

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

# THE CAUSE

Read Joshua 6:26.  
Write it down below:

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



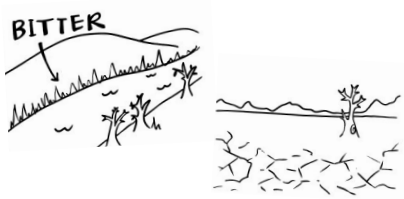
Jericho is plagued with "bitter waters."



"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:

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What does the Lord do?

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What did Elisha use to cure the water?

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"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.

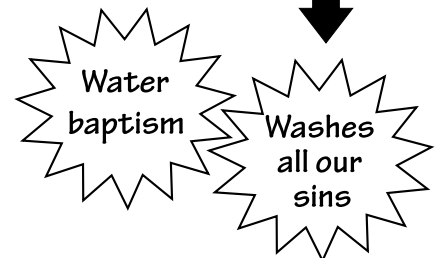
# THE RESULT

"And the water remains \_\_\_\_\_ 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.




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**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 \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ His servant.
2. On Mt. Carmel—God answered by \_\_\_\_\_.
3. In Zarephath, God \_\_\_\_\_ the flour and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. God can raise the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. God \_\_\_\_\_ the mountains with the \_\_\_\_\_ and shook them with the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. God \_\_\_\_\_ to Elijah with a still small \_\_\_\_\_.

According to Deuteronomy 21:15-17, it was common for firstborn children to receive a double portion of their father's estate. The Law of Moses mandated this.

Let's turn to verse 17 and fill in the blanks.

"But he shall acknowledge the son of the unloved wife as the firstborn by giving him a \_\_\_\_\_ of all that he has, for he is the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn is his."

**Elisha**  
has the  
**Right Spirit!**

When Elisha asked for a double portion of Elijah's spirit, Elisha was asking for the right of the firstborn! He was asking for the same Spirit that had empowered Elijah to be given to him as well.

Elijah told Elisha that he had asked a "hard thing." In other words, it was beyond the power of Elijah to grant such a request. Only God, who is all-powerful and all-knowing, can grant it. What kind of spirit was Elisha asking for? Read the following verses and fill in the blanks.

### 1. A Spirit of Trusting in the Power of God

*Romans 15:13* "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in \_\_\_\_\_, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

### 2. A Spirit of Courage to Stand for God Even in the Midst of Difficulty

*2 Timothy 1:7* "For God has \_\_\_\_\_ given us a spirit of \_\_\_\_\_, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross."

# 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?*

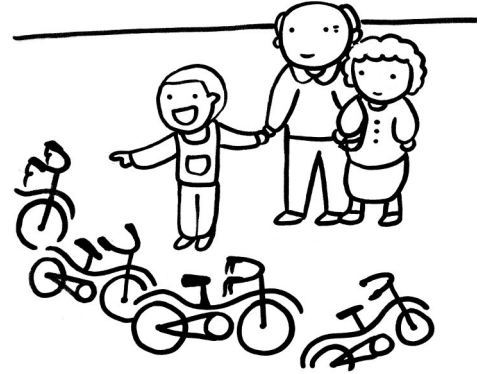
Turn to 1 John 2:16 and fill in the blanks below.

- a. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_
- b. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_
- c. 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 chuckled 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)

## E2 Year 3 Book 2 Lesson 6—Elisha Receives a Double Portion of God's Spirit

**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. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Fill In the Blank**

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

**Multiple Choice**

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

**Short Answer**

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