



Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

ELISHA THE PROPHET



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of 2 Kings 2; 4-5 from the Bible.



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- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

One of the most popular events in track & field is the 4x100 meter relay. Each team has four runners who each run 100 meters. Runners pass a baton to the next runner—hopefully without dropping it. The fourth and final runner for the team is the anchor. The anchor is typically the fastest and most experienced runner, and it is their job to finish the race for their team!

Just as God had called Elijah to speak His words to the people, God also called a man named Elisha to be His prophet. The work Elijah had started was going to be passed on—like a baton in a relay race—to Elisha. Elisha asked for the same spirit that had powered the work of Elijah, and God honored this request by giving Elisha the power to perform many miracles—like healing the sick, dividing the water, and even making an ax head float up from the bottom of the river! These miracles were proof that Elisha was a prophet of God. The people saw that Elisha had the same spirit and same power as Elijah, and they believed Elisha was God's prophet to share God's words with them.

Before returning to heaven, Jesus commanded His followers to carry on with the mission of making disciples and baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus passed the baton to His followers and told them to continue sharing the message of the gospel. All believers have this mission, and they have the Holy Spirit to help them. The Holy Spirit is God living with us and in us. The Spirit helps us to follow God and carry on the mission of spreading the good news of Jesus to the world!

Elisha spoke the truth of God and performed miracles. Jesus taught with the authority of God and performed miracles as well. Elisha was a prophet, but Jesus is the Son of God, our Savior.

Pray: *Jesus, You are the Son of God! Thank You for the miracles that prove You are who You say You are and that You always keep Your promises. Help us trust in You as the Son of God and the Rescuer who can save us from our sin. Amen.*



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LEARN SCRIPTURE

The key passage below is focused on at church. Consider talking about what this passage means and memorizing it as well.



You must follow the LORD your God and fear him. You must keep his commands and listen to him; you must worship him and remain faithful to him.

Deuteronomy 13:4



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SING SCRIPTURE

Finish your family worship experience by playing the key passage song. This song is a helpful way to worship as your family learns and memorizes the key passage.



Family Prayer Time

Mornings

Ask God to give you opportunities today to tell others about Jesus. Ask Him for boldness and for His power to help you do the work of sharing the gospel. How does the promise of God's power help Christians have boldness in sharing about Jesus?

Evenings

Praise Jesus for the miracles He did while on earth. Make a list of miracles and praise God for how they prove Jesus as the promised Messiah. How do you see Jesus' power and compassion through the miracles He performed? How do the miraculous things Jesus did help us to trust in the future things He has promised to do?



Family Activities

For Fun

Take your family to a local track for a fun run. Time each family member running a lap around the track or practice passing a baton while running. Retell the story of Elijah and Elisha. Remind kids that Jesus has passed on the mission of making disciples to all His followers, and He has promised the Holy Spirit to help believers complete that mission.

To Serve

Sit down as a family and talk over the Bible story. Explain to your kids that Elisha needed God's Spirit to help him do the work God called him to do. Take some time and write a short list of ways your family can share God's love this week: invite some neighbors to church, make a sick friend a meal, invite the new neighbors on the street to play, share the gospel with a friend at school, etc. Pray together and ask God to help you live these things out with the help of the Holy Spirit.