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Lesson 17: ELISHA HELPS GOD'S PEOPLE 2nd KINGS 2:19-22 and 6:1-7



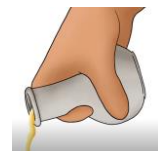
The Bible says that Elisha helped God's people. When Elisha watched Elijah be taken to Heaven, he received a double portion of the Spirit. God's Spirit helped Elisha to do many wonderful things.

One time, Elisha went to stay in a city, and the people there said, "Master, the water around our town is bad, so the land doesn't grow food well!" So, Elisha threw some salt into the water and said, "God says He's healed the water, and the land will grow food now." Can adding salt to water make it better? Not usually... but it does when God wants it to.



Another time, a lady cried out to Elisha for help. Her husband had died and now she owed some money to a man. If she didn't pay him soon, he was going to take her two sons away to be his slaves! But, all she had in her house was one jar of oil. Elisha told her, "Go to all your friends and neighbors and collect all their empty jars."

So, she went to all her friends and neighbors, and asked, "Please, may I have all your empty jars?" After she had collected all that she could, she went into her house with her sons and shut the door. One by one, she started pouring her jar of oil out into the empty jars. That one jar of oil filled every single jar she'd collected!



She sold the oil and used the money to pay the man so he wouldn't take her sons away. She also had plenty of money left over for anything else they needed.

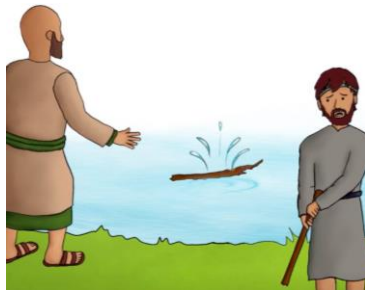
Can one jar of oil fill many jars of oil? Not usually...
but it does when God wants it to.



Another time, someone was making a big pot of soup for some men who served God. Into the soup they put a bunch of squash they had found growing nearby... even though it wasn't exactly like any squash they'd seen before. Oh, no! The squash was poisonous! And as soon as the men started eating the soup, they had to spit it out! "Elisha, help us!" they cried. "There is death in our pot! It's poisonous!"

Elisha put a little flour in the pot and said, "Go ahead and feed the soup to everyone." The soup wasn't poisonous anymore! Can adding flour to soup make it not poisonous? Not usually... but it does when God wants it to.

Another time, Elisha told his servant to feed 100 men with just 20 little loaves of bread they had. The servant didn't see how that was going to work. "How can I feed 100 men with this?!" he asked. "Just give it to them," Elisha said. "God says they will eat and even have some left over!" And of course, they did. Can 20 little loaves of bread feed 100 men? Not usually... but it does when God wants it to.



And another time one of the men who served God was chopping down a tree and the heavy metal part of his axe flew off and sank to the bottom of the river nearby.

"Oh no!" he called out to Elisha. "It's not my axe! I borrowed it from someone. I don't want to lose their tool." Elisha threw a stick into the river at that spot and that heavy metal axehead came up and floated on the top of the water so the man could just grab it out! Can a heavy metal axehead float on water? Not usually... but it does when God wants it to.



We have learned just a few of the many ways Elisha's double helping of God's Spirit showed up as he served God and people.



