

LESSON 6

ELISHA RECEIVES A DOUBLE PORTION OF GOD'S SPIRIT

OBJECTIVES

1. To understand the nature of God—only He has true power!
2. To understand what kind of spirit we need to receive in order to be faithful workers like Elijah and Elisha.
3. To remember to pray earnestly to receive the Holy Spirit and not to give up.

MEMORY VERSE

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.”

(Matthew 7:7)

PRAYER

Lord, we give thanks to You for this day of rest and blessings. Please open our hearts and give us understanding for what we are about to learn in this lesson. We want to be faithful servants, just as Elijah and Elisha were. Please teach us how to be watchful despite obstacles and how to focus our eyes on You faithfully. You're our guide, power, and the source of all wisdom. All glory goes to You, Lord.



Overview

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Background Knowledge for Teachers

A Double Portion

In the Bible, a “double portion” refers to the inheritance right of the firstborn. The term was used in the Old Testament to refer to the birthright, which is the inheritance received by the oldest son. Deuteronomy 21:17 records, “But he shall acknowledge the son of the unloved wife as the firstborn by giving him a double portion of all that he has, for he is the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn is his.”

When Elijah's time on earth was nearing an end, he asked Elisha, “‘What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?’ Elisha said, ‘Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me!’” (2 Kgs 2:9). After Elisha received the mantle from Elijah, the Spirit of God was evident in all of the things Elisha did and said. As recorded throughout 2 Kings, Elisha indeed performed many miracles of healing and victories, confirming that he had indeed been granted a double portion. His life was filled with the power and anointing of God.



Reaching Out to Your Students

In the past several lessons, your students have learned that when a worker of God prays often and has strong faith, God shows His mighty power. In this lesson, you need to teach your students that when an ordinary person asks for something with simple faith, God also shows His mighty power. As with previous lessons about trusting in God, you need to build up your students' reliance on God with testimonies and Bible stories. Whenever possible, point out to your students times when God was faithful to His people. Share testimonies of God's faithfulness in your own life. By listening to your stories, your students will eventually understand the love that God has for His people. When your students encounter situations where they need to trust God, they will recall your stories on God's faithfulness, which will reinforce the fact that God will help them through any and all situations. In addition to teaching your students to rely on God for help during grave trouble, teach them to rely on God in their daily lives. Share how you seek God's help even for trivial matters, such as losing a favorite pen, and how these matters are solved after relying on God. You want your students not only to think of God in times of difficulty but also in times of peace and joy.



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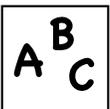
5 Minutes

After God defeated Baal on Mt. Carmel, Jezebel told Elijah that she would kill him. Filled with fear, Elijah fled into the wilderness and hid in a cave. God asked Elijah, "What are you doing here?" Elijah responded, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God of Hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant [...] I alone am left; and they seek to take my life" (1 Kgs 19:10).

Students, do you remember where God told Elijah to go? He told him to go stand on the mountain before Him. He then showed Elijah a strong wind, which "tore into the mountains and broke the rocks," but the Lord was not in the wind. Then, after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. Lastly, after the fire came a still small voice. The voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" Elijah replied as he had earlier, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God of Hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant [...] I alone am left; and they seek to take my life" (1 Kgs 19:11-15).

After hearing the same reply twice, God told Elijah to go and anoint two kings—Hazeal, King of Syria and Jehu, King of Israel—and Elisha, who was to be prophet in his place (1 Kgs 19:15-17).

Elijah set off and found Elisha plowing with oxen on his father's land. He passed by Elisha and threw his cloak over him. Elisha immediately left his oxen and pursued Elijah, saying, "Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Elijah replied, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" Elisha obeyed and returned, slaughtered a yoke of oxen and gave the food to his people. With this gesture, Elisha could now follow Elijah and be his servant.



Vocabulary

mantle: a loose garment made of sheepskin that was usually worn over other pieces of clothing
double portion: the blessing normally bestowed upon the firstborn by the father



Bible Discovery & Spiritual Teaching

30-35 Minutes

Elisha Desires a Double Portion

Elijah was greatly used by God in his generation, but with everyone, his time on earth had to come to an end. The day came when it was time to pass the baton to Elisha. Elisha wanted God's power in his life, and he was willing to follow Elijah faithfully.

