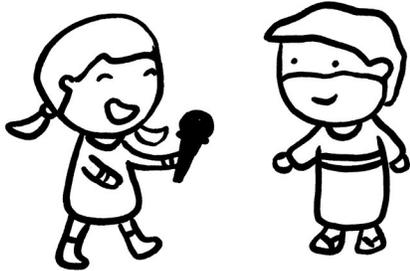


AN INTERVIEW WITH ELISHA

God is in control. He is watching over us and He has an invisible army! (2 Kings 6)



Reporter: Hi, Elisha. We heard that the nation of Syria was always at war with Israel. Yet, every time they would move their army somewhere, God would tell you. Is that correct?

Elisha: Yes, God would tell me so Israel would win over and over again.

Reporter: So when Syria's king learned that it was you who was giving away his plans, he sent an army to get you.

Elisha: That's right. One morning, my servant went outside and saw that we were surrounded by enemy troops.

Reporter: What was his reaction?

Elisha: He asked me, "What are we going to do?" And I told him, (fill in the blanks by looking up verse 16) " _____ " and I prayed, (verse 17) " _____ ".

Reporter: What did he see?

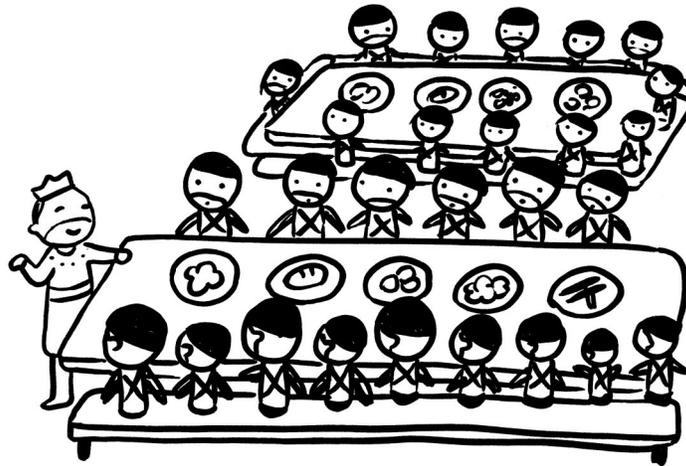
Elisha: You'd be amazed! The mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around me! I was not afraid. So, when the Syrians came down to me, I prayed to God, (verse 18) " _____ ".

And I said to them, "Follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek." And I led them to Samaria and the Lord opened their eyes."



Reporter: This is amazing guidance and protection from God, without ever firing a shot at them. So what happened?

Elisha: When the king of Israel saw them, he asked me if he should kill them. And I told him not to. I simply told him to set food and water before them, so the king prepared a feast and then sent them away. So, the bands of Syrian raiders came no more in the land of Israel.



Reporter: So what can we all learn from this?

Elisha: Well, there are four things that we can learn.

Instructions: Fill in the blanks by using the words in the word bank.

protects invisible spiritual blind good righteous

God always _____ those who follow His commandments! We have an _____ spiritual protection, who is our God.

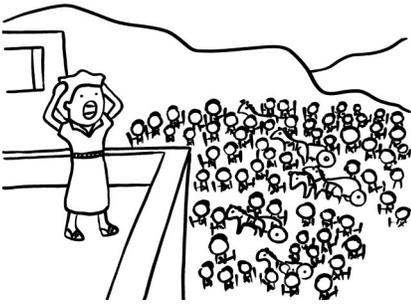
We need to pray and ask God to open our _____ eyes. When a person is _____ to spiritual matters, only God can open the eyes.

God answers the prayer of the " _____ ".

(1 Peter 3:12)

Repay "no one evil for _____"
(Rom 12:21)

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with _____."



GOD
IS = = IN
CONTROL

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FOR GOD.

Instructions: Turn to the following verses and read them, and then discuss the questions within your group.

1. Matthew 19:26

Is there anything impossible with God?

2. Psalm 22:28

Each nation has its own authorities. But who rules over all nations?

3. Jeremiah 32:27

Is there anything God cannot do? If so, list them.

4. Proverbs 16:33

Who makes every decision in our lives?

5. Isaiah 45:6-7

Who makes everything around us happen? List some examples.

ELISHA DEMONSTRATES GOD'S POWER!



