

Calvary Kids

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God chose Elisha to be His
prophet after Elijah.
Bible Passage: 2 Kings 2



MEMORY VERSE

"I am the Lord ... I will not give
my glory to another."
Isaiah 42:8

**Thank you so much for watching our Calvary Kids online message today!!
Here are some fun ways to dig deeper into today's lesson with the entire family.**

1. TODAY'S BIBLE LESSON SUMMARY

Elijah was God's prophet. God sent him to find a man named Elisha. Elisha would serve as the prophet to Israel after Elijah. Elijah obeyed God and found Elisha plowing a field. Elisha followed Elijah's and became his helper. When the time came for God to take Elijah to heaven, Elijah and Elisha traveled to Gilgal. While at Gilgal, Elijah asked Elisha stay behind, while he traveled to Bethel. Elisha refused to leave Elijah and said, "As long as you are alive, I will not leave you." The two of them went together to Bethel. In Bethel the Lord told Elijah to go to Jericho and again he told Elisha to stay. But Elisha said, "I will not leave you." They both went off to Jericho. Once in Jericho the Lord told Elijah to go the Jordan River and once again Elijah told Elisha to stay put. Elisha said, "As long as you alive, I will not leave you." So, they went off to the Jordan River together. A crowd of prophets watched Elijah and Elisha as they stood by the river. Elijah rolled up his cloak and hit the water with it. The water parted, and they crossed to the other side on dry ground. Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I can do for you before I go?" Elisha said, "I want the same spirit that gives you power." Elijah said, "if you see me when I am taken away, you will have it. If you do not see me, then you will not." Suddenly, a chariot of fire with horses came between them. Elisha watched Elijah taken to heaven in a whirlwind! Elisha picked up Elijah's cloak and returned to the river. He hit the water, and it parted for him to cross to the other side just as it had for Elijah. The crowd of prophets was watching, and they saw that Elisha now had the spirit that was in Elijah. The prophets searched for Elijah, but he was not to be found, God had taken him up to heaven. Elisha became the next prophet to Israel. God was with Elisha and gave him the spirit he had asked for.

2. EXPERIENCE THE STORY

- **Family Activity (Do the following activity together as a family to reinforce the Bible Lesson and spend time together.)**
- For a fun family activity, make a "Whirlwind in a Bottle." This activity will require several special items; a full water bottle (1 per person), funnels, spoons, glitter, dish soap, glue and a pitcher (optional). Each person will need to open their water bottle and take a few sips, to create some room at the top. If you want, each person can pour out a bit of water into the pitcher. Once everyone has removed the water, have them add three drops of dish soap into the bottle. Use the funnel to add some glitter to water bottle. Help each person place a small amount of glue around the inside cap of the water bottle, before tightening it back on the bottle, to help hold it in place. Wait a few minutes and then have everyone shake their bottle in a circular motion and create a "Whirlwind." Talk about how when Elijah's had finished everything God planned for him and his ministry came to an end, God took him to heaven in an unusual way. Discuss how God used an amazing demonstration of weather to show His power to Elisha and the prophets. When God took Elijah up to heaven, Elijah's responsibilities were passed to Elisha to continue the same message, to lead the people back to God.

3. FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (Have a family discussion about the Bible Lesson and ask the following questions. Retell the story if needed by reading the Bible Passages from our lesson.)

1. What cities did Elijah and Elisha travel to, together? (They traveled to Gilgal, Bethel and Jericho.)
2. What happened when Elijah hit the Jordan River with his cloak? (The water in the river parted.)

3. **What did Elisha ask Elijah for?** (He asked for the same spirit that gave Elijah power.)
4. **Who was taken up in heaven by a whirlwind?** (Elijah went up, to heaven in the whirlwind.)
5. **Who became the new prophet after Elijah was taken to heaven?** (Elisha became the new prophet.)
6. **Why did God use prophets?** (Prophets were used by God to spread His Word and tell the people how to live. Prophets would tell the people to love and obey God. The prophets wrote down God's words for us. We no longer have prophets like this, because the Bible is complete. The Bible has everything we need to know about God, so we can love and trust Him.)
7. **How can we have access to the power of Elijah and Elisha?** (When we accept and learn to trust in Jesus, the Holy Spirit lives within us. He fills us with the power and helps us love and obey God.)
8. **Why is the Holy Spirit important to us?** (The Holy Spirit is a gift from God to believers. The spirit will never leave us. Through the Spirit, God gives us the power to share the gospel with others.)

4. PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 42:8 (Help kids memorize and understand their Bible Verse.)

"I am the Lord... I will not give my glory to another."

SAY: Our memory verse speaks to the fact that there is only one true God who deserves our worship. That is why God says so clearly that He will not share His glory or praise. We often choose to worship many other things which is due to our sinful nature. Only God deserves worship!

5. FAMILY REFLECTION AND PRAYER: (Time to reflect on the over arching theme of our Bible Lesson and spend time in Prayer.)

SAY: In today's lesson, Elijah had completed everything God planned for him, so it was time for him to go to heaven. There was still work, to be done so God choose Elisha to continue Elijah's work as a prophet. God's people were still living in sin, worshipping false gods. They were in need of someone to lead them back to God. The one perfect Prophet, who would lead the people back to God was years away. Jesus is the perfect Prophet and He loves us. He wants us to love and obey Him. Jesus was the perfect sacrifice who covered all our sins, forever.

For some additional activities and discussion questions, please check out the Family Experience Page below.

FAMILY EXPERIENCE

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Isaiah 42:8



"The Church Has Left The Building"

Parents remember: "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6
We miss you!!!

MAIN POINT: 2 Kings 2

God chose Elisha to be His prophet after Elijah.

FAMILY TIME QUESTIONS

- Why do you think Elisha wanted the same spirit that was in Elijah?
- Describe someone whose faith has encouraged you?
- Can we obey God by our own power? Why or why not?

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Spend time together as a family.

■ For a fun family activity, perform a science experiment, and have fun creating a piece of art. You will need straws, 1 per person, a piece of white paper per person, an eyedropper, cups of water, and food coloring for this experiment. Before you start, add food coloring to the water cups, make several different colors. Everyone will create a picture by blowing drops of colored water around their paper. Have fun! Talk about how in the lesson God made a river split in two for Elijah and Elisha to walk through. God moved a river with His breath. We moved some drops of water with our breath to create art, only God can move a whole river with His breath!

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