When Elijah first anointed Elisha as his successor, he threw his own mantle on Elisha. The teaching in this action is valuable in our own lives as well. As it did with Elisha, the mantle should rest upon you and me. If we are going to be servants of God, then we, too, need the power of God's Spirit. Let's look at the example of Elijah and Elisha and see how the Bible instructs us to receive the power of God in our lives.

Let's turn to 2 Kings 2:1-15. The time came when God would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind. Elijah and Elisha traveled to Gilgal, where Elijah asked Elisha to stay. However, Elisha refused to leave Elijah's side.

"As the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So, Elijah and Elisha continued on to Bethel. As Elisha and Elijah neared Bethel, a group of men studying to be prophets came to them and reminded Elisha that God would be taking away Elijah that very day. He told the men to be quiet. Students, if one of your friends were going to move away soon, would you want other people reminding you of it? Probably not! Likewise, Elisha didn't need these men to remind him. Of course he would know that his master would be taken away soon.

Once again, Elijah asked Elisha to stay, this time in Bethel. But once again, Elisha refused to leave his master's side. He wanted to spend as much time with him as he could before he was taken away. So, Elijah and Elisha continued on to Jericho, where God had sent Elijah.

In Jericho, another group of men came to remind Elisha, but he replied as before. For the third time, Elijah asked Elisha to stay. Elijah wanted to continue on to the Jordan without Elisha. What do you think Elisha said? [Allow students to respond.] That's correct! Elisha still refused to leave Elijah's side. So, they continued on to the Jordan. At the Jordan, a group of fifty sons of the prophets stood facing them; Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up, and hit the water. When his mantle touched the water, the Jordan parted and allowed Elijah and Elisha to cross on dry land.

Elisha Follows Elijah Until the End

It is truly amazing how faithful Elisha was ever since it became apparent that the time for Elijah to leave was coming soon. At every turn, the sons of the prophets

asked Elisha the same question, "Don't you know that the Lord will take away your master from over you today?" Those prophets were trying to convince him to leave his master. When we decide to follow God, sometimes there will be people who will try to hinder you along the way. Let's look at the places Elijah and Elisha passed through and learn about the significance of each location.

First, they started at **Gilgal**—The Israelites first celebrated Passover in the promised land here (Josh 5).

Second, they traveled to **Bethel**—At Bethel, Jacob met God and dreamed of angels descending and ascending on a ladder that stretched from earth to heaven (Gen 28).

Third, they traveled to **Jericho**—Israel had its first victory here (Josh 6).

Fourth, they crossed the **Jordan**—This river is the boundary for the promised land. At the Jordan, the Israelites crossed over to enter the promised land. Once they crossed over, there was no returning; they would go with God all the way (Josh 3).

Elijah himself tried three times to get Elisha to stay behind; Elisha steadfastly went on and refused to allow any obstacles to stand in his way. Elisha remained focused.

Elisha Receives a Double Portion of Elijah's Spirit

When Elijah and Elisha crossed to the other side, do you think Elijah asked Elisha to stay at the Jordan while he continued on to another place? [Give students some time to think and answer.] No, actually, this time Elijah asked Elisha a very important question. "What would you like me to do for you before I am taken away?" Without hesitation, Elisha replied, "Please grant me a double portion of your spirit!"

Elisha's request was not a simple one, and Elijah knew that. Instead of guaranteeing that Elisha would receive a double portion of his spirit, Elijah told Elijah to watch for a sign. "If you see me when I am taken from you, then you shall be granted a double portion. However, if you don't see me, then you will not receive a double portion." After these important words, they continued talking; suddenly, a chariot of fire with horses of fire appeared and separated them. Then, Elijah went up into heaven by a whirlwind!

After witnessing this, Elijah took his clothes, tore them into two pieces, and picked up Elijah's mantle, which had fallen from Elijah. Elisha went to the bank of the Jordan, held the mantle, and struck the water with it. What do you think

happened when he did this? [Allow students to answer.] Precisely! The Jordan parted, just as it had parted when Elijah struck the water with his mantle. Elisha crossed over on dry land. When the sons of the prophets from Jericho saw Elisha do this, they proclaimed, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." Because of Elisha's faithfulness and steadfastness, he received the mantle and obtained the double portion.

