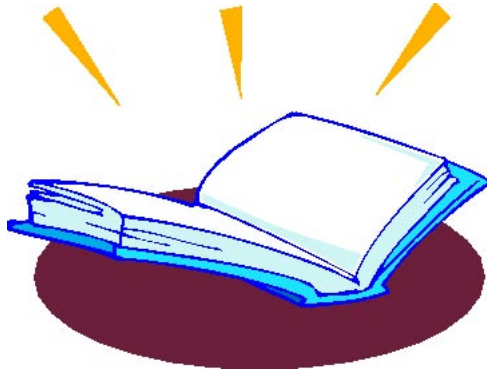
5. What was the name of the town where the widow lived?

- Israel
- Jerusalem
- Zaraphath

6. Help the raven find Elijah!



Lesson 3



THE WIDOW OF ZARAPHATH

READING ASSIGNMENT: 1 Kings 17:8-16.

MEMORY VERSE:

"I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread." Psalm 132:15.

Elijah came to Zaraphath and saw a woman gathering sticks to build a fire. He asked her to fetch him some water to drink. She did this, but then Elijah asked for food, and the widow didn't know what to do.

1. What did she tell Elijah?

- a. I have only a little food
- b. I have to worry about myself
- c. Ask someone else



"The coming of Elijah on the very day when the widow feared that she must give up the struggle to sustain life tested to the utmost

her faith in the power of the living God to provide for her necessities. But even in her dire extremity she bore witness to her faith by a compliance with the request of the stranger who was asking her to share her last morsel with him." —*Prophets and Kings*, p. 130.

TRUE OR FALSE:

2. **Elijah made a promise to her**



3. **He promised that her oil and meal would not fail until the Lord again sent rain on the earth.**

4. **Did the widow do as Elijah asked?**

The widow took the little bit of oil and meal, mixed it together and made a cake for Elijah. She knew that after that there would be nothing left for her son or herself.

The widow must have been a very kind person to share her only food with a stranger.



TRUE OR FALSE:

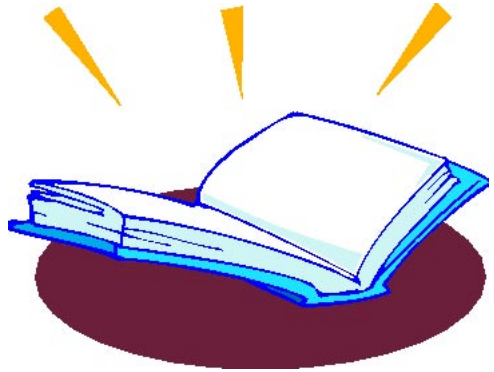
5. **The widow and her son died because there was no food.**

After making the cake for Elijah, the widow looked into her cruse of oil and barrel of meal and was surprised to find them full! Until it rained again she never lacked anything to eat. This is how the Lord fulfill His promises.

6. Write and draw four things that you have and that can be of help for other people:



Lesson 4



ELIJAH'S PRAYER

READING ASSIGNMENT: 1 Kings 17:17-24.

MEMORY VERSE:

"... Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in thy mouth is truth." 1 Kings 17:24.

"Wonderful was the hospitality shown to God's prophet by this Phoenician woman, and wonderfully were her faith and generosity rewarded." —*Prophets and Kings*, p. 131.

1. What happened to the widow's son?

- a. He went out to play
- b. He got sick
- c. He ran away from home



One day, the little boy got so sick that he died suddenly. This fact caused a lot of sadness to his mother, so much that she didn't even know what she should do. Even the same Elijah became very sad.

2. What did Elijah do?

- a. He took the boy upstairs
- b. He said he was sorry but that he couldn't help
- c. He left for another town



Elijah laid the boy on the bed and prayed to God.

3. Fill in the blanks:

"O Lord my, Ithee, let this
..... come into him
....." 1 Kings 17:21.

