Lesson No. 1  Elijah meets Elisha

Have you decided what job you want to work at when you leave school? This lesson is about someone to whom God gave a very special job. Elisha intended to work as a farmer but God had other plans for his life. He was to succeed Elijah as God’s prophet.

What was Elisha doing when Elijah found him?
Circle the correct answer.

- sowing seed
- ploughing
- reaping corn
- feeding cattle

When Elijah threw his cloak around Elisha, Elisha realized immediately that God was calling him into His service.

(Some Bibles use the word ‘mantle’ instead of ‘cloak’.)

Write out the last words from the Key Verse to explain what Elisha did when God called him.

Name two people that Elisha had to leave behind.

God wants us to serve Him and live useful lives for Him. First of all we must ask Him to forgive our sins and take control of our lives. God may not ask us to leave home as He did with Elisha, but it is important that we are willing to obey Him, whatever His plan is for our lives.

After some years, during which Elijah and Elisha served God together, the time came for God to take Elijah to Heaven.
Look again at the second Bible Reading.

On the map, fill in the places to which Elijah and Elisha travelled together for the last time.

Who did they meet at each place?

Lightly shade the map making the water blue.

Write down the verse numbers where Elisha made it clear that he wanted to stay with Elijah as long as he possibly could.

Explain IN YOUR OWN WORDS the remarkable thing that happened when they came to the River Jordan.

Elisha knew that Elijah had experienced God’s power many times. He must have wondered if he would be able to experience God’s power in such mighty ways. Would he be able to serve Him faithfully when Elijah was no longer with him?

Elijah then asked Elisha if there was something he would like, before he was taken from him.

Cross out the things that Elisha did NOT ask for: -

money / food / to be clever / a double portion of Elijah’s spirit / ability to fight

Elisha realized that to be the kind of prophet that God wanted, he needed the same help from God as Elijah had known. Elisha had made a wise choice.

Number the following statements in the correct order to describe what happened next.

- Elijah’s cloak fell to the ground.
- Elisha used Elijah’s cloak in the same way as Elijah had done to cross the Jordan.
- Suddenly Elijah was taken up to Heaven in a chariot of fire, by a whirlwind.

What did this prove to Elisha? Rewrite the sentence below, without the letters X and Y to find out.

YGXYODXS YSPXIRIXT XYWYAS WXIXYTH HYIXMX.

Now Elisha knew that he was not alone and that God would give him all the help he needed to serve Him. In the same way, God has given us His Holy Spirit to help us serve Him. The Bible teaches us that the Spirit of God comes to live within us when we receive the Lord Jesus as our Saviour.

See 1 Corinthians 6: 19 & 20.
Lesson No. 2  Elisha helps two women

Read  2 Kings 4: 1-37
Key Verse  Ephesians 3: 20

Much of Elisha’s service for God involved helping others. The things he did through God’s power showed God’s greatness to those he helped. The Bible Reading tells how Elisha helped two ladies, each with a different problem.

1. Elisha helps a widow.
   After her husband died, the widow found herself with a terrible problem - she was in debt.

Fill in the Crossword.

CROSSWORD

1. She had _____ boys.
2. If she couldn’t pay, the boys would become ________.
3. She had only a little ________.
4. Elisha told her to collect lots of ________.
5. ________ the jars were filled.

The widow’s problem was solved in a wonderful way.

Write out what Elisha told the widow to do. (Verse 7)

__________________________________________
__________________________________________
__________________________________________
__________________________________________

How grateful the widow must have been to Elisha’s God!

Circle three things that she would have learned about God from this.

   God is powerful.         God is everywhere.         God is forgiving.
   God can give all that is needed and even more.       God can be trusted.
2. Elisha helps a rich lady.

The lady wanted to provide somewhere for Elisha to sleep, study and pray.

**In the room, draw or write the things she provided for Elisha.**

Sometime later, Elisha was able to repay her for her kindness.

**What did Elisha promise the lady?**

Some years later, the child suddenly took ill.

**Answer TRUE or FALSE to the following:-**

- The boy died in the evening. [ ]
- The boy’s father went to get Elisha. [ ]
- Elisha’s servant, Gehazi, was unable to bring the boy back to life. [ ]
- Elisha prayed to God about the matter. [ ]
- The boy sneezed five times and opened his eyes. [ ]

This lady had been shown that nothing is impossible with God. God had blessed her with a son, and then through Elisha, God’s power raised him from the dead. It reminds us that God is the great giver of life, and especially the giver of eternal life. Read Romans 6:23.

God wants us to give our lives to Him, so that His power can work through us when we serve Him.

**Write out the Key Verse.**

*This verse describes how much God wants to do through us!*
Lesson No. 3  Elisha helps a soldier

Read  2 Kings 5: 1-16

Key Verse  2 Kings 5: 15

To the north of Israel was the country of Syria, sometimes called Aram.