Because Elisha stayed focused and remained with Elijah, he was able to witness an amazing event—the man of God being taken up into heaven by a whirlwind!

As Elijah was taken up into heaven, his mantle fell from him. Because he stayed by Elijah, Elisha was able to take Elijah's mantle. What is a mantle? It is a sheepskin garment that people usually wore over their clothing. Do you remember how Elijah first anointed Elisha as his successor? He threw his mantle on Elisha. Now, Elisha finally received the mantle for which he was asking—he was now Elijah's successor and, since he saw Elijah being taken up, he inherited a double portion of God's spirit.

When Elisha returned to the banks of the Jordan, he called on God, who had worked through Elijah, to work through him. Elisha struck the water, it was divided, and Elisha crossed over. The sons of the prophets nearby now understood that Elijah's spirit was now on Elisha.

Are you willing to remain steadfast and focused on God and to go with Him through every obstacle and difficulty? If you choose the easy path, you will be unable to see God's power in your life. We need to go the extra mile in order to receive God's double portion of spirit. Stay with God and don't retreat or get sidetracked. Elisha obtained a double portion, so you can, too.

Elisha Heals the Water at Jericho

After seeing Elijah being taken up into heaven, Elisha returned to Jericho. Then, some men in Jericho

approached him and said, "Jericho is indeed a great city, but the water is actually bad and nothing can grow because of it."

Elisha instructed the men to bring him a bowl with salt in it, and they did as he instructed. Then, Elisha took the bowl to the source of the water and threw the salt in. After he threw in the salt, he said, "Thus says the Lord, 'I have healed this water; from it there shall be no more death or barrenness.'" Since that day, the water was healed and it stayed that way, just as Elisha had said.

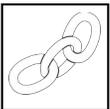
This is the first miracle that Elisha performed. Students, do you know why the water was bad in the first place? The city of Jericho had been living a divine judgment since the days of Joshua. Let's read Joshua 6:26.

If you were to stand in the city of Jericho, everything would have looked good on the surface. The city was in a good location, well built, and beautiful to look at. But let's read the second half of verse 19, "But the water is bad, and the ground barren."

The people of Jericho could have worked the land until they could work it no more, but that would not have made a difference. No matter what they did, the land yielded nothing. It wasn't the land; it was the water. The water was bad. Elisha didn't heal the ground; he went right to bad water. He put some salt in a bowl and threw it in the water. When the salt came in contact with the water, it was completely healed. God's power was manifested. By healing the water, God gave life to an entire city through Elisha's hand. The land was no longer bitter and unusable, it became fruitful.

FOR TEACHERS

Hand out Bible Discovery Worksheet #1 and Worksheet #2 to the students now. Go over each worksheet with the students, providing guidance where needed. Keep a copy of the worksheets to reference.



Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs

2-5 Minutes

One True God

Both Elijah and Elisha performed many miracles, but they were two different men, from two different cities, born from two different sets of parents. So, how were they both able to perform miracles, and sometimes even the same miracles? They both had the abundance of God's Spirit. God is the One the true power, and when He abided in Elijah and Elisha, they were able to perform miracles through His power. Today, we, too, can do many great things through the power of God, if only He truly abides in us. We must strive to seek the fullness of the Holy Spirit. With His Spirit abiding within us, the impossible can become possible, and not only that, we can do many great works in His name. So let us take comfort in knowing that through Him, we can overcome any obstacles that may come our way, and through Him, we may also perform "miracles" of our own!



