

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

SCRIPTURE | 2 Kings 2:1-14

SESSION SUMMARY

This week, we'll journey with Elisha through Gilgal, Bethel, Jericho, and then the Jordan River. All along the way, prophets in some of those places warned Elisha that "the Lord [would] take [his] master away from [him]" that day (vv. 3,5). But Elisha followed Elijah until God took him up to heaven in a whirlwind. Then, Elisha picked up Elijah's mantle and called out to the Lord. Through this story, we'll see how the people we follow help shape us. Here are the main ideas:

- We learn from the people we follow (2 Kings 2:1-6).
- We carry what we've learned (2 Kings 2:7-14).

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- Who are your spiritual mentors? Why? (Parents consider sharing who mentored you in your teens and what difference that made in your lives.)
- Do you ever think about who is following you? Why or why not?
- What are some things our mentors have taught us that we can pass on to others? Who can we pass them on to?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Grab a few sheets of paper and a pencil. Pair up and invite one person to be the Artist while the other is the Instructor. The Instructor will think of a simple silly image (like a cat wearing a beanie), and describe it to the Artist while the artist tries to draw it based only on that description. Swap roles and change participants until everyone in your family has had a turn in both roles. Sometimes the instructions were hard to follow and didn't quite shape the image the way the Instructor wanted, right? Just like the quality of the Instructor's directions mattered, the quality of the people we follow in life matters too. Every person we follow shapes us in some way, so it's important that we choose to follow and learn from others who follow God.