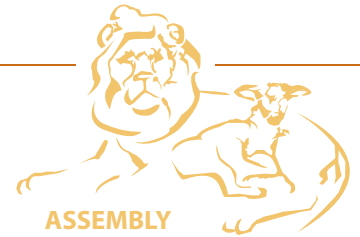


ELIJAH TAKEN UP TO HEAVEN

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: II KINGS 2:1-15



The following are some ideas for creative ways that you can present this material.

LESSON IDEAS**FAITHFUL TO THE END**

Elisha followed Elijah to the very end. Three times Elijah asked him to stay behind but he would not. You could act out this portion of the story with the children. Have all the children follow you and interact with them as Elijah interacted with Elisha.

- Elijah's orders: "Stay here, the Lord has sent me to Bethel." (2 Kings 2:2)
Elisha's response: "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you."
- Elijah's orders: "Stay here Elisha, the Lord has sent me to Jericho." (2 Kings 2:4)
Elisha's response: "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you."
- Elijah's orders: "Stay here, the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." (2 Kings 2:6)
Elisha's response: "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you."

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DOUBLE PORTION

Supplies:

bring enough animal
crackers for all of the
children

In the end, Elisha was awarded a double portion of Elijah's spirit. In order to teach the children what a double portion is, bring in a box of animal crackers. Give every other person a double portion. Then reverse the order. This should help the children understand Elisha was asking for a lot. Then remind them that God who is generous gave Elisha just what he asked for.

Note: Quantity of
consumable supplies
should be adjusted for the
number of sessions you
will be teaching

WHERE IS JESUS?

Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.

Elijah was taken up to heaven in a chariot on a whirlwind. That is not the last time we see him. He appears again in the New Testament with Jesus and Moses at Christ's transfiguration. One day, like Elijah, we will all be with the Lord.

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. (Luke 9:28-31)

