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KIDS

1-2 GRADES

FUN + FRIENDS + FAITH



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1ST SERVICE

UNDERSTANDING YOUR LESSON

Miracles are often found in Scripture as a means of God doing what nature cannot explain to show His own power and authority over all things. This portion of 2 Kings 4-6 is no different. But these miracles don't just teach us about God; they also demonstrate our human nature by revealing doubt in our hearts as we encounter circumstances beyond our control.

Many of the miracles performed by Elisha in 2 Kings 4-6 come in moments when the human dilemmas of sin, death, fear, worry, and lack are realized and people are overtaken with doubt.

Have you ever felt this way? Have you ever felt as if your back was against the wall, your limits had been reached, and there was no way and no reason for hope in a particular situation? If so, you're not alone. We all have moments when it seems as if we're done and there's no way out.

The reason we all experience these things is because we are humans. Our limitedness leaves us lacking and in moments where that lack prevents us from saving ourselves, we cannot help but feel doubtful.

But God.

It is often in these moments that we are reminded of just how self-reliant we tend to be and just how God-dependent we truly are.

God in these moments of doubt becomes our only hope, our beacon, our help. And though we ought to have some sense of confidence in this all the time, the reality is that we often lose sight of how deeply we need the Lord until He is our only way out.

What if we lived dependent on God to this degree all the time? What if we lived knowing that our only hope was God's provision, even when it doesn't feel like we need it? What if we saw that even our own ability to find a way out of a dire situation was a gift from Him?

The mystery that God wants to make known to those around us is this: "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Col. 1:27). Is your confidence so firm in the Lord as provider and sustainer that it demonstrates the hope of Christ to those around you? If not, be reminded today that He isn't just your help from time to time, but your only hope time and time again.

PEOPLE TO KNOW / Naaman: Syrian general cured of leprosy under the direction of the prophet Elisha. Following his cleansing, he professed faith in Israel's God

ELISHA PERFORMED MIRACLES

2 KINGS 4-6



MEMORY VERSE

Hear, O Israel: The Lord
our God, the Lord is
one. Love the Lord your
God with all your heart
and with all your soul
and with all your
strength.

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-5

QUESTION

What is idolatry?



ANSWER



Idolatry is a sin of the
heart in which we love
and value something
else above God.



BUSY HANDS

ARRIVAL ACTIVITIES

When the children arrive, introduce yourself, ask them their name, welcome them to the class and invite them to play with the other children. When most kids have arrived for first service, ask them to clean up the toys and find a seat at one of the tables to begin the class.

ACTIVITY PAGE // “Naaman Was Sick” activity page, colored pencils

SAY: Have you ever seen something amazing? What is the most amazing thing you have ever seen? Discuss with the children. Think of something you could share, as well.

Place the colored pencils on the tables and invite the kids to complete the “Naaman Was Sick?” activity page. Ask one of the children to read the directions: Naaman was the commander of the Syrian army, and he had a serious skin disease. Draw spots on his skin to show that he was sick. Ask: Does anyone know what serious skin disease he may have had based on other stories from the Bible? (Leprosy)

Give the kids a few minutes to complete the picture. Then compare the picture they just completed and the coloring page on the reverse side of the paper. Ask: **What do you notice about the expression on his face?** Sad verses happy. (They may color this page in Extra Ideas.)

SAY: In today’s Bible story, we’re going to read about a man named Naaman. Naaman had been sick with a skin disease. Let’s read God’s Word to see what happened to him.

SESSION STARTER - Is There Enough? // 56 pennies

Form kids into groups of five or six. Place eight pennies in the middle of each group. Direct each group to divide the pennies so that every child has two pennies.

SAY: Was everyone able to have two pennies? [Allow responses.] No, not every kid could have two pennies. Ask kids to gather as one large group. Place a pile of pennies in the center of the group, making sure to have one less penny than the total number of kids. Invite kids to each take a penny.

SAY: Was everyone able to have a penny? [Allow responses.] No, not every child got a penny. There are not enough pennies for everyone. In today’s Bible story, some people believed there would not be enough bread for 100 people. Let’s read the story to learn how God performed a miracle.

INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY // Countdown video (optional), Bibles, big picture question poster, small unit timeline, giant timeline in the hallway (optional)

Show the countdown video as you transition to introduce the Bible story. Set it to end as the session begins.

