



IDC KIDS

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8:30am & 11:15am

ELISHA THE PROPHET

2 KINGS 2; 4-5

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Elisha was a man of God who performed miracles. His story makes us think of Jesus—the Son of God—who performed miracles and rescues people from sins so we can have forgiveness and receive God's Spirit.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

Why do Christians continue to sin? Christians continue to sin because we still have hearts that want to sin.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE:

Deuteronomy 13:4

STORY POINT:

God gave Elisha the power to perform miracles.

LEARN

GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON.

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

- Invite the children to join you on the rug for group time.

SAY	This is a robe. Robes are usually worn over clothes. Elijah and Elisha used a robe to perform a miracle in today's Bible story. Today we will learn God gave Elisha the power to perform miracles . A miracle is something amazing that only God can do.
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2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

Volunteers with 2s in room 114: You will need to open the divider with 113 for bible story time.

Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to open the divider with 124 for bible story time.

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

If you have issues with the video, there is a teaching outline on the next page.



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TEACHING OUTLINE

LOW-TECH ALTERNATIVE TO VIDEO

GREET PRESCHOOLERS WITH A SMILE

As preschoolers arrive, sing a song with motions to engage and welcome them like Jesus, Loves Me or He's Got the Whole World in His Hands. Lead motions enthusiastically and encourage preschoolers to join you. Help the preschoolers think through what it means to worship God.

STORY SCRIPT

ELISHA THE PROPHET

Elijah was a prophet who loved God, and Elisha was his helper. It was time for God to take Elijah to heaven. **As they traveled, they came to a river. Elijah rolled up his robe and hit the water with it. The water split apart, and they walked across on dry ground.**

Elisha asked if he could have Elijah's spirit to help him, and Elijah said, "If you see me go to heaven, you will have it." **As they were walking, a chariot of fire with horses divided the two men, and a whirlwind took Elijah up to heaven.**

Elisha picked up Elijah's robe and went back to the river. He hit the water with the robe, and it split apart again! Everyone saw this and knew Elisha now had Elijah's spirit. **From then on, Elisha did many miracles.**

In one town, the water was bad and made people sick. Elisha threw some salt into the water, and God made it good again!

Another time, a woman who had no money cried to Elisha because she **was afraid. Elisha told her to borrow empty jars from her neighbors and pour oil into them from a small jar she had. The oil kept pouring until all the jars were full, and she sold the oil** to pay what she owed.

Then a woman's only son died, and she was very sad. Elisha came and prayed for the boy. The boy sneezed seven times and then woke up! He was alive again!

Another man, **a commander named Naaman, had a skin disease.** He went to Elisha to be healed. **Elisha told him to wash in the Jordan River seven times, and when Naaman did, his skin was healed!**

Story Telling Tips

- **Shout "Wow!":** Explain that a miracle is something amazing that only God can make happen. Encourage the children to shout "Wow!" each time a miracle happens in the Bible story.
- **Count to seven:** Count to seven as a group when you read about the boy who sneezed seven times and how Naaman washed in the river seven times.

CHRIST CONNECTION

Elisha was a man of God who performed miracles. His story makes us think of Jesus—the Son of God—who performed miracles and rescues people from sins so we can have forgiveness and receive God's Spirit.



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3. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY (OPTIONAL)

Ask the following review questions:

- a. What did you like about the Bible story? (Answers will vary.)
- b. What were some things in the Bible story that made Elisha happy or sad? (Answers will vary.)
- c. Who did God give power to perform miracles? (Elisha)
- d. What did Elisha do that showed God's power? (Split the river, made the water clean, helped a woman, healed a boy, and healed Naaman)
- e. What can we tell others about God's power? (Tell them about the miracles that God gave Elisha the power to perform, tell that God sent Jesus to save people from sin)
- f. **Why do Christians continue to sin? Christians continue to sin because we still have hearts that want to sin.**

SAY	When it was time for Elijah to go to heaven, his helper, Elisha, asked for his spirit. God gave Elisha the power to perform miracles. Elisha helped many people with the power God gave him. Elisha's story makes us think of Jesus. Jesus also performed miracles. Jesus rescues us from sin so we can have forgiveness and receive God's Spirit.
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4. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

SAY	God loves people and rescues them from their sin so they can be forgiven and receive God's Spirit. Even though Christians love God, they continue to sin. Why do Christians continue to sin? Christians continue to sin because we still have hearts that want to sin. We will be learning this big picture question and answer over the next few weeks. Repeat after me. Why do Christians continue to sin? Christians continue to sin because we still have hearts that want to sin.
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5. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the Key Passage Marker at **Deuteronomy 13:4**. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Create motions for preschoolers to use as they say the key passage. Use the key passage song video for inspiration.

SAY	In today's Bible story, we learned that the people who experienced miracles were those who trusted in God's power and obeyed. Our key passage says we must follow the Lord, keep His commands, and listen to him. Elisha followed, obeyed, and listened to the Lord, and God gave Elisha the power to perform miracles.
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HINT: You can play the [memory verse song](#) or replay the Verse Video on the TV under [Pre-K Discipleship](#) called **Follow the Lord**.

6. PRAY

SAY	God, thank You for caring for us. You gave Elisha the power to perform miracles and helped people who were sick and hurting. You care for us and sent Your Son, Jesus, to save us from our sins so we can have forgiveness and receive Your Spirit. We are grateful for You. Amen.
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ACTIVITIES

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH BELOW

1. MAKE PRAYER CARDS

Help the kids pick a prayer card. Let them decorate them. Think of people who are hurting or sick and decorate cards for those people. Label the cards with the names of the people the children want to pray for. Pray over the cards together.

SAY

These cards are decorated so beautifully! I enjoyed praying together for people who are sick or hurting. God gave Elisha the power to perform miracles. Elisha helped many people who were hurting or sick. Jesus, God's Son, also helped people who were sick and hurting. Jesus rescues people from sins so they can have forgiveness and life with God forever.

2. COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents. Check diapers and change if they are dirty then release children by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.