4. How many times did Elijah repeat his prayer?

- a. 100
- b. 3
- c. 1



God heard Elijah's prayer and returned the boy back to life for which Elijah was very glad. Then he called his mother and he delivered her the boy. Can you imagine how she felt when she saw her son alive?

5. Did the mother thank Elijah?

The mother of the little one was very happy and grateful to God for this miracle, for what she said to Elijah: "Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in thy mouth is truth." 1 Kings 17:24.



Lesson 5



THE GREAT TEST

READING ASSIGNMENT: 1 Kings 18.

MEMORY VERSE:

"... The Lord, He is the God; the Lord, He is the God." 1 Kings 18:39.

Three years passed, and no rain fell in the land of Israel. At last the word of the Lord was sent to Elijah.

**1. To whom was Elijah sent
this time?**

- a. Judah
- b. The widow
- c. Ahab



On the way to find Ahab, Elijah met Obadiah, who was the governor of Ahab's house. Obadiah was one of the few leaders who stayed faithful to God during this time.

2. What did Elijah tell Obadiah? Draw the two personages.

- a. Stay with me
- b. Leave the country
- c. Go and tell your master: "Here is Elijah"

Obadiah was afraid that Elijah would run away and then he, himself, would be killed by Ahab for letting Elijah get away. Elijah promised that he would see Ahab that same day and that he would not go away.



3. When Ahab came to Elijah, what did he ask him?

Elijah without any fear declared to the king that the people was guilty, since they had separated from God to follow Baal. Then he sent Ahab to gather the 450 prophets of Baal to Mount Carmel, since there it was going to demonstrate which was the true God.

4. How many different altars were there?

- a. 2
- b. 1
- c. 3



One altar was to Baal and the other to the Lord. The priests of Baal were to go first. They put wood and a bullock on their altar. The prophets of Baal prayed all day, but nothing happened.

At the time of the evening sacrifice, Elijah repaired the altar of the Lord, dug a large ditch around it and poured water over the altar and the bullock—so much that the ditch was filled! How could a fire start when everything was so wet? This was a real test. Then Elijah prayed.

5. Did God hear Elijah's prayer? Draw this event on the next page.

Fire flashed down from heaven and consumed the offering, the wood and even the stone altar itself and the water in the ditch. All the people shouted, "The Lord, He is the God! The Lord, He is the God!"

The Lord manifested his approval by sending rain again and this was how the drought finished.



Lesson 6



WICKED JEZEBEL

READING ASSIGNMENT: 1 Kings 19:1-5.

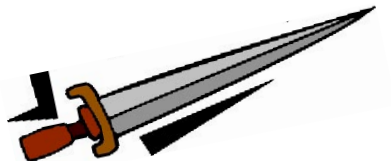
MEMORY VERSE:

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped,..." Psalm 28:7.

Ahab was very excited by the event that he just witnessed and that's why he hurried to the palace to communicate to Jezebel what had happened. But she got very angry for the death of the prophets of Baal and in her anger she sent a message to Elijah.

1. What would she do with Elijah?

- a. He would be killed
- b. He would be exiled
- c. He would be put in prison



2. What did he requested from the Lord, fleeing from Jezebel and exhausted of the way?

- a. That Jezebel would be killed
- b. That the raven would come to feed him
- c. That God would take his life



Soon he fell asleep under a juniper tree. Suddenly someone touched him and said, "Arise and eat."

3. Who awoke Elijah?

- a. An angel
- b. The Lord
- c. Jezebel



"God had sent an angel from heaven with food for His servant. 'Arise and eat,' the angel said. 'And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baked on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head.'

"After Elijah had partaken of the refreshment prepared for him, he slept again. A second time the angel came. Touching the exhausted man, he said with pitying tenderness, 'Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee.' 'And he arose, and did eat and drink;'..."
—*Propheths and Kings*, p. 166.

4. How long did he travelled without eating?

- a. 10 days
- b. 40 days
- c. 7 days



Elijah went to Mount Horeb and found a cave to stay in. God came to him and instructed him to go forth and stand on the mountain before the Lord.

