

LESSON 7

ELISHA RAISES THE SHUNAMMITE WOMAN'S SON

OBJECTIVES

1. To remember to show love and kindness to those around us through our actions.
2. To set our mind to be a prayer warrior for God's people by spending more time in prayer.
3. To recognize that God can turn a difficult situation into something good.

MEMORY VERSE

"My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth."

(1 John 3:18)

PRAYER

Lord, we give thanks to You for this day of rest and blessings. We are so thankful that You love us so much that You died for us. You truly back up Your word with action. We have a mission to share with those around us so that they can see God's love through our actions. Today, we will study the prophet Elisha, a great worker for God, who showed his love for God in action. Please open our eyes and our hearts to learn the teachings from today's lesson.



Overview

1. Bible Discovery & Spiritual Teaching

- a. Elisha Received into the Shunammite Woman's Home (2 Kgs 4:8-10)
- b. Elisha Promises the Woman a Son (2 Kgs 4:11-17)
- c. The Boy Dies (2 Kgs 4:18-31)
- d. Elisha Prays for the Dead Boy (2 Kgs 4:32-37)

2. Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs—The one true God

3. Life Application

- a. An Act of Kindness
- b. Rely on God in Times of Need

4. Activity—What a Blessing!; God Is My Helper!



Background Knowledge for Teachers

Shunem

Located five miles from Mt. Tabor, the city of Shunem was given to the descendants of Issachar, Jacob's son through Bilhah, Rachel's servant. It is called a double resting place.

The Shunammite Woman

The Shunammite woman is a great character! She was hospitable, kind, considerate, and she went out of her way for others and had a strong faith. She realized that Elisha was a man of God, so she prepared a room for him to use whenever he was in town. She did this out of kindness because she sensed a need. Since she did so without any selfish motives, her kindness was rewarded far beyond her comprehension.



Reaching Out to Your Students

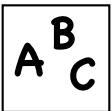
In the past several lessons, your students have learned that when a worker of God prays often and has strong faith, God shows His mighty power. In this lesson, you need to teach your students that when an ordinary person asks for something with simple faith, God also shows His mighty power. It is important to develop your students' reliance on God through testimonies and Bible stories. Emphasize and remind the students about situations in which God has been faithful to His people. Furthermore, share personal testimonies to demonstrate God's faithfulness in your life. As your students hear more and more testimonies and Bible stories, they will eventually understand the love God has for His people. When your students face difficult situations and need to take that step to trust in God, they may remember all that you have told them about His faithfulness and will take comfort in knowing that God can help them through any kind of situation, no matter how big or small. Reinforce the concept that they can rely on God in their daily lives, not only when they're in need of help.



Opener

5 Minutes

Whenever we need help, we usually go to someone whom we know is able to help us. Who do you go to when you need help with your homework? Who do you go to when you are sick? The woman that we are going to learn about from the Bible today needed some very special help. She couldn't just go to a family member or friend for help. But instead of worrying, she knew exactly who to go to for help. Let's hear the story!



Vocabulary

Shunammite: a person who dwells in the city of Shunem



Bible Discovery & Spiritual Teaching

30-35 Minutes

FOR TEACHERS

Prepare a map that indicates the location of Shunem. Hand out the Bible Discovery Worksheet #1 to your students and help them complete it as you teach the story. Then after completing the Bible story, follow with Bible Discovery Worksheet #2.

answer.] No one had asked this couple to offer Elisha food every time he passed by. Rather, they did this out of kindness. They loved Elisha as a servant of God, and they wanted to offer him a warm, home-cooked meal whenever they could. They didn't expect Elisha to do anything in return.

Elisha Received into the Shunammite Woman's Home

As a messenger of God, Elisha the prophet traveled a lot to go to different places in Israel to do God's work.

One day, a woman from Shunem [show the location of Shunem on a map] saw Elisha walking through town, and she invited him to her house for dinner. She probably heard of many good works that God did through Elisha. Elisha accepted the woman's invitation and joined her and her husband for dinner.

