

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).
 - Observation: facts, clear understanding of what the passage is about
 - Interpretation: 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: Please never feel like you must cover everything in the lesson. 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.
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Lesson 7 ~ 2 Kings 13:14-20

PREP Ahead:

- Print Coloring Page and Word Search (1 copy per student)
- Icebreaker: notecards, pen
- Game: Ball

ICEBREAKER (5 min): Whodunit?

Each person is given a notecard or slip of paper and asked to write an interesting fact about themselves. The cards are collected, shuffled, and then passed out again. Each person will take a turn reading their card and then guessing one person to whom it belongs to. The person named as the writer will then say “yes, that’s me” or “no, not me.” Play continues until every card is read. In the end, everyone reveals what they wrote.

BIBLE DISCUSSION: 2 Kings 13:14-20

- **Read 2 Kings 13:14**
 - What was wrong with Elisha? (he was sick)
 - Who came to see Elisha? (Joash, the king of Israel)
 - How was Joash feeling? (he was sad, distressed)
 - ☐ Why? Joash was concerned that if Elisha died, there would no longer be a channel for Israel with the true God. In verse 11, we see that Joash “did evil in the sight of the Lord”... Joash was not faithful to God but did somewhat respect God which is why he in turn honored Elisha. Israel was under attack by enemies and Joash wanted to know that the Lord was on Israel’s side.
- **Read 2 Kings 13:15-17**
 - What items did Elisha ask King Joash to get? (a bow and arrows)
 - What did Elisha do after the King put his hands on the bow? (Elisha put his hands over the king’s hands)
 - After they shot the arrow through the window, how did Elisha describe the arrow? (as the arrow of the Lord’s deliverance or victory)
 - ☐ Elisha required that Joash shoot the arrow to show that he had faith that God would ensure their victory over their enemies.
- **Read 2 Kings 13:18-20**
 - Elisha had another direction for King Joash. What did he next want him to do with the arrows? (Strike the ground)
 - How many times did King Joash strike the ground? (Three times)
 - How did Elisha feel after the King struck the ground three times? (he was angry)

- Why was Elisha angry? (he felt that King Joash was half-hearted while striking the ground. Elisha expected him to strike the ground with force, five or six times, as an act of faith that the Lord would provide a definitive, lasting victory over Israel's enemies.)
- Why do you think Joash only struck the ground three times? (Maybe fear, doubt or the expectation that God would move without his effort)
 - ☐ Sometimes the Lord asks us to step out in faith in order to receive a blessing or a promise from Him. God's promises don't come by just sitting around and waiting...we must take a step of faith and trust that His mighty, good plan for our lives will come as He leads and guides us. It's important for us to do our best for God... strike all the arrows to the ground, not just the half-way three like King Joash.
 - ☐ **Read Hebrews 11:6-8**
 - There are countless examples of people taking a step of faith to act on what God has called them to do: Jesus asking Simon, after a fruitless night of work, to let down the nets to catch fish and the nets were then miraculously full to bursting, Joshua marching around the city of Jericho blowing trumpets for 7 days before God granted them victory and the walls came down, David stepping out in faith against Goliath with only a slingshot to take down the giant.. And many more!
- Application Questions:
 - ☐ How do you know if God is asking you to take a step of faith? (Prayer, spending time in the word, deepening your relationship with Jesus)
 - ☐ Why is it important to focus on Jesus when taking a big step of faith?
 - ☐ What are some fears that might prevent you from taking a step of faith?
 - ☐ How can taking a step of faith help others to see God?
 - ☐ What step of faith might God be asking you to do at school? With your family? With your friends?

