Welcome to H2H Kids

A few introductory tips about Bible Study with Kids:

- Remember how important it is to build relationships with the kids you are serving!
- Bible Reading:
 - Please do not *make* kids read aloud if they don't want to
 - If you do have children read the Bible passages aloud, make sure everyone can hear and/or follow along. The Word should be clearly spoken.
 - A helpful tip: An adult can read but have kids following along in their own Bibles (if age appropriate) and you can stop on occasion and have kids say the word you paused at. This helps them stay engaged...and also allows the Word to be read with clarity and volume.
- Try to bring some type of visual to help illustrate the lesson. It goes a long way to capture kids' attention. It can be simple, while still giving them something to focus on and bringing abstract concepts to a concrete level.
- Try to get to these three levels: Observation, Interpretation, Application (as is age appropriate).
 - o Observation: facts, clear understanding of what the passage is about
 - <u>Interpretation</u>: What does it mean? There is only one interpretation. What is the author and God saying? If it's abstract or maybe figurative, try to help kids discern the most simple and clear interpretation. If you are not certain, don't be afraid to say that!
 - Application: There will be many ways to apply scripture! Help the kids make it personal!
 What can we learn from this for our lives today?! How does this impact my life, my relationship with God, my understanding and knowledge of God?
- Less is More: <u>Please never feel like you must cover everything in the lesson</u>. Doing a good job on one concept is better than racing to "cover" everything. Feel free to simplify the lesson depending on the ages of the children in your group.
- During prayer time, do not make children pray aloud if they do not want to.
- Remember how important it is to build relationships with the kids you are serving!

Lesson 6 ~ 2 Kings 6:8-23

PREP Ahead:

• Print Coloring Page & Wordsearch (1 copy per student)

ICEBREAKER: Create an Animal

Have the children pick 3 animals to create a new animal. Have each person share which 3 animals they would choose and why. If time, draw a picture!

BIBLE DISCUSSION (10-15 min): 2 Kings 6:8-23

- Read 2 Kings 6:8-13
 - Who was making war against Israel? (the king of Syria)
 - Who is "the man of God?" (Elisha the prophet)
 - What did Elisha tell the king of Israel? (the location of the Syrian camp)
 - Why was the Syrian king's heart troubled? (he thought there was a traitor in their midst... that someone was revealing their location to the king of Israel.)
 - The king of Syria had a servant who knew who was actually revealing the location of their camp. Who told the king of Israel what the Syrian king was saying and where they were located? (Elisha)
 - Elisha knew these things because God revealed them to him. God is "omniscient".. He knows everything. No one can keep secrets from God. **Read Hebrews 4:13**
 - What did the Syrian king want to do after finding out that Elisha was revealing their plans?
 (Capture Elisha)
 - What city was Elisha in? (Dothan)
- Read 2 Kings 6:14-15
 - What did the king of Syria do when he found out what city Elisha was in? (He sent horses and chariots and a great army to surround the city)
 - How do you think Elisha's servant felt when he saw the great army surrounding the city?
 (Afraid, alarmed..)
- Read 2 Kings 6:16-17
 - What did Elisha do to calm the fears of his servant? (He told him not to fear and prayed to the Lord to open his eyes to see the Lord's support for them)
 - Elisha was a man of God and knew that God was in full control. He knew that his all-powerful God was able to protect His people.

Read Romans 8:31

- What did the servant see? (he saw that the mountain was full of the Lord's army of horses and chariots of fire)
- Read 2 Kings 6:18-20
 - What did Elisha pray and ask the Lord to do to the Syrians? (strike them with blindness)

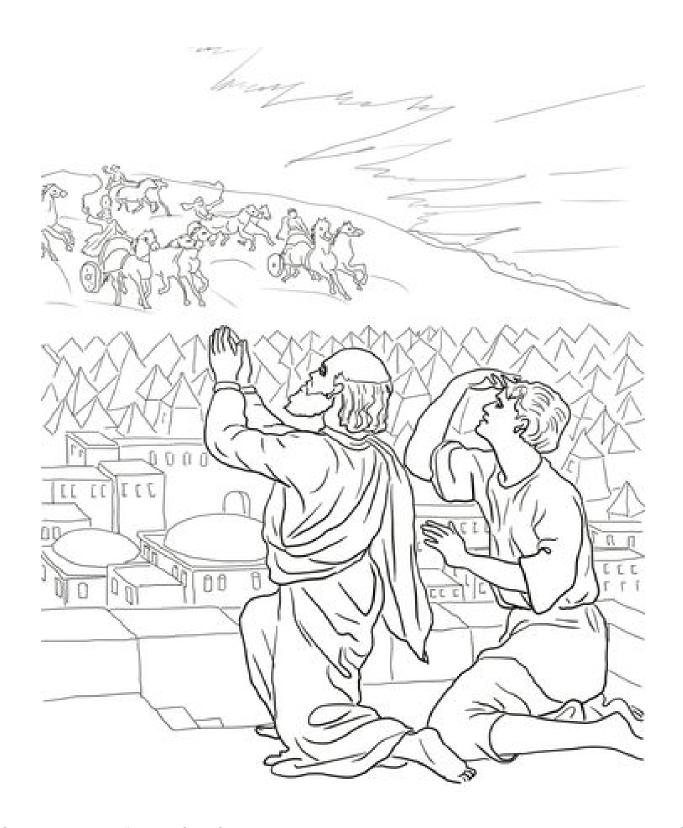
- What did Elisha say when he spoke to the Syrians? (He said they were in the wrong place, that he would take them where they could find the man they were looking for... wink wink)
- Where did the Syrian army discover they were when they were no longer blinded? (In Samaria... where the king of Israel reigned.. They were surrounded by their enemies, the Israelites!)
 - How do you think the Syrian army felt when they could see that they were in enemy territory?
- Read 2 Kings 6:21-23
 - The king of Israel asked Elisha if he should kill the Syrians. How did Elisha respond? (He said they should not be killed and instead treated to a great feast and sent back home)
 - Elisha showed Israel's enemies God's kindness. God also instructs us to show kindness to our enemies. **Read Luke 6:27 & 1 Thessalonians 5:13**
 - Can you think of a time when someone treated you badly? How could you have handled the situation differently?
 - Did the Syrians bother Israel anymore? (No)

PRAYER: Share prayer requests and pray for one another.

GAME: Crab Race

Set up a starting line and a finish line. Children will race like crabs to the finish line (see image below) Lots of kids in your group? Set up a crab relay. First player or team to the finish line wins.





So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." 2 Kings 6:16

2 Kings 6:8-23

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