Ever since then, the woman and her husband would always invite Elisha to eat with them whenever he passed by. Why do you think this couple did that? [Let students

Time passed by and this Shunammite woman said to her husband one day, "Elisha travels through here often. Let's fix up a room for Elisha so that he can stay overnight and rest when he passes by our home." She must have thought about Elisha's situation; he traveled often, but only had a place to stay if someone invited him to stay.

Her husband agreed, so they built a room on their flat roof and put a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp there. That's so thoughtful of her! They made a lovely room where he could rest comfortably and study God's word, too.

Elisha had a helper named Gehazi who traveled with him. As Elisha traveled from place to place, Gehazi would go with him and help him in any way that he could.

From then on, whenever Elisha came through, he and his servant Gehazi would stay in their own special room. Students, how would you feel if you were Elisha? [Pause for students to think.]

Elisha Promises the Woman a Son

Elisha was very grateful for the woman's kindness. He never asked for such a nice place to stay. The kindness of the Shunammite woman was such a gift to Elisha. Let's think about this. How many people have you met that treat you with such love and kindness? It is highly likely that Elisha had not previously met someone who treated him with such generosity as this woman had.

Then he said to Gehazi his servant, "Call this Shunammite woman." When he had called her, she stood before him. And Elisha said to him, "Say now to her, 'Look, you have been concerned for us with all this care. What can I do for you? Do you want me to speak on your behalf to the king or to the commander of the army?'" She answered, "I dwell among my own people." The woman was telling Elisha that she had all that she needed.

Later, Elisha wondered out loud what he could do for her. Elisha's servant, Gehazi, had an idea. "Well," Gehazi said, "she doesn't have any children, and her husband is very old." Elisha thought, "Good idea—now I know how I can help the woman." He sent Gehazi to get the woman. When she came upstairs, Elisha said, "Around this time next year, you will have a son." The woman was surprised. She could hardly believe what the prophet was saying. "My lord," she said, "don't say such a thing if it is not true!" Sure enough, about a year later, the Shunammite woman did give birth to a boy.

God is a God who always keeps His promises. God is a loving God, and He always rewards those who show love to others. God knew what the Shunammite woman wanted, and He gave her a son for the love and kindness she had shown to His servant Elisha.

The woman and her husband must have been exceedingly glad to finally have a son. Imagine when this boy was born; he must have brought tremendous joy to the woman and her husband! Their son was a true miracle that only God could have given to them as their reward for taking care of His servant Elisha.

The Boy Dies

One day, several years later, the boy went out in the fields to see his father. While in the field, he suddenly told his father, "My head hurts!" His father asked a servant to carry the boy home to his mother. She held him on her lap, but around noontime, she saw that her son had died!

Imagine what she must have felt as she saw her child sick in her arms. She was probably in tears and asking God to heal her son. Unfortunately, her son was not healed and instead passed away.

Instead of mourning for her son for a long period of time, she knew what she had to do. She laid her son on the bed in Elisha's room. Then, she hurried and asked her husband to send a servant and a donkey to her so she could travel somewhere. Where do you think she was going? [Allow students to answer.] She was going to see Elisha, right away! "Why are you going to him today?" her husband thought that maybe something was wrong. "Everything's alright," she replied. She saddled the donkey and instructed the servant to drive quickly. She had to see Elisha right way to ask him for God's help.

Elisha Prays for the Dead Boy

Elisha saw the Shunammite woman coming. He sent Gehazi to ask if everything was all right. She simply replied, "All is fine," before continuing on to find Elisha. When she reached Elisha, she fell down and grabbed hold of his feet. Gehazi attempted to push her away, but Elisha could see that she was in extremely upset, so he told Gehazi to leave her alone. Still, Elisha did not know why the Shunammite woman had come. Finally, the woman cried out, "Did I ask God for a son? Didn't I ask you not to promise me something you could not give?"

Then Elisha understood. The son that the woman loved so much had died! The woman had come to Elisha to see if God would give her son back to her. Elisha sent out his servant Gehazi with the instructions to place Elisha's staff on the boy. However, the Shunammite woman refused to leave Elisha's side. Then, Elisha immediately got up and followed her to her home. While they were journeying, Gehazi came back with the news that the staff had done nothing to help the boy. When Elisha reached the home, he went up to his room and found the boy lying dead on his bed. He closed the door and prayed fervently to God for a long time. Then, he stretched himself out on the boy, bringing some warmth to the boy's body, but not enough to bring him back to life. Elisha got up and walked around the room, and then once again, stretched himself out on the boy. After this second time, the boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes. God had given his life back to him! Elisha called Gehazi and told him to call the Shunammite woman. When she came back upstairs into the room, Elisha told her, "Here is your son."

Students, how would you feel if you were this Shunammite woman? [Pause for students to think.] This was a miracle! Elisha had just made her son come alive! But think again, who actually saved this little boy's life? [Allow students to answer.] Ultimately, God was the one

who saved the Shunammite woman's son. Elisha wasn't a doctor, and he didn't have any power to save the woman's son. But he was a man of God, a prayer warrior. He prayed and prayed for the boy until God answered his prayers. The power that saved this boy's life came from God; it was an almighty and supreme power!

Today, the same power that saved the Shunammite woman's son's life is available for us. Whenever we need help with a matter, big or small, we can always ask God for help. The Shunammite woman looked to God for help and God did not disappoint her—He will not disappoint us either!



Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs

2-5 Minutes

The One True God

Jesus Christ is the only Savior of mankind, the Creator of the heavens and earth, and the only true God.

When we are sick, we may go to a doctor to receive treatment, we may pray to God and rely on His power to heal us, or we may do both! But whichever method we choose, it is God who ultimately has true power to heal us. There are many testimonies in which a person had an illness or injury that no doctors could heal, but miraculously, through prayer and intercession from others, the person was healed. He is the greatest healer! It is these testimonies that show us the true power of God, who has power even over death. When we pray earnestly to God, His mighty power will be shown!



Check for Understanding

5 Minutes

1. **Why did the Shunammite woman and her husband invite Elisha to eat with them every time he passed by and build a special room for him?** They did all these things out of love and kindness for the servants of God.
2. **Why did Gehazi suggest giving the Shunammite woman a son to thank her?** The woman had no children and her husband was old.
3. **What did the Shunammite woman do as soon as she found out that her son had died?** She prepared a donkey so that she could go see Elisha right away for help.
4. **What did Elisha do to make her son alive again?** He prayed to God for help and stretched himself out on the boy two times.
5. **Who ultimately saved the boy's life?** God did!



Life Application

10 Minutes

1. AN ACT OF KINDNESS

In this lesson, we learned about a Shunammite woman and her husband who were very kind to Elisha. Do you remember what they did for him? [Allow students to answer.] They invited Elisha to eat with them and built a room for him to stay whenever he passed by. The Bible says, "For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward" (Mk 9:41). This couple knew that Elisha was a man of God. They saw him passing by often while traveling to preach the word of God, and they wanted to do something for him. Sure enough, their act of kindness was rewarded by God. They had everything they needed already, but God knew that they wanted a child, so He gave them a son.

Today, we should be kind to others not because we want a reward from God but because we are His children. God has promised His eternal kingdom as a reward to those who obey Him. There's no other reward better this. In other words, as children of God who faithfully seek His kingdom, it is our responsibility to love and show kindness to those who are around us. "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 Jn 4:11). God loves us, and He wants us to show His love to people around us through our genuine kindness. He wants us to be the light of the world, setting an example for others and leading them to Christ. Do you think anyone would follow a selfish, rude, and mean person to church? [Pause for students to think.] Of course not. If we love God, we should obey His commandment to love our

neighbors and shine His light in our daily lives. In due time, God will reward us just as He rewarded the Shunammite woman. Let's strive towards the heavenly reward that God has prepared for us!

Scenario

Quiet, shy, and always alone at school, Christine longs for friends at school, but doesn't have any because she doesn't have the courage to talk to any of her classmates.

One day, as Christine walked off the school bus to go home, she felt something brush her leg. Turning back, she saw that a classmate of hers, Vanessa, had a hole in her backpack, which caused everything inside to spill onto the bus floor. Christine immediately went back to help Vanessa, volunteering to put some of her things in her backpack while holding the rest. They managed to clean up everything quickly so that the cars waiting behind the bus didn't have to wait long.

Though Christine didn't say much on the way, she walked Vanessa home, helping her hold her things the entire way. She felt uncomfortable, but she knew that it was the right thing to do. However, Vanessa was very excited to make a new friend. She talked and talked, making Christine laugh often. Vanessa never knew that Christine was such a nice and kind person, but since that day, she talked to Christine more at school and included her in social activities. Time went by and the two became close friends, always walking home together. Even though Christine is still shy and quiet, she now has a very good friend to hang out with every day at school! God knew that Christine didn't have any friends, so He gave her one in reward for her kindness. Praise God!

Reflection Questions

- 1. How did God reward Christine for her act of kindness? What can we expect from God if we're kind to those who are around us?** God knew that Christine didn't have any friends, so He gave her a friend who eventually became Christine's best friend. For us, even though we are not to expect a physical reward from God for obeying His word, we can expect to receive both earthly blessings from God and His promised kingdom in heaven.
- 2. Share a time when you showed kindness to someone around you.** Possible answers: Helping your younger sibling with his/her homework, helping your mom with housework, helping a friend with a task he/she needs to complete, etc.
- 3. What do you plan to do from now on in order to show more kindness to your family members and to your friends at school?** Answers may vary.

When we obey the word of God, which teaches us to be kind to others, we lay up treasures in heaven. Our rewards may not always be instant or made known to us, but we know that in reward for our obedience, God will continue to bless us with His provision, love, and ultimately, His promised kingdom. Everything we do in obedience to Him, including every small act of kindness, is a merit that counts towards our heavenly inheritance. May God continue to give us wisdom to know how to do good and to show kindness to people around us so that we can be a step closer to receiving the kingdom of God!

2. RELY ON GOD IN TIMES OF NEED

Whenever we need something, we go to people who can provide what we need. When we are sick, we go to the doctor. When we are sad, we talk to our best friend. When we need advice, we go to someone who has more experience than we do, such as our parents and teachers. But sometimes, we may not be able to find anyone who has a solution for our needs. Or simply, the people who can help us are not available. Have you ever felt helpless before? [Pause for students to think.]

We learned today in our lesson that Elisha relied on God's power to raise the Shunammite woman's son from dead. There have been many testimonies that bear witness to God's power. Have you heard of any? [Let students share some of the testimonies that they have heard before.] It is true, whether back in Elisha's time or today, that God has supreme

power to work miracles in our lives. God loves us and is more than willing to help us in any situation whenever we feel the need. Nothing is too big, or too small, for Him to want to help! He listens to our prayers and will not delay in reaching out His hands to save us from our troubles. Let me share a testimony with you.

Testimony

One day, I was in the kitchen of our newly-purchased house, cooking a pot of macaroni when the doorbell rang. I went to the front door and saw that one of my aunts and her family had come to visit us. Keen to see them, I went out to the front porch to greet them. Suddenly, there was a strong gust of wind, and I heard the front door slam behind me! When I realized that I did not have the door key with me, I began to panic. The gas stove was on high heat in order to cook the pot of macaroni, and my three-year-old son was in a nearby room playing. What if all the water in the pot evaporated? What if my son decided to venture into the kitchen? I dared not to think of the consequences.

Hurriedly, my guests and I made numerous attempts to get into the house but we were unsuccessful. When it seemed as if I could do nothing more, I decided to pray to God. Once again, my gracious Lord did not turn away from my pleas.

At this crucial moment, the previous owner of the house happened to be in the neighborhood and stopped by to inform us that she still owed us a set of door keys. When she learned of my plight, she rushed home to get me that spare set of keys. With this key, I was able to enter the house and quickly switch off the gas stove. Thank God, the water in the pot had not evaporated, and my son was unharmed.

May all glory be given unto the Lord.

Reflection Questions

- 1. What made the person in this testimony panic?** She was locked out of her house and her stove was on high heat while her three-year-old son was playing in a nearby room. She was worried that all the water in the pot would evaporate and that her son would get hurt.
- 2. What did she do after making numerous attempts to get into the house without success?** She prayed to God for help.
- 3. Did God answer her prayer? How?** Yes, He did! Miraculously, the previous owner of the house happened to stop by, and she went to get a set of spare keys.