5. Put an X by the things that happened:

- a. A great, strong wind passed
- b. A terrible rainstorm came
- c. An earthquake shook him
- d. Fire appeared
- e. It began to snow



But the Lord didn't reveal to his servant through these 'things', although he could finally notice a pleasant and soft whistle, and this was how God told to Elijah that he will not let him die, since he still had to do some things more, for example anoint Elisha as a prophet, to which Elijah obeyed immediately. (Look at Porphets and Kings, p. 217).

6. Describe how God revealed himself to Elijah.



Lesson 7



ELIJAH AND ELISHA

READING ASSIGNMENT: 1 Kings 19:19-21.

MEMORY VERSE:

"For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example that ye should follow His steps." 1 Peter 2:21.

Elisha's call to the service of the Lord was very direct and simple. As Elijah was returning from the wilderness, he saw Elisha working in the field.

1. What was Elisha doing?

- a. Sowing seed
- b. Plowing
- c. Reaping



2. How many yoke of oxen was he using?

- a. 12
- b. 5
- c. 1



"Elisha's father was a wealthy farmer, a man whose household were among the number that in a time of almost universal apostasy had not bowed the knee to Baal." —*Prophets and Kings*, p. 217.

3. When Elijah came near, what did he throw over Elisha's shoulders?



- a. His blanket
- b. His scarf
- c. His mantle

Elisha knew that this was an honor—that Elijah was bestowing his own office upon him. He immediately left his oxen and ran to follow Elijah.

4. To whom did Elisha want to say good-bye?

- a. Ahab
- b. His mother and father
- c. His uncle



Elijah then said to Elisha, "Go back again: for what have I done to thee?" Elisha returned and killed two of his oxen and prepared them for his last meal at home. He gave them to the people for a feast and then went back to Elijah. This was the way he began his training as a prophet.

5. Match the column correctly:

A. oxen

a. cloak

B. cruse

b. rich

C. mantle

c. cattle

D. prophet

d. bottle

E. wealthy

e. man of God

6. Make a drawing of Elisha.



Lesson 8



ELISHA, THE PROPHET

READING ASSIGNMENT: 2 Kings 2:1-11.

MEMORY VERSE:

"... As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee..." 2 Kings 2:6.

Elijah had fulfilled his work and he had remained faithful to God in persecution, affliction and hard times. He had carried out the mandates that the Lord had given him and now the time had come to leave his place to Elisha. Until then Elisha had always been with him, learning what his duty was.

"At Gilgal, and again at Bethel and Jericho, he was invited by the prophet to turn back. 'Tarry here, I pray thee,' Elijah said; 'for the Lord hath sent me to Bethel.' But in his early labor of guiding the plow, Elisha had learned not to fail or to become discouraged, and now that he had set his hand to the plow in another line of duty he would not be diverted from his purpose. He would not be parted from his master, so long as opportunity remained for gaining a further fitting up for service." *—Prophets and Kings*, p. 225.

1. What was Elisha's reply?

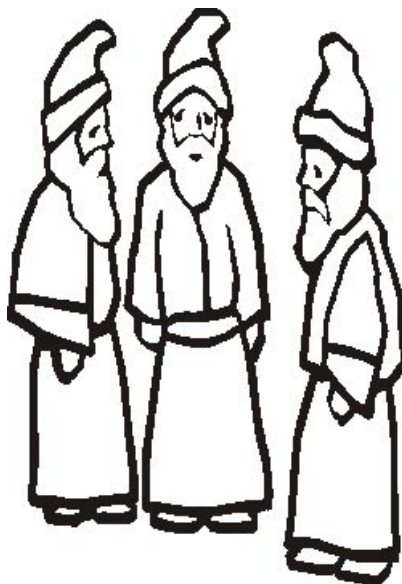
- a. That he was well
- b. "The Lord liveth and thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee"
- c. He wanted to go alone

So together they went to Bethel.