"Are we there yet?" Meredith's family was finally taking a road trip to visit different national parks! She had been planning for this trip for a long time, choosing which areas to visit and which places to stay at. However, when they finally set off on the trip, they ran into bad weather. The sound of the rain falling on the windshield sounded frightening, and yet soothing. Before she knew it, Meredith had fallen asleep. Then, a quick jerk forward and Meredith's eyes shot wide open. What was happening? In an instant, everything was spinning in front of her eyes, and she realized that it wasn't the world that was spinning, it was their car! Suddenly, she heard her father shout, "Hallelujah!" from the driver's seat and heard her mother pray loudly in the front passenger seat. Her younger brother, who had also been asleep next to her, looked at her with terror in his eyes, and she grabbed his hands, closed her eyes, and started praying with her mother. It seemed like forever before it happened, but the car finally came to a rest. Meredith didn't dare to open her eyes. "Is everyone OK?" Her father sounded both worried and relieved. "It's OK. We're OK. No one hit us. I braked hard to avoid hitting the car in front of me and the car spun out of control. But we're OK now. Thank God. Let's all say a prayer to thank God for His unfailing protection."

• How could Meredith feel God's unfailing protection?



Landon had always enjoyed playing the most popular shooting games, which were usually violent and bloody. He didn't think that it was a problem because video games weren't real. He was just shooting the bad guys in the game; no one was getting hurt. But slowly, he started becoming addicted to these games and to violent movies. If there wasn't any violence, then it wasn't interesting to him. He started playing even more violent games, and spent more time playing games than doing homework,

reading the Bible, and praying. When his parents told him that he needed to limit his time, he'd yell at them. This went on for a while. But then one day, his mother came into his room and told him to start doing his homework. She politely asked him to turn off his video games, but he ignored her and kept playing. Then, she went over to turn off the system for him. As soon as she pressed the power button, Landon ran at her and pushed her really hard. She stumbled backwards a bit, but was otherwise fine. Landon didn't know what had come over him. "Mom, I'm sorry..." Landon's mother looked at him with sadness in her eyes and walked away without saying a word. That night, as he passed by his parents' room, he could hear her crying behind the doors and talking to his father about what he had done. Landon now saw what kind of influence these games had on him, and he did not like who he had become. Before going to bed, Landon prayed to God. "God, I am sorry for what I did. I am sorry that I didn't know how bad it was. And...thank You for opening my eyes to see the truth."

• How were Landon's eyes opened to the truth?

Kaley used to enjoy going to school every day, but recently, she found it difficult to get out of bed and on to the school bus. Janet, a classmate of Kaley's, had started bullying her, and Kaley didn't even know why. They used to be good friends until a new girl came to their school and started telling Janet that Kaley was "uncool" and "boring." After that, not only would Janet refuse to hang out with Kaley, she would also call Kaley horrible names every day. Once, as Kaley was walking in the cafeteria with her food tray, Janet walked up to her and flipped the tray into Kaley's face. The food was all over Kaley's clothes. When Kaley's mother asked her what had happened, Kaley simply said that she had tripped in the cafeteria. Instances like this continued for a few months. Then, one day at school, Kaley found Janet sitting in the corner at the end of the hallway, crying. Looking at Janet, Kaley suddenly thought about all the times that Janet had made her cry. However, instead of smiling and ignoring Janet, Kaley walked up to her. "Janet, what's wrong? Can I help?" Kaley asked softly. Janet looked up and couldn't believe who was talking to her. "Why are you being so nice to me, Kaley? I've been so mean to you the past few months," said Janet, tearfully. "Yeah, you hurt my feelings a lot, but that doesn't mean I stopped caring. We used to be good friends, and I don't think you're a bad person." Kaley extended her hand to Janet, and together, the two of them walked down the hallway.

• **How did Kaley show love to her enemy?**



E2 Year 3 Book 2 Lesson 8—God's Army Protects Elisha and His Servant

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. (Psalm 121:2)

Multiple Choice

1. _____ : The king of Syria was angry because _____.
 - a. He found a spy in his army.
 - b. The Israelite army always seemed to know where he planned to attack.
 - c. The Israelite army defeated him.
2. _____ : When Elisha saw the Syrian army, he _____.
 - a. Ran to the wilderness
 - b. Was not afraid because an army of God's angels was on his side
 - c. Prayed to God for wisdom to know how to escape from them
3. _____ : When the Syrian army was led to Samaria, Elisha _____.
 - a. Told the king to feed them
 - b. Had them killed
 - c. Threatened the king of Syria so that he would never attack Israel again

Short Answer

4. Why was Elisha's servant so afraid when he saw the Syrian army?
5. Why was Elisha not afraid when he saw the Syrian army?
6. Share a time when you felt God's protection.