Fill in the Fact File about Naaman, one of its most important citizens.

Position: ______________________ of the Army.

Career Notes:
A __________________ soldier.
He has won many __________________ for his country.

Health Problems: ____________________________

Poor Naaman! It looked as if his brilliant career in the army was over. He had developed a disease for which there was no known cure. Then in a remarkable way, Naaman got to hear about Elisha who lived and worked in Israel. Perhaps there was a chance his disease could be cured.

In the Bible, leprosy is often used as a picture of sin. Sin spoils our lives, just as leprosy threatened Naaman’s health, happiness and success. Naaman heard of someone who could help him. We, too, are able to know of God’s plan of salvation which explains how we can be free from our sin.

Complete the names in the FLOW CHART to discover what happened next.

What else did Naaman take with him besides the letter from the king?

Join up each object with the amount by drawing straight lines between the pairs.

| 10 talents of | gold |
| 6000 shekels of | clothes |
| 10 sets of | silver |

Naaman made a mistake! He went to the king of Israel instead of to the prophet, Elisha.

How did the king react when he read the letter?

Find out by rewriting the sentence with spaces in the correct places.

Het oreh isro besina nger.
When Elisha heard what had happened, he immediately sent for Naaman.

Write YES or NO beside each statement:-

- Elisha invited Naaman into his house.  _______
- Elisha came out to Naaman’s chariot and spoke to him.  _______
- Elisha’s message to Naaman was to wash seven times in the River Jordan so that he would be cleansed.  _______

Naaman was furious at the way he had been treated. He did not want to wash in the Jordan at all.

Unscramble the names of the two rivers in his own country, in which he wouldn’t have minded washing.

BAAAN  RRPPHAA  _______

The Bible makes it clear that for us there is ONLY ONE WAY by which our sins can be taken away.

Complete the words from 1 John 1: 7. “The ___________ of ___________ cleanses us from all sin.”

Naaman’s servants managed to persuade him to do as Elisha had said.

Write in the box the number of the verse which explains how Naaman obeyed and was cured.

Verse _______

Although Naaman had been told how to be cured, it was only when he actually did as he was told that his leprosy disappeared. It is not enough for us to know that Jesus died to take away our sin, but we also have to act on it. We must believe in the Lord Jesus, realizing that He alone can deal with the problem of sin, and ask Him to be Lord and Saviour of our lives.

Naaman was overjoyed to see that there was not a trace of leprosy left on his body. Immediately he set off to find Elisha.

Write in the speech bubble what Naaman now knew about God. (Verse 15 - The Key Verse)

We, too, can find real happiness when our sins are forgiven!
Lesson No. 4  Elisha promises victory

Read 2 Kings 6: 24 & 25

Key Verse 2 Kings 7: 2

Please put your name here

Complete the following newspaper account.

**PALESTINE GAZETTE**

**CITY UNDER SIEGE!**

The whole Syrian army is still surrounding the city of ________________.

No one can get in or out. Already there is a _______ and any food that is left

is very _______. The people are becoming more and more desperate!

One person inside the city wasn’t panicking. Elisha knew that God was still in control of the situation. God had told him what was to happen.

**Complete the message that Elisha was given.**

“This time tomorrow there will be plenty of ________________ and ________________

sold cheaply.”

At the entrance to the city there were

four lepers. They were in danger too.

Together they weighed up the situation.

**Fill in what they thought would happen if they dared to go to the Syrian camp.**

Bravely, the lepers decided to go. To their amazement, there was no one in the camp, only horses and donkeys!

**WORD SEARCH**

Look at verse 8 very carefully and then circle the six things in the WORD SEARCH which the lepers found in the enemy camp. They are hidden forwards, backwards, downwards and diagonally. Use the remaining letters in order to form a sentence explaining why this strange situation had arisen.

Complete the sentence to explain what the lepers realized they should do.

Let’s go ______________________

______________________________

______________________________

Fill in the missing words in the newspaper account below.

PALESTINE GAZETTE

SIEGE ENDED!

The siege of Samaria has come to a remarkable end. The king thought the Syrians must be playing a ____________ when the four lepers reported that the camp was empty! The king sent out his men in two _________ to investigate. They discovered that what the lepers had said was absolutely true.

Which verse tells us that Elisha’s promise came true?  

Verse

Only one person in the city did not live to enjoy the feasting at the end of the siege. One of the king’s officers had doubted God’s power to change things.

Write out what he had said, in the Key Verse.

______________________________

What happened to him as a result?

______________________________

God wants us to know that He is always in control. We may face difficult situations but because God is Almighty, He can give us victory. He wants us to trust Him to work things out.
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