2. Who came to meet them?

- a. Sons of the prophets
- b. Obadiah
- c. Elisha's parents

They asked Elisha: 'Knowest thou that the Lord will take away thy master from thy hand today?', to what he answered affirmatively, that is to say, he already knew. Then Elijah was sent to Jericho and Jordan, but in any case Elisha he always remained by his side.



When they met at the edge of the Jordan, Elijah took his cloak, fold it and struck the waters.

TRUE OR FALSE:

3. When Elijah did this, the water divided.

And it was like that how they could reach to the other edge on dry feet. Then Elijah told to Elisha: "Ask what I shall do for thee before I be taken away from thee."

4. Write the answer of Elisha, according to 2 Kings 2:9.

5. What he asked, what does it mean?

While they continued walking and talking, a flaming chariot with horses from heaven came, that separated Elijah from Elisha. Elijah then went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

6. What did Elisha find?

- a. Elijah's mantle
- b. The chariot
- c. Horses



With the cloak of Elijah, Elisha struck the waters again and these divided again and in this way he reached to the other edge. As soon as the fifty prophets saw him they verified the way he had crossed the river, exclaiming: 'The spirit of Elijah rest on Elisha.' Now the moment had arrived in which Elisha should take the place of Elijah.



Lesson 9



ELISHA AND THE BAD BOYS

READING ASSIGNMENT: 2 Kings 2:19-25.

MEMORY VERSE:

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked:..." Galatian 6:7.

One day, the men of Jericho came to Elisha with a serious problem. They didn't know what they should do with the water, because they couldn't use it to irrigate, so the plants died and even the animals were getting sick by drinking it.

1. Before this request, What did Elisha ask them to bring him?

- a. Oil
- b. Salt
- c. Chesse



He took it to the spring and, pouring in the salt, he said: "Thus saith the Lord, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or barren land."

"... on the way to Bethel, he was mocked by ungodly youth who had come out of the city. These youth had heard of Elijah's ascension, and they made this solemn event the subject of their jeers,..." –*Prophets and Kings*, p. 235.

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2. Write what they said: “ _____

”.

These boys were saying to Elisha that why he didn't rise to heaven as well, since the people in general didn't believe what he said with regard to Elijah's translation. And therefore, those youth who didn't believe him either, began to make fun in that way. Before that situation Elisha knew, he had to do something, otherwise the work of the Lord would be despised.

3. What did the prophet do?

- a. Cursed them in the name of the Lord
- b. Spanked them
- c. Prayed

Elisha was a very kind man, but he had to act in this way with the disrespectful young boys to prevent that they continue mocking.



4. What happened when he cursed them in the name of the Lord?

- a. Two bears came
- b. Snakes appeared
- c. They saw woodmen

The bears trapped forty-two of them and tore them up. That was sure a punishment for mocking.

But God had to show the people that they couldn't mock a man of His choosing. This is a lesson for us also. We must never make fun of others, especially who work in the service of the Lord.

5. Where did Elisha begin his ministry?

- a. Mount Horeb
- b. Jericho
- c. Mount Carmel
- d. With Elijah

Explain what you think about Elisha:

6. Search the next personages and objects in the puzzle:

Chariot

Elijah

Jezebel

Ahab

Baal

Jordan

Obadiah

Mantle

Bethel

Jericho

Elisha

J	E	R	I	C	H	O	S	D
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Lesson 10



THE WOMAN OF SHUNEM

READING ASSIGNMENT: 2 Kings 4:8-37.

MEMORY VERSE:

"And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually." 2 Kings 4:9.

In his travels, Elisha often passed through a town named Shunem and precisely there lived a very kind woman, who offered him lodging, since he frequently arrive at that place.

1. What did she tell her husband about Elisha?

"I perceive this is an"

of....., which by us continually."
2 Kings 4:9.

The woman decided after consulting with her husband to arrange small room for Elisha, in order that whenever he passes by Shunem he could be more comfortable.

2. Put an X by the things that were found in his room.

- | | |
|-------------|----------------|
| a. Bed | b. Stool |
| c. Table | d. Candlestick |
| e. Pictures | f. Mirror |

The attention that this woman offered to Elisha made him happy, since like this she showed her friendship. Then Elisha sent his servant Gehazi to call the woman, so that he could give her thanks.

When she came, Elisha asked her how he could show his gratitude for the friendship that she had shown. He told her if she wanted him to speak to the king at her favour or to the general, if she wanted something special, but she didn't ask anything.

The servant of Elisha, Gehazi, realized that they didn't have any children and his husband was already elder.

3. What did Elisha promise her?

- a. She would soon be rich
- b. Nothing
- c. In a year she would have a son



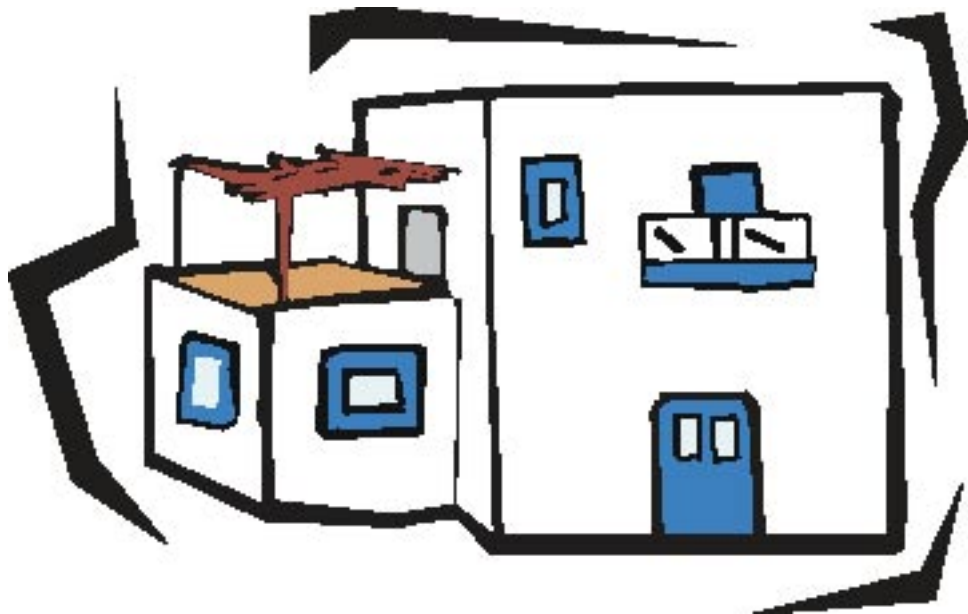
The woman couldn't believe it! She thought it was impossible for Elisha's promise to come true. But a year later she had a son. Oh, how she loved that little boy!

But one time something very sad happened. The boy became ill and it was so serious that he died a short time later.

4. After laying the boy on Elisha's bed, where did the mother go?

- a. To the king
- b. To find her husband
- c. To Elisha

When the prophet heard what had happened, he gave Gehazi his staff and told him to lay the staff upon the face of the boy in order that he could live, but nothing happened. Finally Elisha went personally, he entered the room, shut the door and prayed.



TRUE OR FALSE:

5. Elisha stretched himself out on the floor.

Elisha stretched himself over the body of the boy, that was still warm, while though he did not feel any palpitation or breath. Elisha was a little worried, therefore he rose up and he went back and forth, since he trusted totally in God. He stretched again over the boy and repeated what he had done before.

6. What happened to the boy?

- a. He sneezed seven times and opened his eyes
- b. He coughed and went back to sleep
- c. Nothing.

Elisha called the mother and told her: 'Take up thy son.' The woman was so happy, that she thanked him with all her heart.



Lesson 11



NAAMAN'S SICKNESS

READING ASSIGNMENT: 2 Kings 5:1-14.

MEMORY VERSE:

"Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. " Psalm 51:2.

Naaman was a great soldier that had come to be general of the Syrian army, well he had behaved as a brave man and therefore the Syrian king appreciated him a lot.