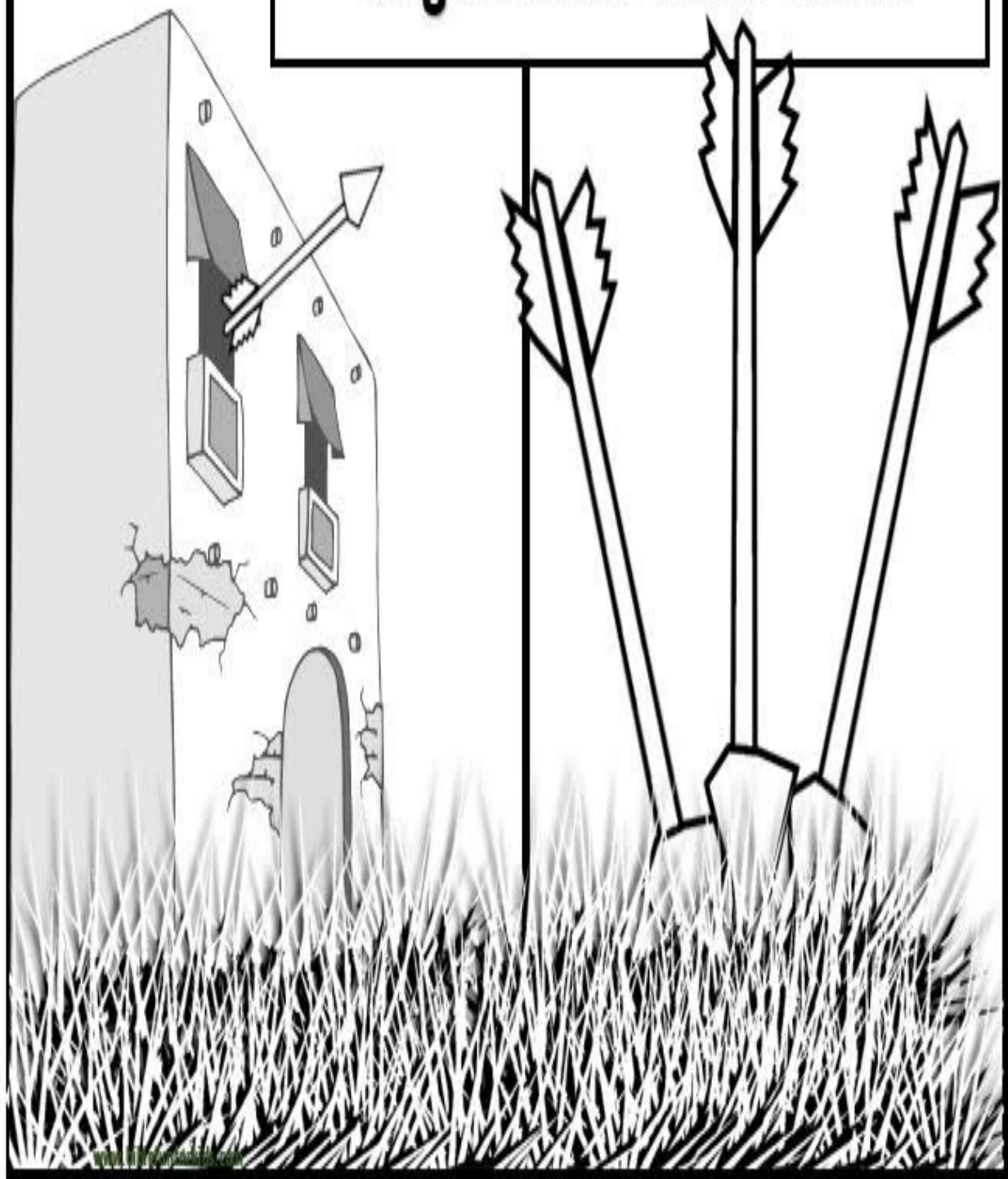
PRAYER (5 min): Share prayer requests and pray for one another.

GAME (5-10 min): Silent Ball

Materials needed: Ball

The group will toss a ball around. There are 3 rules: If you drop it, you're out. If you make a bad pass, you're out. If you make a noise, you're out. Last person standing wins.

King Jehoshaphat Visits Elisha



2 Kings 13

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SICK
HORSEMEN
ISRAEL
ARROW
BOW
WEPT
CHARIOTS
JOASH
HAND
WINDOW
DELIVERANCE
ELISHA

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