

Elisha

Trigger

A Beautiful Heritage

Material

- Sheet, blanket or large piece of fabric

Steps

1. Drape a piece of cloth or sheet on your shoulders (or on a child's shoulders).
2. Explain to the children that the prophet Elijah was wearing a cloak. We don't know exactly what it looked like, but it was apparently a coat of fabric. After his ministry, Elijah transferred his coat to Elisha (a bit like an inheritance).
3. Ask them, "Would you like to have the same legacy that Elisha had?"
4. Tell the children that Elisha also received a double portion of Elijah's spirit. And ask them, "Imagine if you get double what your parents have?"



1 Kings 19:19

So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him.

2 Kings 2:9

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied.

Key Verse

Zechariah 4:6b

Multimedia & Clips

Images

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Clip-YouTube

1. Elijah and Elisha
2. Elisha and the Shunammite Woman // Bible Story
3. Naaman (2 Kings 5:1-14)

Object Lesson

Filled With The Power Of God

Material

- 1 cup (cup of tea)
- 1 bucket
- Water
- Dark coloured liquid (like cola)



Steps

Part One

Fill a bucket with water.

Pour water from the bucket into the cup of tea. Explain that God is like the bucket and that we are like the cup of tea. We can never fully understand God, but we should spend our lives trying to be as full of him as possible.

Part Two

Empty the cup of tea and refill the bucket with water.

Fill the cup of tea halfway with the cola.

Repeat that God is like the bucket and us like the cup of tea. We must be filled with God's wisdom, love and power. However, to do this, we must empty ourselves.

Pour water from the bucket into the cup of tea and show how the water mixes with the cola. Explain that God cannot fill us with blessings, power, love if we are already filled. First, we have to empty ourselves.

Pour more water from the bucket into the cup of tea until all the cola is gone.

Elisha, wanted to see the power of God and he did not hesitate to let him completely fill his life.

Songs

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- Nothing Is Impossible
- Pray About Everything

The Heart Of The Father

& Prayer

Elisha was a man who accomplished great things for God. Was Elisha a different man from you and me? No. What makes him different is that he understood who he was and that with the Spirit of God in him he was able to accomplish great things.

You too have the Spirit of God in you, and so you can accomplish great things. If this morning you don't feel important, you think you can't accomplish great things for God, know that it's a lie and you must not believe it. This is what the enemy wants you to believe, that you are not able to do great things for God.

Zechariah 4.6 says that it is thanks to the Spirit of God that you are able to accomplish things for God. All he expects from you is for you to say yes.

Prayer

"Father, I make myself available to serve you, use me as you wish, the Spirit of God in me makes me able and strong. Help me to learn to walk according to the Spirit within me, Amen."

Challenge of the week

Encourage children to find something they could do this week to serve God.

Craft

Elisha's Coat

Material

- Wooden stick
- Coloured paper
- Glue
- Markers
- Scissors
- Pipe cleaner
- Strings or stickers





- Googly eyes

Steps

1. Cut out two squares in the coloured paper.
2. Make an accordion with the squares. Place the squares in opposition to create volume in the mantle.
3. Glue three corners from one square to another.
4. Fold the corner and place it on the wooden stick.
5. Drill holes to pass the pipe cleaner through the mantle and around the stick.
6. Cut a small rectangle and glue it over the mantle. Then glue two eyes on the rectangle.
7. Add details with stickers and markers.
8. Make the connection with history in the Bible. Elisha received Elijah's coat.

Optional

- Wrap a string around the stick to make a linen and Elisha belt.

Activity

Scenes From Elisha's Life

Material

- Biblical passages from Elisha's life
- Bowl



Steps

1. Print out the biblical passages, cut them out and place them in a bowl.
2. Separate the children into small groups.
3. Ask them to understand and read a passage about Elisha's life.
4. Ask them to illustrate the event with a drawing or mime it.
5. Ask the groups to present their drawing or mime to the other children.
6. So you will review Elisha's life with the children.

2 Kings 2:14

He took the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and struck the water with it. "Where now is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" he asked. When he struck the water, it divided to the right and to the left, and he crossed over.

2 Kings 2:21-22

Then he went out to the spring and threw the salt into it, saying, "This is what the Lord says: 'I have healed this water. Never again will it cause death or make the land unproductive.'" And the water has remained pure to this day, according to the word Elisha had spoken.



2 Kings 2:24

He turned around, looked at them and called down a curse on them in the name of the Lord. Then two bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of the boys.

2 Kings 4:1-7

The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, “Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that he revered the Lord. But now his creditor is coming to take my two boys as his slaves.”

Elisha replied to her, “How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?”

“Your servant has nothing there at all,” she said, “except a small jar of olive oil.”

Elisha said, “Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don’t ask for just a few.⁴ Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side.”

She left him and shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her and she kept pouring.

When all the jars were full, she said to her son, “Bring me another one.”

But he replied, “There is not a jar left.” Then the oil stopped flowing.

She went and told the man of God, and he said, “Go, sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what is left.”

2 Kings 4:32-35

When Elisha reached the house, there was the boy lying dead on his couch.

He went in, shut the door on the two of them and prayed to the Lord.

Then he got on the bed and lay on the boy, mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes, hands to hands. As he stretched himself out on him, the boy’s body grew warm.

Elisha turned away and walked back and forth in the room and then got on the bed and stretched out on him once more. The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes.

2 Kings 5:10

Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, “Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed.”

2 Kings 5:27

Naaman’s leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants forever.” Then Gehazi went from Elisha’s presence and his skin was leprous—it had become as white as snow.



2 Kings 6:6

The man of God asked, "Where did it fall?" When he showed him the place, Elisha cut a stick and threw it there, and made the iron float.

2 Kings 6:18

As the enemy came down toward him, Elisha prayed to the Lord, "Strike this army with blindness." So he struck them with blindness, as Elisha had asked.

2 Kings 6:20

After they entered the city, Elisha said, "Lord, open the eyes of these men so they can see." Then the Lord opened their eyes and they looked, and there they were, inside Samaria.

2 Kings 13:21

Once while some Israelites were burying a man, suddenly they saw a band of raiders; so they threw the man's body into Elisha's tomb. When the body touched Elisha's bones, the man came to life and stood up on his feet.

Physical Activity

I Want What You've Got!

Material

- Small scarves, handkerchiefs or pieces of fabric



Steps

1. Place the children 2 by 2. Ask them to hang a scarf on their belt (when playing as a team, the scarves must be one colour per team).
2. Then, face to face, the two children observe themselves. At the signal, they must try to remove the tail (the scarf) of the other without losing theirs.
3. The winner is the one who succeeds.

Optional

Scarves can be replaced with clothespins. In this case, each player wears five clothespins on his clothes. Each must take the clothespins from the other, without getting his own. The first one who managed to catch the five clothespins, wins.

Snack

Create Your Character As God Created You

Material

- Olives
- Olive oil
- Bread

Steps

1. Bring olives and olive oil to class. Talk about some of the uses of olive oil.
2. Let the kids taste it. They could dip some bread in the oil.
3. Put a drop on each child's hand and let them use it as a hand lotion.
4. Tell the children that olive oil was very valuable in Old Testament times and that the people spent a lot of money to buy it.