In the house Naaman lived a little girl from the town of Israel, that had been taken captive, and served his wife, always doing the work with good will, although she knew that Naaman had a terrible sickness: leprosy.

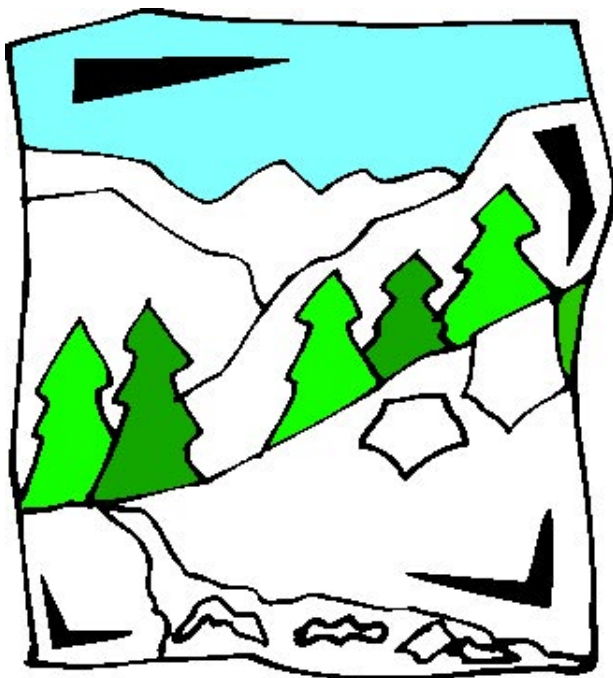
1. What did the little girl do to help Naaman?

- a. She advised him to talk with the prophet
- b. She advised him to change his nourishment
- c. She advised him to get more rest

The king of Syria sent a letter with Naaman to the king of Israel in which he explained that his general had been sent to his country to be cured from his illness. The king remained totally thunderstruck, for which he tore his garments, well he thought that in this way the Syrian wanted to provoke a war. He exclaimed: 'Am I God, that I can kill and give life, so that this man sent unto me to recover a man from his leprosy?' When Elisha knew what was happening, he asked to send Naaman to him.

2. When he arrived before the house, what did the messenger tell to Naaman? Finish coloring the drawing.

- a. Go back home
- b. Wash in the Jordan River
- c. Drink some medicine



3. How many times should he submerged himself in the river?

- a. 3
- b. 7
- c. 9



4. Did Naaman obeyed right away?

Naaman got angry to receive such order, since he expected that having come personally to meet with Elisha, this man should have done something special that will reveal his power, but not to send him such thing. In his indignation, he decided to return back to his home, but it was then when his faithful servants reasoned with him, persuading him to at least try. And this way is how Naaman proceeded to submerged in the water.

5. What happened after the last immersion?

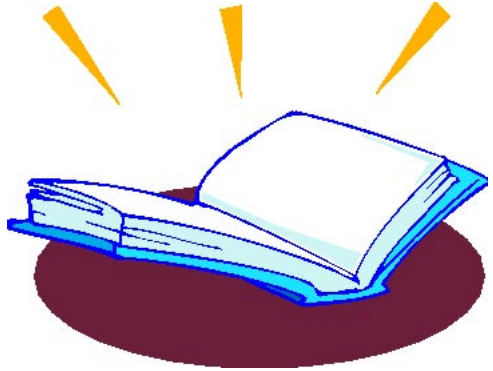
- a. Nothing
- b. He was cleansed
- c. He was only a little better



Naaman returned quickly to Elisha's house and he told him: 'Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant.'" But Elisha didn't take anything, since he only desired that Naaman believed in the true God and remained faithful to Him.



Lesson 12



THE MYSTERIOUS AXEHEAD

READING ASSIGNMENT: 2 Kings 6:17.

MEMORY VERSE:

"For with God nothing shall be impossible." Luke 1:37.

Elisha was a faithful servant of God, who visited periodically the school of the prophets and it was like this how on one occasion he could notice that there wasn't enough room, seeing that there were not enough for the students that applied to attend the school.

