



Elisha and the Chariots of Fire

2 Kings 6:8-20

Running time: Approximately 6 minutes

Setting: Scripts 32-34 use a simple laboratory setting to introduce The Love Sub series (Lessons 32-52). There is a table or counter with a microscope or chemistry flasks and a computer. A toolbox contains the Bible. You may use a large dry erase board or blackboard as the background. The setting for the remainder of The Love Sub scripts (Lessons 35-52) will be set onboard a kaleidoscopic submarine in the late 1960's. The set is designed to look like the interior of an old submarine that also serves as a time travel device. There is a sliding board (the Time Tube) used for the entrance of visitors from the past and a ramp (or steps) to invite children up to participate in object lessons. There are two working portholes; one squirts water and the other contains the Bible. Everything is painted in vibrant colors and has 1960's decor. For extra fun, build windows where the characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

Characters: Professor von Himmel is a wise but scatterbrained scientist who loves God. He has a German accent. Dr. Helga Sominex is a quirky scientist who has a tendency to fall asleep mid-sentence. She has a German accent.

Plot: Dr. Sominex is working on the time travel project. He studies the story of King Aram's army surrounding the prophet Elisha and how Elisha showed his servant that God sent invisible horses and chariots of fire to surround and protect them. We learn we don't need to be afraid because we are surrounded by God's protection.

Costumes: Professor von Himmel wears a lab coat, shorts, patterned shirt, slippers, white wig, and glasses. Dr. Sominex wears a lab coat, skirt, blouse, pigtails, and glasses.

Props: Clipboards, Bible, toolbox, power source, giant lollipop

Sound effects (SFX):

1. Intro/outro music suggestion: "Dexter's Laboratory Theme"
2. Snoring
3. Toolbox music suggestion: Song clip about power
4. Computer beeps and time travel glissando

Visual effects (VFX):

1. Toolbox holds the Bible. When it opens a light shines out and music plays.
2. Scripture Slide: ***"Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."***
2 Kings 6:16
3. Date slide: 1-9-6-3
4. Baby photo of Dr. Sominex: adapted photo of a baby with an 1960's hairstyle and glasses

Adaptations:

1. Sound Effects: instead of using recorded effects, have children make the sounds
2. Voiceovers: may be spoken off stage
3. This illustration is also available in storybook form located at ResourceWell.org

The Love Sub
Unit 7, Lesson 34
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(SFX: Intro music)

Sominex

Oh, hello, kids! It's me, Dr. Sominex. I have been working day and night in the lab on Professor von Himmel's time travel project, but this project has been wearing me out. Why, I could fall asleep right here on my feet— (SFX: Snoring)

von Himmel

Dr. Sominex ! Dr. Sominex? I was looking for the doctor. Have you kids seen her? Oh no, she's sleeping again. Help me wake her up. Dr. Sominex! Dr. Sominex!

Sominex

Wah! Who? What? Where? Oh, it's you.

von Himmel

Yes, it's me. I was checking on you to see how the Time Screen is coming along.

Sominex

I'm getting close. I've got this power source hooked up to the view screen so at least we can see people from different times. Let's give it a test run. I'll punch in a random year ... 1963 ... and, voila! (SFX: Computer beeps and time travel glissando, VFX: Date slide fades into baby photo of Dr. Sominex)

von Himmel

Good Heavens! That's a strange looking baby!

Sominex

That's me! That's me as a baby! It worked! My Time Screen is a success!

von Himmel

Congratulations, Dr. Sominex! Your Time Screen can see into the past!

Sominex

It can see into the past. Now if I could only figure out the travel part.

von Himmel

Well, that little power supply allowed us to see into the past, so ... maybe what we need is a boost of power!

Sominex

A big boost of power! I know just where to get that! Lots of sugar! (pulls giant lollipop out of lab coat)

von Himmel

No! Dr. Sominex, candy doesn't give us real power. It just gives us a little burst of energy, but once it wears off we just get sleepy. Isn't that right, Dr. Sominex? (SFX: Snoring) Dr. Sominex! Dr. Sominex!

