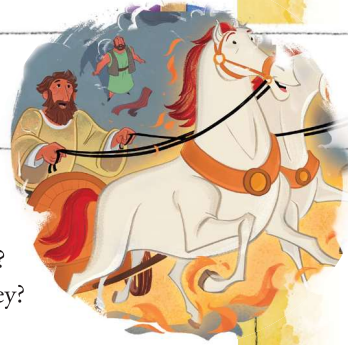


Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What was the significance of Elisha parting the water?
- Describe someone whose faith has encouraged you.
- Can we obey God by our own power? Why or why not?

Elijah and Elisha

2 Kings 2

STORY POINT: GOD CHOSE ELISHA TO CONTINUE ELIJAH'S WORK AS A PROPHET.

God told the prophet Elijah that Elisha would be a prophet to Israel after Elijah. Elijah found Elisha, and Elisha followed Elijah and served him. When the time came for the Lord to take Elijah up to heaven, Elijah and Elisha traveled to Gilgal. At Gilgal, Elijah said, "Elisha, stay here. The LORD is sending me to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As long as you are alive, I will not leave you." So they went together.

At Bethel, Elijah said, "Elisha, stay here. The LORD is sending me to Jericho." But Elisha said, "As long as you are alive, I will not leave you." So they went together.

At Jericho, Elijah said, "Elisha, stay here. The LORD is sending me to the Jordan River." But Elisha said, "As long as you are alive, I will not leave you." So they went together.

Elijah rolled up his cloak and hit the water with it. The river parted, and they crossed to the other side. Suddenly, a chariot of fire with horses of fire appeared and drove between them. Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind.

Elisha watched as Elijah went away. Then he picked up Elijah's cloak and went 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 spirit that was with Elijah was now with Elisha.

Christ Connection: God gave Elisha the same spirit that was in Elijah so Elisha could carry out his mission as a prophet. Years later, Jesus told His followers to wait for the Holy Spirit. God gives believers the Holy Spirit so they can share the gospel with the world.



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Elijah or Elisha?

Fill in the blanks with the correct name—*Elijah* or *Elisha*. Read 1 Kings 19:19-21; 2 Kings 2:1-15 in the Bible to check your work.

_____ found _____ plowing a field. _____ followed _____ and served him.

When the time came for the Lord to take _____ up to heaven, the two prophets traveled through several towns. In each

town, _____ said, “_____, stay here. The Lord is sending me ahead.” But _____ refused to leave _____.

When they came to the Jordan River, _____ rolled up his cloak and hit the water with it. The river parted, and they crossed to the other side.

_____ said that he wanted a double portion of the spirit that _____ had.

Suddenly, a chariot of fire with horses appeared and drove between them. _____ went up to heaven in a whirlwind.

_____ watched as _____ went away. Then he picked up _____’s cloak and crossed back over the river. The crowd of prophets saw that the spirit was now with _____.

