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Lesson 16: ELIJAH RIDES TO HEAVEN IN A FIRE CHARIOT 2ND KINGS 2:1-18

The Bible says that God helped Elijah to find a friend and helper. His name was Elisha. Elijah laid his cloak on Elisha to show him that God had chosen him to be a prophet. After a long time of serving God, Elijah’s work on earth was ending. God told Elijah that he would be in Heaven soon.



“Elisha,” Elijah said one day, “stay here, because God is sending me to a different town.” But Elisha said, “I won’t leave you.” So, they went to the town and visited some of the men there who served God.

“Elisha,” Elijah said again, “stay here, because God is sending me to a different town.” “I won’t leave you,” Elisha told Elijah again.

So, they went to the next town.

The same thing happened a 3rd time! Elijah said, “stay here, because God is sending me to the Jordan.” “I won’t leave you,” Elisha said. So, they walked on together.



Finally, they came to the Jordan River. Elijah took his coat (the same one he had put on Elisha.) He folded up the cloak, and hit the water with it! The water rolled back and there was dry ground.

This was just like when Joshua led the Israelites across the Jordan River! Elijah and Elisha walked across the Jordan on dry ground. After they crossed the water went back to its place.





Then Elijah asked Elisha, “What can I do for you before I’m taken away?” This was Elisha’s chance to ask for whatever he wanted.

Elisha asked, “May I have double the Spirit that energizes you — twice as much of God’s Spirit as you have?”



“That’s a BIG thing to ask for!” Elijah said. “If you see me when I’m taken away from you, then yes, you will get what you’ve asked for. If you don’t see me, then you won’t get it.”

As they walked along and talked together, suddenly a fiery chariot with fiery horses separated Elijah and Elisha! And Elijah rode up to Heaven in a big whirling wind.



The wind was strong, the fire bright and hot. But Elisha did not take his eyes off of Elijah. Elisha cried, “O my father, the chariot and horsemen of Israel!” Elijah, the man with God’s Spirit on him, had been like a whole army for God’s Children. He had been like soldiers and chariots fighting God’s enemies and protecting those who stayed true to God.



Elisha watched until he couldn’t see Elijah anymore.



As Elisha sat crying, he noticed Elijah had dropped something when he went up in that fiery chariot — his coat! Yes, the same one he’d thrown over Elisha so long before. Elisha picked up the cloak and went back toward the Jordan river. And when he hit the water with the coat... the water parted! God’s Spirit was now with Elisha!

God gave His Spirit to prophets like Elijah and Elisha so that they could share God’s Word. Years later, Jesus told his apostles to wait to receive the Holy Spirit. God always has a plan for His Spirit to spread His good news to the whole world.



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Color the picture of Elijah Going to Heaven



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Elijah's Chariot

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What do you learn about the Spirit of God in this lesson?