Check for Understanding

5 Minutes

1. **To which cities did Elisha and Elijah travel?** Gilgal, Bethel, and Jericho.
2. **How many times did Elijah ask Elisha to stay behind, and how many times did Elisha agree to stay?** Three times; zero times.
3. **How did Elisha respond to Elijah each time he asked him to stay?** "As the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!"
4. **What happened when Elijah took his mantle and struck the water of the Jordan?** The Jordan parted and allowed Elijah and Elisha to cross on dry land.
5. **When Elijah asked Elisha what he wanted him to do for him before he was taken away, for what did Elisha ask?** Elisha asked for a double portion of Elijah's spirit to come upon him.
6. **How did Elijah and Elisha become separated?** A chariot of fire with horses of fire came down from heaven and came between them.
7. **How was Elijah taken up to heaven?** He was taken up by a whirlwind.
8. **What was the first miracle that Elisha performed after Elijah was taken up?** He took Elijah's mantle, struck the Jordan, and parted its waters.
9. **What was wrong with the water in Jericho?** It was harmful for the people to drink and harmful to the land so that no crops could be grown.
10. **How did Elisha heal the water?** He asked for a bowl of salt, went to the source of the water, threw the salt in, and then healed the water in God's power.



Life Application

10 Minutes

I NEED THE PRESENCE OF GOD

1. Elijah threw his mantle on Elisha. (1 Kgs 19:19b)
2. "Now Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up, and struck the water; and it was divided this way and that, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground." (2 Kgs 2:8)
3. "That suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went by a whirlwind into heaven." (2 Kgs 2:11)
4. "He also took up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan. Then he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, and said, 'Where is the Lord God of Elijah?' And when he also had struck the water, it was divided this way and that; and Elisha crossed over." (2 Kgs 2:13-14)

What Can I Learn?

1. **Following God requires single-minded steadfastness and devotion. You should not be distracted by things in the world. It requires aligning our will to His. What are the things in the world?**

Turn to **1 John 2:16** and fill in the blanks below.

a. The lust of the flesh

b. The lust of the eyes

c. The pride of life

- A. Today, June's mother had baked a dozen cookies especially for her younger brother's birthday party. When June arrived home from school, her mother told her that she was not allowed to touch any of the cookies until after the party, which was three hours later. As time passed, June became hungry. She went down into the kitchen and saw the cookies sitting on the counter. It can't hurt if I eat just one, right? June thought to herself. As June reached for the cookie, she suddenly heard her mother's voice, which was filled with disappointment.
- B. Every day, Jason's best friend would ride his shiny bike to school, a present he had received for his birthday last month. After school, Jason would always go home and complain to his parents, saying that he also needed a bike so that he could ride to school with Jason. "You already received your birthday present this year. You have to wait until

next year to get a new bike." Jason's grandparents were visiting at the time, so he came up with a plan. He would tell them that he needed a bike for a school project. Jason's grandparents took him to the store to buy the bike, but just as he was about to choose which bike to buy, his parents called his grandparents. Jason could tell from the look in his grandfather's sad eyes that his parents had told them the truth about the bike.

C. Bruce and Luke had been best friends since first grade. They did everything together. Six years later, they were still best friends, but lately, Bruce had been acting more competitive during sports. "Beat you again, Luke!" Bruce yelled happily as he ran past the finish line. "Wow, you run as fast as a turtle walks!" Bruce's words stung, but Luke didn't say anything. He didn't want to lose his best friend. One day, Bruce and Luke's friends were playing basketball during lunch. "Wow, you're really bad at basketball, Luke! Too bad you can't be like me and be the best player on the team!" Without saying a word, Luke chucked the basketball at Bruce and stormed away. After that day, Luke stopped talking to Bruce, and Bruce didn't know how to fix it.

2. Elisha had Elijah's mantle, the symbol of God's power and God's presence. We also need God's presence and His power. Why?

- He is a caring God. (1 Pet 5:7)
- He is a God who answers prayers. (Mk 11:24)
- He strengthens those who serve Him. (1 Tim 1:12)



Activity

Elisha Prays for Power

10-15 Minutes

Objective: To create a sun catcher to remind the students of the importance of praying to God for strength and power.

Materials

- Colored tissue paper
- Construction paper
- Single-hole punch
- Paper plate
- Yarn
- Markers
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Glue
- Pencils

Instructions

- Using the paper plate, trace circles on both the tissue and construction paper and then cut them out.
- Take the construction paper circle cutout and measuring one inch from the edge, mark another circle inside it with a pencil. Cut out the smaller circle without damaging the 1-inch rim or the inner circle. [Note: The teacher and/or teaching assistant may use an X-Acto knife to cut out the circle, but must exercise caution when students are nearby.] You will end up with a small circle and a rim.
- Write "Pray to the Lord" on the rim.
- On the smaller circle cutout, have the students trace one of their hands with a pencil. Then cut out the handprint.
- Glue the tissue paper circle onto the back of the rim.
- Glue the handprint onto the tissue paper, making sure to glue it on the same side as the rim. You should now be able to see the handprint and "Pray to the Lord" both at the front.
- Punch a hole at the top of the rim and tie a piece of yarn through it.
- Hang the sun catcher to remind you to pray to the Lord.

[Variation: Instead of cutting out an inner circle from the large circle, simply cut the handprint from the large circle. Now glue the tissue paper onto the back of the large circle, and the hand should be accented by the tissue paper.]

HOMEWORK ANSWER KEY

- Gilgal, Bethel, Jericho, Jordan
- three, leave
- D
- B
- When Elisha took up Elijah's mantle and struck the Jordan with it, the waters of the Jordan parted and Elisha was able to cross over on dry land. Elijah had performed the exact same miracle shortly before he was taken away.
- Answers may vary. Possible answer: Never accept "no," as an answer and continue to stay with God steadfastly; ask and pray earnestly.

THE WATER IS BAD AND THE LAND IS UNPRODUCTIVE
 ...THE LAND BECOMES FRUITFUL

THE CAUSE

Read Joshua 6:26.
 Write it down below:

Then Joshua charged them at that time, saying, "Cursed be the man before the Lord who rises up and builds this city Jericho; he shall lay its foundation with his firstborn, and with his youngest he shall set up its gates."



The desperate need of Jericho represents the desperate need of having Jesus in our life.



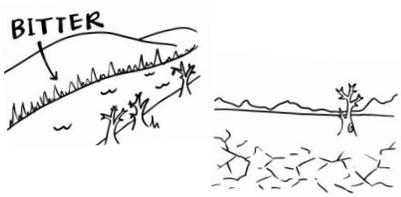
Jericho is plagued with "bitter waters."



"Bitter waters" is the sinful condition of mankind.



"Barren ground" is unproductive. A life without Jesus cannot bear any fruit.



THE CURE

We need Jesus: Why?

Turn to Exodus 15:26.
 Write it down below:

"If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord who heals you."

What does the Lord do?

H E A L

What did Elisha use to cure the water?

S A L T

"Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening?"
 (Jas 3:11)

Nothing clean can come from something that is unclean. The salt is God's healing power.

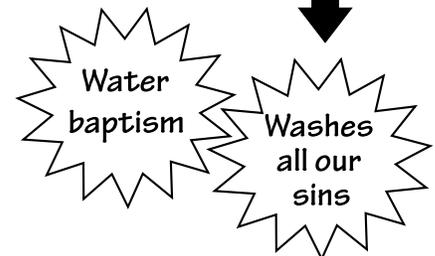
THE RESULT

"And the water remains healed to this day, according to the word of Elisha which he spoke."



No one can be "righteous" without being "born" again.

You must be born again to be (Jn 3:7)



A newborn person is a person whose life is in Christ.

When we are in Christ, we bear the best kind of fruit.

Read Galatians 5:22-23. List out the fruit of the Spirit.



- love
- joy
- peace
- longsuffering
- kindness
- goodness
- faithfulness
- gentleness
- self-control

Elijah & Elisha
follow an
Awesome God!

The same God who supplied wisdom and power through Elijah also works in us. Each of the following sentences demonstrates God's amazing power and mercy!

Fill in the blanks by choosing words from the word bank.

feed	fire	spoke	ravens	dead	oil	earthquake	wind	voice	tore	multiplied
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1. God commanded the ravens to feed His servant.
2. On Mt. Carmel—God answered by fire.
3. In Zarephath, God multiplied the flour and oil.
4. God can raise the dead.
5. God tore the mountains with the wind and shook them with the earthquake.
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2. A Spirit of Courage to Stand for God Even in the Midst of Difficulty

2 Timothy 1:7 "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

3. A Spirit of Obeying God Command

Philippians 2:8 "And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross."

