



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
Prophets & Promises Part 2: Elijah - Malachi
Unit 7, Lesson 33

Elijah and Elisha

Lesson Aim: To know God gives us spiritual gifts and mentors to help us accomplish the work He has for us.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: Who do you want to be like when you grow up?

GAME: Whirlwind Tag

THE WORSHIP THE GOD OF POWER

Read Worship Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:4-6.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform The Love Sub script or read storybook.

THE WORD GOD TAKES ELIJAH UP TO HEAVEN

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God sent fire to prove He is the one true God.

Today, we are learning about Elisha. Point to Elisha (Circa 845-800 B.C.). **God choose him to carry on the work of Elijah when Elijah went to heaven.** Point to the Jordan River. **They were walking by the Jordan River when a miracle happened. Let's read how God showed His power.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: 2 Kings 2:1, 7-15. Find and Highlight Key Verse First: 2 Kings 2:11. Pray. Read 2 Kings 2:1, 7-8.

The power for this miracle came from God. Let's see what Elisha asked for. Read 2 Kings 2:9-10. **While they were still talking, God performed another miracle.** Read 2 Kings 2:11-15.

THE WAY GOD CHOOSES SPECIAL JOBS FOR US

To show His almighty power, God did many miracles through Elijah. What miracle did God perform when Elijah struck the water with his cloak? (The Jordan River parted.) **What two miracles did God perform when He took Elijah to heaven?** (A chariot and horses of fire appeared, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind.)

Elisha wanted to be a prophet like Elijah. What did Elisha ask Elijah to do for him? (To let him inherit a double portion of Elijah's spirit.) **What do you think that means?** (To be twice as faithful and bold as Elijah.) **After God took Elijah to heaven, what did Elisha do?** (He took Elijah's

cloak, called on the name of the Lord, and parted the Jordan River.)

Everyone there knew Elisha was now a prophet of the Lord. Elisha saw four miracles that day: the river parting for Elijah, the chariot and horses of fire, the whirlwind taking Elijah to heaven, and the river parting for Elisha. Which miracle is most amazing to you?

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God had a plan for Elijah and Elisha. God gives us people we can watch and learn from so we can do our best with the spiritual gifts God has given us. These gifts help build God's kingdom. 900 years after Elisha parted the Jordan River with Elijah's cloak, Paul explained how God gives a spiritual gift to every believer. Check it out! Reveal Romans 12:6-8. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

God has chosen a ministry for each of us. He has made us all special with different strengths and spiritual gifts. We can use our gifts to serve God in our home, school, or neighborhood. As I describe each gift, raise your hand if it sounds like someone you know.

1. **Prophesying:** Pointing others to God and helping them see what is right or wrong in God's eyes.
2. **Serving:** Meeting the needs of others.
3. **Teaching:** Helping others understand God's Word, the Bible.
4. **Encouraging:** Helping others grow in their faith.
5. **Giving:** Giving gifts and money.
6. **Leading:** Leading others in reaching the goals of the kingdom.
7. **Showing mercy:** Showing kindness and seeking unity among believers.

Elisha learned how to be a prophet by watching Elijah. Who can you learn from today?

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Piece of cloth
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Elisha watching Elijah going to heaven in a whirlwind
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Choose a Snack

GAME: Name that Gift

CRAFT: Elijah's Whirlwind

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Picture God's Power, Unscramble the Verse

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW