



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7  
Prophets & Promises Part 2: Elijah - Malachi  
Unit 7, Lesson 34

## Elisha and the Chariots of Fire

Lesson Aim: To know we are surrounded by God's protection.

### THE WELCOME

**MEET & GREET:** What are you afraid of?

**GAME:** Who's in the Chariot?

### THE WORSHIP THE GOD OF POWER

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 91:11.

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

Perform The Love Sub script or read storybook.

### THE WORD ELISHA AND THE CHARIOTS OF FIRE

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

Review: God chose Elisha to be Elijah's successor.

Point to Elisha (Circa 845-800 B.C.). **Today, we will hear of another time when Elisha saw chariots of fire appear. Elisha warned the King of Israel each time the King of Aram (modern day Syria) was planning to attack. When the King of Aram heard this, he sent his army to the city of Dothan to capture Elisha.** Point to Dothan. **Check out what happened when the enemy army surrounded the city.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: 2 Kings 6:15-20. Pray. Read.

### THE WAY GOD PROTECTS YOU

**The servant's eyes were open, but he was only seeing the enemy. Elisha encouraged his servant by saying, "Don't be afraid. Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." What did the servant see when God opened his eyes?** (The hills were full of God's horses and the chariots of fire around Elisha.) **Elisha's prayer was about opening his servant's "spirit eyes" to see the invisible things God was doing to protect them. Why do you think seeing the horses and chariots of fire helped the servant to not be afraid?**

**What are the things that worry you or cause you to be afraid? Psalm 91:11 tells us God protects us with His invisible angels just**

**as God protected Elisha and the city with His invisible horses and chariots of fire. I would like to pray for you using Elisha's prayer.** Ask each child who volunteers what his or her fear is. Touch the child's shoulder as you pray. **"Dear Lord, open (child's name)'s "spirit eyes" so he/she may see You are here protecting him/her from (child's fear)."** Next time you are worried or afraid, picture God protecting you by surrounding you with His horses and chariots of fire.

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**God does not want us to worry or be afraid. He wants our hearts to be at peace. Check out what Jesus said to encourage believers.** Reveal John 16:33. Read.

**Did Jesus say we would never have troubles? (No.) God does not always protect us in the way we hope or expect, but no matter what, we still belong to Him, the one true God, forever. He commands His angels to guard us. No one can take away the life believers have forever with Him, now on earth or later in heaven. Why might knowing you belong to the one true God give you a peaceful heart even when you are facing danger or hard times?**

**Do you know someone who is worried or afraid? How might today's story give them courage? Let's take 7 seconds of silence to ask God to open their "spirit eyes" so they know God is with them. There are believers around the world who may fear for their survival just as Elisha's servant did. Soldiers, homeless families, those who are very ill, and many others need to know God is with them. During our Golden Bowl prayer, let's ask God to open their "spirit eyes," too.**

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

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: Toy eyeglasses or googly eyes
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: God's horses and chariots of fire around Elisha and his servant
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### **GOT TIME?**

**SNACK:** Protected Candy

**GAME:** Blind Trust

**CRAFT:** Hidden Chariot Light Box

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

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**