Continue



ACTIVE MINDS

FOCUS ON GOD'S WORD

SAY: Hello, everyone! I am so glad to be here with you today. If you have your Bible with you, hold it up. [Provide Bibles for kids who need one.] The Bible is full of true stories that prove God is the one and only God. Many of the stories in the Bible also include miracles. Do you know what a miracle is? [Allow responses.] A miracle is a sign that points people to God. Let's read a true story about how God proved He is the one and only God through miracles.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION SAY: Let's invite the girls to answer our big picture question today. What is idolatry? [Girls recite the big picture answer.] That's right! Idolatry is a sin of the heart in which we love and value something else above God. Now, let's give the boys a chance to answer. What is idolatry? [Boys recite the big picture answer.] Good job! Idolatry is a sin of the heart in which we love and value something else above God. You may also use the big picture question poster during this time.

REVIEW THE TIMELINE Show the small unit timeline in the classroom. Point to individual Bible stories as you review. The three previous stories on the small timeline are: Jeroboam Disobeyed God, Elijah Served as a Prophet, and Elisha Served as a Prophet. You may also move to the giant timeline in the hallway.

SAY: Nothing is impossible for God. He can even perform miracles. Throughout the Bible, we read of many miracles God did for both the people of Israel and people of other nations. God did not need to give them miracles to prove He is the one true God, but in His mercy, He did. He showed Israel and Egypt His power when He sent the 10 plagues. We also learned about how the prophet Elijah prayed for God's power to be shown to the people of Israel so they would stop worshiping the false god, Baal. God's power is so great He can even send fire from heaven to burn up a soaking wet altar.

Every miracle points us to God. Today's Bible story helps us learn about more miracles that show us He is the one true God.

ELISHA PERFORMED MIRACLES // Bibles, printed story, video on the USB: Elisha Performed Miracles, Bible story picture poster

Open your Bible to 2 Kings 4-6. To tell the story use the script on the next page. To make the story more interesting, you may invite the kids to count aloud to 20 (loaves), 7 (dips in the water), and 1 (true God) when they appear in the story,

You may also choose to show the video of the story placed on the USB on the TV. Display the Bible story picture poster to the class.

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ACTIVE MINDS

FOCUS ON GOD'S WORD

ELISHA PERFORMED MIRACLES

Elisha was a prophet to the people of Israel. One day, a man brought him 20 loaves of bread. Elisha told the man to give it to a crowd of 100 men. The man was confused, but Elisha said, "The Lord says there will be enough." So, the man gave the bread to the crowd, and everyone ate. They even had some left over.

Another time, Elisha healed a man named Naaman (NAY muhn) of a serious skin disease. Naaman was the commander of the Syrian army. He had gone to the king of Israel to ask for healing. The king of Israel said, "Am I God? Do I have the power to give life and take it away? Why does this man think I can cure a skin disease?" The king of Israel could not heal Naaman. The power to heal comes only from God.

Elisha the prophet called Naaman to his house. Naaman stood at the door, ready to be healed! But Elisha didn't come to the door. Instead, he sent a message to Naaman: "Go wash seven times in the Jordan River."

When Naaman went to the Jordan River and dipped himself in the water seven times, his skin was healed! Naaman and all the people with him went to Elisha. "I know that the God of Israel is the one true God," Naaman said.

On another day, Elisha met with a group of prophets at the Jordan River. The prophets were cutting down trees by the river when an iron ax head fell into the water and sank. Elisha cut a stick and threw it into the water, and the iron floated back to the top.

Christ Connection: Elisha's miracles showed that he was a prophet of the one true God and that God's words were true. In a greater way, Jesus' miracles show that He is the true Son of God.

REVIEW, DISCUSSION, PASSAGE, AND PRAY // Questions from Kids video on the USB, key passage poster, song on the USB - Gospel Project folder: The Lord Our God (Deut. 6:4-5), 20 papers with words/phrases of the passage (include reference), masking tape

REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY SAY: Elisha was a prophet sent by God. A prophet is someone who receives words from God and shares God's words with the people. Elisha also had the Spirit of the Lord and was able to perform miracles with God's power in him. One day, Elisha took 20 loaves of bread and fed 100 people. Can you do that? Can you take a few crackers and make more so all of us can be fed? No. Only God has that kind of power. God used Elisha to perform many miracles that pointed people to God. These miracles showed people that God is the one true God. Continue



OPEN HEARTS

LIFE APPLICATION & SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Can you remember the other two miracles we learned that Elisha did? [Allow responses] Yes, Elisha also performed miracles to heal Naaman and make a heavy iron ax float on the water. Each time Elisha performed a miracle the people could see God at work in him. Elisha was an ordinary man whom God used to do great things.