Imagine if the person testifying were not a believer of God, what do you think she would have done instead of asking God for help? [Allow students to answer.] We will never know. What we do know is that she tried everything she could, but she just couldn't get into the house. Her son's life was in danger. As a believer of God, she relied on God's power and God did not disappoint her. Today, we're very lucky to be God's children because He is our helper. We can always pray to Him if we need anything. God promised never to fail us—all we need is to have the faith to ask!



Activity

1. What a Blessing! / 2. God Is My Helper!

10-15 Minutes

1. What a Blessing!

[Hand out the Activity worksheet to the students.]

To find out how Elisha helped a family, read 2 Kings 4:8-10, 17-22, and 32-37. Then read the sentences below. The sketch in each blank resembles a letter of the alphabet. Can you guess which letters they are? Then, think of a word suggested by the sketches that fit the corresponding blanks.

2. God Is My Helper!

Instruct students to write a letter to God to tell Him one (or more) thing that they need help in their lives.

Remind your students to write about their faith in God's power to help them and encourage them to pray about this matter every day.

HOMEWORK ANSWER KEY

1. B
2. A
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4. Elisha prayed earnestly for the boy, and God ultimately used His power to save his life.
5. Answers may vary.

GOD WORKS MIRACLES THROUGH ELISHA

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The Shunammite woman then sought to do more for Elisha. She and her husband made a room for him. It contained a bed, a table, a chair, and a lampstand.

4

Elisha told the Shunammite woman that she will have a son at this time next year.

5

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Elisha came into the room, lay on the child, and stretched himself out. The child sneezed seven times.

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And the child opened his eyes. The Shunammite woman came in, fell at his feet, and bowed to the ground; then, she picked up her son with joy.

Psalm 77:14

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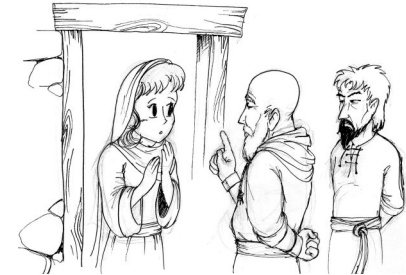
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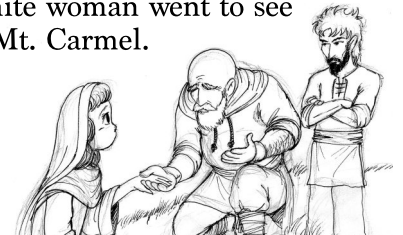
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POWERFUL PRAYERS

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you." (Acts 1:8)



Ask ... and you shall receive



Give ... and it will be given to you



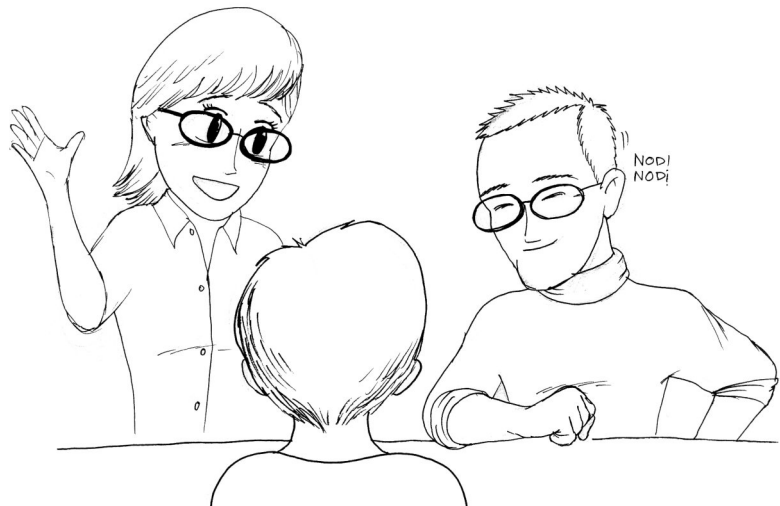
Receive ... and give thanks to God

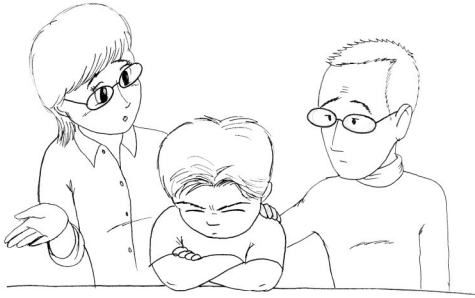
The power of prayer should not be underestimated because the power resides in God. 1 John 5:14 tells us, "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."