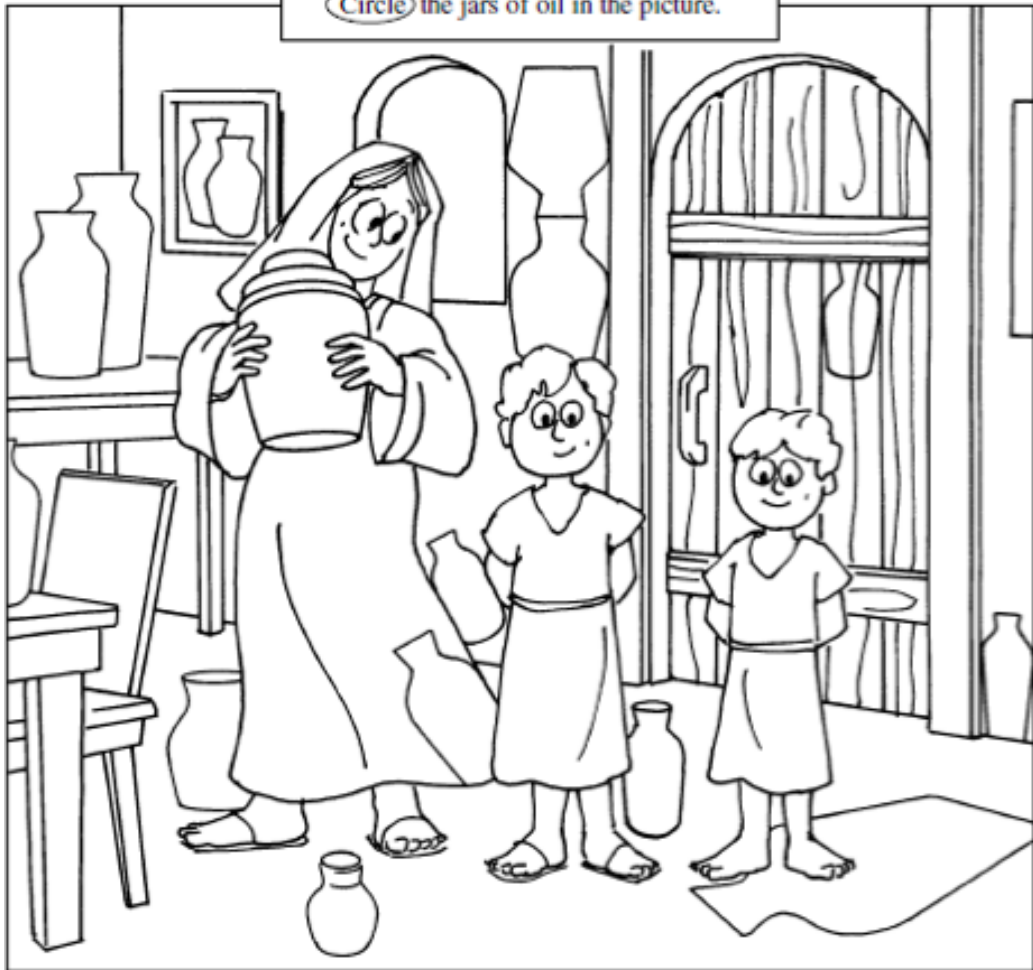
God helped His people by sending prophets like Elijah and Elisha. But, the Israelites and their kings still didn't turn their hearts to Him. We should always trust and follow God. The Father, Son and Spirit will always take care of us. God always keeps His promises!



PRIMARY GRADES ACTIVITY

ELISHA AND THE WIDOW'S OIL

Circle the jars of oil in the picture.



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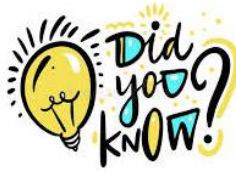
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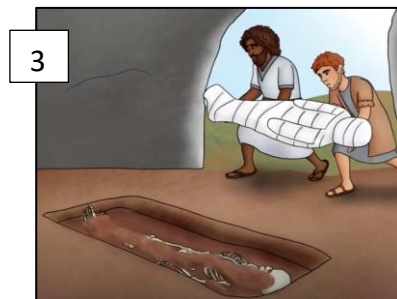
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UPPER GRADES ACTIVITY



Elisha helped God's people in many wonderful ways. He did more miracles than any other Old Testament prophet.

WRITE THE NUMBER TO MATCH THE PICTURE TO THE BIBLE EVENT.
Check the Bible verses to read about it.



- Elisha raised the Shunammite Woman's Son from the dead. (2nd Kings 4:8-37)
- Elisha healed Naaman of his leprosy. (2nd Kings 5)
- Elisha helped his servant to see the Lord's Angel Army even though they fight in the "unseen realm." (2nd Kings 6:8-23)
- Elisha's Bones raised a Dead Man. (2nd Kings 13: 20-21)



What do you learn about God from these events?