Jesus also performed many miracles when He lived on earth. Can you name one of the miracles Jesus did? [Allow responses.] That's right! Jesus healed people, multiplied the fish and loaves of bread, walked on water, and even raised Lazarus from the dead. Like Elisha, whose miracles pointed people to God, Jesus' miracles were a sign that pointed people to the truth that He is the one true God.

QUESTIONS FROM KIDS Show the "Unit 13, Session 4" questions from kids video. Prompt kids to discuss:

1. Does God still heal people today? What if He doesn't?
2. What miracles did Jesus perform that showed He is God?

KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY Show the key passage poster. Lead kids in reading aloud Deuteronomy 6:4-5 together as a review.

Ask 20 children to tape a piece of paper on the front of their shirt/top. If you do not have 20 kids use the shepherds, as well. Direct kids to work together to line up in the correct order of the verse. (Tip: Tell the kids to look at the punctuation on some of the papers to help them with placement.)

SAY: God proved His power through the miracles He performed through Elisha. God also proved how much He loves us by sending Jesus to die for our sins. Only God is worthy of all of our love.

Lead kids to sing "The Lord Our God (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)."

PRAY Invite kids to pray. Include praying for our missionary family during this time, as well. SAY: Dear God, thank You for rescuing us from our sin. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to die in our place. Help us to trust in Jesus and love You above all else. Amen.



OPEN HEARTS

LIFE APPLICATION & SCRIPTURE MEMORY

GROUP DISCUSSION // Half sheet of paper per child, pencils

Give each child a pencil and piece of paper. Ask each question and instruct them to write down an answer. Then break up into several groups and have the children share their answers. Read the question again and ask them to share their answers with the group. Continue with the other 2 questions. The shepherds should move throughout the classroom to answer any questions and facilitate discussion in the groups.

ASK: How does Elisha's miracle of feeding 100 men with 20 loaves of bread point us to Jesus? Discuss how Jesus fed a crowd of 5,000 men with five loaves of bread and two fish on one occasion. Then, on another occasion fed a crowd of 4,000 men with seven loaves of bread and a few small fish. In both miracles, God's power and provision was proved to the people. Explain how these miracles were a means to point the people to the truth that Jesus is the Son of God. Lead kids to understand that Jesus also called Himself the Bread of Life because through Him we will live forever.

ASK: Why couldn't the king of Israel heal Naaman? Reflect on how kings are powerful and have authority, but every king has limitations. Discuss how kings cannot save us from our sin or give us eternal life or heal people from diseases. Lead kids to understand that God holds all authority and all power. Only He can heal, save, and give us eternal life.

ASK: How has God shown us that He is the one true God? Lead kids to understand that God reveals Himself to us through His Word, in creation, and through Jesus. God has given us the Bible so we may know His holiness, love, and salvation. God has also shown Himself in creation when we observe His creativity, power, and faithfulness. Explain how Jesus "is the image of the invisible God" (Col. 1:15). God gave us Jesus so that we could know what He is like and be brought back to Him through salvation.

AMAZING GOD // Sheet of white paper per child, colored pencils, and markers

Provide the kids with white paper and colored pencils and markers. Invite them to draw a picture of the most amazing thing God has done in their lives. Explain how God is always at work and cares about each person. Encourage them to think about situations they have experienced such as, a family member healed from sickness, a friend rescued from a scary situation, a prayer that's been answered, or a friend believing in Jesus.

Encourage kids to share their amazing stories with the group. Spend time praising our amazing God for how He cares for us.

SAY: God shows us His love through His kindness and grace in our lives. God's power is all around us. God's power worked through Elisha to prove Himself to people through miracles. These miracles showed that He is the one true God.



EXTRA IDEAS

COLOR AND REVIEW // Coloring page, markers and/or colored pencils

Place the markers and colored pencils on the tables. Each child should have the activity page from the Busy Hands page of the lesson.

Give the kids time to complete the picture.

If there is time, summarize the story, and the Christ Connection to the right of the picture.

REMINDERS: The VIP meeting will be 8:30-8:40 in the Puddle Room. Attend for: Vision/Information/Prayer. Pick up your supply bin before going to class.

REVIEW the items in your bin, place the chairs around the tables, and be ready to greet the parents and children at the door.

FOLLOW protocol for sanitizing hands and cleaning large surfaces.