

Truth Talk



How many gods are there? There is only one true God who alone deserves worship

Week 10: November 10, 2019

Bible Story Point: God chose Elisha to continue Elijah's work as a prophet!

Key Passage: I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. (Isaiah 42:8)

Sunday Night: (Preschool & Children)

Elijah and Elisha; 2 Kings 2

Following God's great display of power at Mount Carmel, Elijah fled for his life and traveled to Mount Horeb where he encountered God in a soft whisper. God instructed Elijah to anoint a man named Elisha as his successor. Elijah found Elisha plowing a field. Elijah put his cloak over Elisha to show that Elisha would be a prophet like Elijah. Elisha followed Elijah and served him for many years. In time, King Ahab of Israel appointed his son Ahaziah as king. When Ahaziah died, his brother Joram became king.

Elijah's ministry came to an end, and God took him to heaven in an unusual way. First, Elijah and Elisha traveled from Gilgal to Bethel to Jericho and then to the Jordan River. Elijah met with other prophets and their families. Despite Elijah's insistence otherwise, Elisha did not leave Elijah's side.

A group of prophets watched as Elijah parted the Jordan River by striking the water with his mantle (cloak) so he could cross. In Elijah's final moments, Elisha requested, "Please, let me inherit two shares of your spirit" (2 Kings 2:9). Elisha wanted power to continue God's work and confirmation as Israel's next prophet.

A chariot of fire and horses of fire suddenly appeared and separated the men. Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind, and Elisha cried out after him. When Elijah was out of view, Elisha picked up Elijah's cloak and struck the water of the Jordan River. The water parted—a sign that Elisha had received power from God. Elisha would continue the work of Elijah as a prophet to Israel.

As you talk with your kids this week, remind them that **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.**

- Who did God tell Elijah to look for? Elisha
- Where was Elisha? Plowing a field
- What did Elijah do at the Jordan River? Parted the river with his cloak
- What did Elisha ask for? A Double Portion of the Spirit of God
- How did Elijah die? He didn't, went to heaven on a Chariot of Fire and a whirlwind
- What happened when Elisha put Elijah's cloak in the Jordan River? It parted and he walked across on dry land.
- What did this demonstrate? The Holy Spirit was on Elisha
- What did Jesus promise all believers? We would receive the Holy Spirit when we accept Jesus as our Savior and Lord.
- How much of the Holy Spirit does a child receive? All of the Holy Spirit or the Complete Holy Spirit

Practice: Say (Memorize) Key passage

Go to the dollar store and get a new puzzle to put together. Work a puzzle together. About halfway through act like you are going to stop and ask your child to guess what the picture is. Then, complete the puzzle. Tell your child, “when we receive Jesus as our Savior and Lord. He is in our life completely and forever! We receive the Holy Spirit in our life 100%. The Holy Spirit gives us strength and wisdom to follow God. The Holy Spirit is within us all the time, giving us the right words to say and the boldness to live in obedience to God. Let’s do our best to live a life like Jesus, in total surrender to God’s will.

Pray:

Thank God for giving you the Holy Spirit to help us live our life for God. Tell God you want to follow Him. Ask Him to help you live a life of bold obedience to Him.

Tuesday:

All Star Verse: Jeremiah 10:10

But the Lord is the true God; he is the living God, the eternal King.

When he is angry, the earth trembles; the nations cannot endure his wrath.

Who is the One True God?

God is all powerful, creator of all, and all knowing. He is intimately involved in the lives of those who believe in Him. We learn through scripture and have seen throughout history nothing compares to God. We can receive eternal life by grace through His perfect Son Jesus Christ. “This is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent” (John 17:3) John 17 is Jesus prayer for His disciples. We as believers we are His disciples. Jesus is praying for us. Take a few minutes to read John 17 together. You will know what is important to Jesus and understand His heart for us.

Saturday Night: (Preschool & Children)

Take a few minutes to debrief Sunday and Tuesday: Elijah and Elisha

Preview for Sunday:

Elisha and the army; 2 Kings 6

- What army was planning a war against Israel? The Syrian army
- Where did they go? To Dothan where Elisha was living
- Who held off the Syrian army? God with Chariots of Fire.
- What did God do to rescue the Israelites? Blinded the Syrian Army

Key Passage / Sunday Morning Scripture:

Key Passage for weeks of October 27, November 3, 10, 17

“I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. (Isaiah 42:8)