Sominex

Wah! Who? What? Where?

von Himmel

Me. Right here. You were snoring.

Sominex

Are you sure it was me?

von Himmel

Yes, you need more power, and I don't mean from candy. Get the Bible out of the Toolbox!

Sominex

I'm on it, boss! (opens toolbox and removes Bible, SFX: Toolbox music, VFX: Beam of light shines from toolbox) Lord, please give us a powerful story!

von Himmel

Oh, here's an amazing story about the prophet Elisha!

Sominex

Elisha? Don't you mean Elijah with a J?

von Himmel

No this was Elisha with a "sha."
Remember, Elisha was Elijah's helper and he took on the cloak and the ministry Elijah had started.

Sominex

Oh yes, he was sort of like Elijah junior!

von Himmel

You might say that. Elisha was always pointing people to God and showing them God's power. At this time, the king of Aram was at war with Israel. He kept trying to attack the king of Israel.

Sominex

That king should be careful who he attacks. The Israelites are God's people!

von Himmel

That's right. Elisha always warned Israel's king, so he could avoid the attacks.

Sominex

That must have made the king of Aram very angry!

von Himmel

It sure did. He sent soldiers and horses and chariots to surround the city where Elisha was, so he could capture him.

Sominex

Oh, my Lord!

von Himmel

That's just what Elisha's servant said! When Elisha's servant saw they were surrounded, he said, "Oh, my lord, what shall we do?"

Sominex

What did Elisha say?

von Himmel (VFX: Scripture slide)

"Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

Sominex

What did he mean by that? Did Israel's army ride to the rescue?

von Himmel

Oh no, Elisha was talking about a different kind of army. Let's see what the Bible says: *And Elisha prayed, "O Lord, open his eyes so he may see." Then the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.*

Sominex

Wow! That's what Elisha meant! The invisible army of God was all around them!

von Himmel

Elisha had the faith to see God's protection was all around them! God filled the hills with heaven's horses and surrounded Elisha with chariots of fire! And it all started with prayer.

Sominex

It did? Who prayed?

von Himmel

The prophet Elisha. First, Elisha prayed his servant would see God's protection.

Sominex

And, God opened his eyes!

von Himmel

Then, he prayed God would blind the enemy soldiers.

Sominex

God blinded King Aram's army? Why did God do that?

von Himmel

God didn't want them in that city, so Elisha led them far away to Samaria.

Sominex

Wow, I wish Elisha would pray for me like that. I'm afraid I'll never finish this project! I could use some chariots of fire, too— (SFX: Snoring)

von Himmel

Dr. Sominex? Dr. Sominex! Dr. Sominex!

Sominex

Wah! Who? What? Where?

von Himmel

You were sleeping again. You've really been working hard on this time travel project. Fortunately, God's army is surrounding you.

Sominex

They are? Where? I don't see anyone around me.

von Himmel

Remember, just because you don't see them doesn't mean they're not there. We can't see when God sends His angels, or His horses, or His chariots of fire to help us, but they are there just the same!

Sominex

Holy horses from heaven! Do you mean that right now, God's invisible horses and His chariots of fire may be surrounding us?
(looking up to search)

von Himmel (looking up)

That's right! God wants us to know we don't have to be afraid, because He surrounds us with His protection!

Sominex

God's protection was there all the time! I just needed someone to help me see it.

von Himmel

Amen to that! Well, we need to finish this project so we can travel through time!

Sominex

I'm ready to go! Now, that I know God is with me, anything is possi— (SFX: Snoring)

von Himmel

Dr. Sominex? Dr. Sominex! Dr. Sominex!

Sominex

Wah! Who? What? Where?

von Himmel

Time to get to work! So long, kids!

Sominex

See ya next time! (SFX: Outro music)

(exit)