1. We must pray in agreement with His will. That means our desires line up with His. When we pray according to God's will, God responds powerfully.

Which prayer is according to God's will?

"Blake, honey, we have something to tell you." Blake looked at his parents sitting next to him on the sofa. "You know how your father has been trying to look for a better job? Well, he found one! And the house we're moving into is even closer to church than this house!" Blake's eyes brightened and just as he was about to say something, his mother continued. "But...it's on the other side of the country, and we will have to move in two months." Blake's eyes sunk, and he found himself staring at his hands. Noticing his change in demeanor, Blake's mom reassured him, "I know that you have a lot of friends here, and that you spent a lot of time decorating your room, but that doesn't mean you won't make a lot of new friends in your new school! And you can still talk to your old friends using your computer. You're not going to lose any of your friends; actually, you'll make even more friends! And all those decorations and things in your room? Of course we'll bring those with us! It'll be like the same exact room, just... in a different city!" Blake could tell that his mom was trying really hard to cheer him up, and he knew that his father had been working so hard at his current job. It was making his father really tired and sad every day, and he didn't want to see him like that anymore. He knew that God must have helped his father get this new job, and that it was God's will for them to move, even if it meant going to a completely new school and making new friends. Blake looked up at his mom. "Will I get to paint my new room the same way, too?" His mother replied, smiling, "You can paint it however you want!" That night, Blake knelt down to pray. "Dear God, thank You for blessing my father with this new job. I'm sad that I have to move, but I know that You always want what is best for us. It's going to be hard to say good-bye to all my friends. Please give me the strength to support my parents and to have complete faith in Your will. Amen."





"But I don't want to move! All my friends are here, and I like it here! I'm going to hate you both forever if you make us move!" Blake's father had just found a new job in a city clear across the country, but it required their family to move in two months time. This job had higher pay, better benefits, and it was in a nice neighborhood. What's better, their new house would be much closer to church than their current one! But Blake didn't want to hear it. He didn't want to move, and he made sure that his parents knew it. Ever since Blake's parents told him that they would be moving to a place far away, he stopped listening to them. "Blake, it's time for dinner! Come down!" Still fuming from their announcement, Blake ignored his mother, even though it was two weeks later. He knew that his mother would

leave dinner on the table for him, and he didn't care if he was acting badly. He believed his parents were being selfish. They don't care that I have so many friends here. They don't care that I like my room in this house. My parents don't care about me at all! Two weeks before they had to move, Blake still refused to help start packing. He even tried to block his parents from packing up his room. He was determined to make this move difficult for them. One day, Blake knelt down to pray about this matter. He thought that maybe God could help him. "Dear God, I know that You are a caring God and merciful God, so You want what's best for all of us. Well, God, I know what's best for me. Staying in this town with my friends in my room is the best for me. I can't imagine that there could be anything better than this! I know my parents can't see it right now, but God, can you please help change their minds so they can see the big mistake that they are making? Thank You! Amen."

2. We must pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests (Eph 6:18).

A. Powerful prayer that overcomes sickness.

"Your husband may never walk again, Mrs. Banks." Penny overheard the doctor talking to her mother. Two days ago, her father had been in a devastating car accident, which injured most of his body. But she didn't know it was this bad until just now. She thought that doctors could heal everyone and make them 100% again. But it's clear that she was wrong.

For the next two years, Penny prayed every day before her parents woke up in the morning, in addition to their daily family prayers. Contrary to what the doctor said, it seemed like her father was getting better, but slowly. Neither her parents, the doctors, nor Penny were sure if her father would ever regain full control of his legs. Each morning, Penny knelt down to pray. "Dear God, thank You for blessing me with this loving family. Even though my father can't walk right now, he is still smiling every day and I always have fun sitting on his lap and giving him a hug. And my mother always encourages him when he does his physical therapy exercises! God, the doctors could not heal my father, but I know that You can. You are the Creator, and the One who has power and might. You healed a person in the Bible without even seeing that person! How great is Your mercy! If it is Your will, please help my father walk again. I know that he has complete faith in You, too. Thank You again for all the blessings You've given us. Amen."