1. Where was this school located?

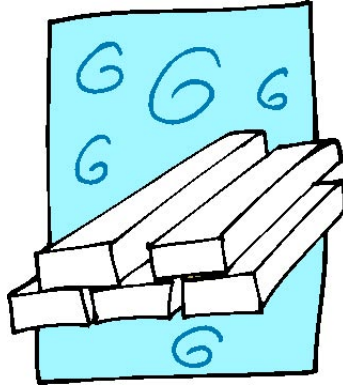
- a. Jericho
- b. Jerusalem
- c. Gilgal



2. What were they going to do to make more room?

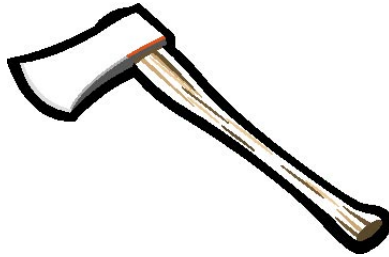
- a. Make some go home
- b. Have them share rooms
- c. Make a new building

They decided to cut trees to obtain wood with which to build and on that occasion they ask Elisha to accompany them.



3. What happened while one of them was cutting?

- a. The axehead fell into the water
- b. A tree fell
- c. It started to rain



4. As soon as the young man saw what had happened, he began to shout. Why did he shout?

- a. Because the axe was not his
- b. Because it was new axe
- c. It was the only one he had

Elisha asked him where it had fallen and then he threw a chunk of wood in the same direction in which the axe had fallen.

5. What happend now?

- a. The axe floated on the surface
- b. Disappeared
- c. Nothing



It is shown that the axe is a very heavy object and therefore we can

conclude that what happened was a miracle, since there can be no other way to explain the axe floating for the simple fact that a piece of wood was thrown. Thus we can see that for God nothing is impossible.

6. Unscramble these names:

JHALIE _____

MANANA _____

ZGEHIA _____

HASIEL _____



Lesson 13



ELISHA AND JOASH

READING ASSIGNMENT: 2 Kings 13:14-20.

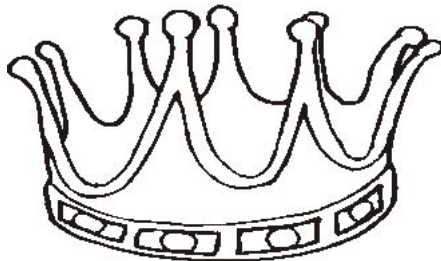
MEMORY VERSE:

"Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers,..." Acts 3:25.

Years went by and Elisha was always faithful to God along all of them. He had carried out everything that the Lord had ordained him in a obedient way and of good will for which the people considered him a very good man. Many turned to him to seek for advice and help. But in time Elisha got sick and still then many went to visit him.

1. Who was one person who came?

- a. Joash
- b. Ahab
- c. Gehazi



2. Who was Joash?

- a. A servant
- b. King of Israel
- c. A friend

When Joash visited Elisha, he took advantage to tell him the problems that he was confronting, since the war with Syria was seen very near and he was feeling very discourage, well things were not happening according to his plans.



3. What did Elisha tell him to do?

- a. Surrender to the Syrians
- b. Shoot arrows eastward
- c. Fight harder

When Joash was fulfilling the orders of Elisha, the prophet exclaimed: "The arrow of the Lord's deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, till thou have consumed them."

4. How many times did Joash shoot the arrows? Draw and paint.

- a. 3
- b. 6
- c. 10



Elisha showed his displeasure to the king for not having manifested more enthusiasm and zeal to such an act.

5. How many times should he have shot?

- a. 4
- b. 5 or 6
- c. 100 or more

If he had done this, the Syrian would have been totally destroyed, but the king showed the little enthusiasm that he puts in the matters of the Lord. Not long after Elisha died and the people buried him and continue talking about him as one of the greatest among prophets.

6. Draw the king shooting the arrows and indicate the direction in which he should throw them.

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