Elisha recognized that, in order to serve God, he needed power that did not come from him! He needed the power of God working in him and through him if he was going to be Elijah's successor. In the end, because of his steadfastness, Elisha received a double portion of God's spirit. We also need to seek the Lord for the Holy Spirit and the fullness of the Holy Spirit. We need to be filled with the Spirit of God! We need to come before the Lord and pray earnestly and wholeheartedly.

Come and seek Him for the double portion you need for your life!

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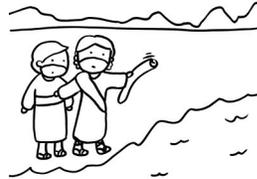
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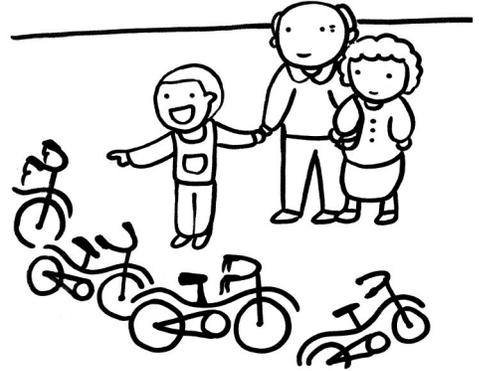
Turn to 1 John 2:16 and fill in the blanks below.

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- The _____ of the _____
- The _____ of _____

- A. Today, June's mother had baked a dozen cookies especially for her younger brother's birthday party. When June arrived home from school, her mother told her that she was not allowed to touch any of the cookies until after the party, which was three hours later. As time passed, June became hungry. She went down into the kitchen and saw the cookies sitting on the counter. It can't hurt if I eat just one, right? June thought to herself. As June reached for the cookie, she suddenly heard her mother's voice, which was filled with disappointment.



B. Every day, Jason's best friend would ride his shiny bike to school, a present he had received for his birthday last month. After school, Jason would always go home and complain to his parents, saying that he also needed a bike so that he could ride to school with Jason. "You already received your birthday present this year. You have to wait until next year to get a new bike." Jason's grandparents were visiting at the time, so he came up with a plan. He would tell them that he needed a bike for a school project. Jason's grandparents took him to the store to buy the bike, but just as he was about to choose which bike to buy, his parents called his grandparents. Jason could tell from the look in his grandfather's sad eyes that his parents had told them the truth about the bike.



C. Bruce and Luke had been best friends since first grade. They did everything together. Six years later, they were still best friends, but lately, Bruce had been acting more competitive during sports. "Beat you again, Luke!" Bruce yelled happily as he ran past the finish line. "Wow, you run as fast as a turtle walks!" Bruce's words stung, but Luke didn't say anything. He didn't want to lose his best friend. One day, Bruce and Luke's friends were playing basketball during lunch. "Wow, you're really bad at basketball, Luke! Too bad you can't be like me and be the best player on the team!" Without saying a word, Luke chucked the basketball at Bruce and stormed away. After that day, Luke stopped talking to Bruce, and Bruce didn't know how to fix it.



2. *Elisha had Elijah's mantle, the symbol of God's power and God's presence. We also need God's presence and His power. Why?*

- a. He is a _____ God. (1 Pet 5:7)
- b. He is a God who answers _____. (Mk 11:24)
- c. He _____ those who serve Him. (1 Tim 1:12)

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Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Weekly Bible Reading: _____

Bible Reading: Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

Prayer: Check each box after you pray to God that day.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

2. _____

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. (**Matthew 7:7**)

Fill In the Blank

1. Elisha and Elijah's journey started in _____, then continued to _____, followed by _____, while finally ending at the _____.
2. Elijah asked Elisha to stay behind _____ times, but Elisha always replied, "As the Lord lives, I will not _____ you!"

Multiple Choice

3. _____ : Before Elijah was taken away, Elisha asked Elijah _____.
 - a. To give him all his possessions and money
 - b. To anoint another prophet instead of Elisha
 - c. To stay
 - d. To grant him a double portion of his spirit
4. _____ : Elijah was taken up into heaven by _____.
 - a. A chariot of fire
 - b. A whirlwind
 - c. Horses of fire
 - d. Both A and C

Short Answer

5. How did the sons of the prophets from Jericho know that the spirit of Elijah rested on Elisha?
6. How can we be like Elisha when praying for the Holy Spirit?