"Let's go, Penny! The sun isn't going to wait for us!" Penny's father yelled from downstairs. They were going to the beach today! And her father promised that he would bring her into the ocean to let her play around a little bit! "OK! OK! Almost done!" Penny grabbed something and rushed out to the garage, where her parents were waiting. At the beach, Penny's mother set up a blanket and a beach umbrella, and then the time came. As Penny saw her father running towards the ocean, she closed her eyes and said, "Thank You, God, for giving my family this moment. Two years ago, the doctors told my mother that my father wouldn't walk anymore. But today, I have witnessed Your amazing mercy and might. Only You have the power to heal, and only You have power over everything: the birds, the air, the sea, everything. You are the God almighty. Amen." Then, she ran off after him.



B. Powerful prayer that defeats demons.

"It happened again, Mom!" Addison's voice quivered as she recounted what had happened last night. "I was praying when suddenly, I felt a jab really hard in my side. I opened my eyes and looked around, but no one was there! I closed my eyes and continued praying, but it happened again! I was too scared to continue praying with my eyes closed, so I stopped and went to bed." Addison's mother had a concerned look on her face. "Addison, I think maybe a demon was trying to stop you from praying. We need to pray together about this as a family and cast it out. We can't let this demon win!" Addison gasped. "A demon? But I'm scared! What if the demon does something worse?" Addison asked. "Don't worry, Addison; God is on our side. Just have complete faith and pray to Him sincerely. He has power over demons and He can defeat them! We can even pray right now!"



Addison's mother called their family together, and as one, they started praying. In her prayer, Addison said, "Dear God, I'm really scared right now. I've never encountered demons before, but I keep feeling a mysterious jab in my side when I pray sometimes! And no one is ever there when I open my eyes! But I feel that something doesn't want me to pray to You! I know that You are an all-powerful God. In RE class, I have learned how You cast out demons from so many people in the Bible! May You please also help me overcome whatever it is that is bothering me when I pray. I know that only You have the power to help and only in Your name can demons be cast out. May all the glory be unto You. Amen." After the prayer, Addison felt comforted. The next day, when she began praying, she felt the jab again. Immediately, she yelled out, "Hallelujah! In the name of Jesus Christ, I cast you out!" After that, she never felt the jab again. Addison will always remember the day God helped her overcome the demon.

C. Powerful prayer that requests for protection and peace.

"Boom! Crash! Pew pew!" Arthur and Andrew were playing with their toy tanks, while their parents were out getting dinner. Then, Andrew tilted his head to the side. "Did you hear that, Arthur? It sounds like something is coming from the kitchen, but Mom and Dad just left five minutes ago!" Andrew and Arthur tiptoed into the hallway overlooking the kitchen. To their shock, they found an intruder in their house looking through all the drawers. Panicked, Andrew and Arthur quickly ran to their room and locked the door. Arthur dialed the police and whispered their address and situation. Not long after, the policemen came and the intruder ran into the backyard. The police were able to catch him and put him in jail. However, Arthur and Andrew couldn't forget about what happened. Each night, they would stay awake with flashlights, too afraid to sleep. Each morning, their eyes would be red, they would be too tired to stay awake in school. Andrew and Arthur's parents installed new locks and windows, but that wasn't enough to comfort them. One day, they brought Andrew and Arthur together for a family talk. "Boys, we know that you're still scared about what happened, but God protected you both that day. Instead of going upstairs, the intruder stayed downstairs the entire time, trying to take things from the living room. God will always watch over us, but it is important that we also pray to Him when we need help. So, every day, let's come together to pray and give thanks for His protection and ask for His peace to abide in us, OK?" Andrew and Arthur nodded silently in agreement. They didn't want to lose another night of sleep. "In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we pray." Their father started the prayer, and Andrew and Arthur each prayed for the same thing. "Dear God, thank You for protecting us from that intruder. We were terrified that something bad would happen to us. We thought we were alone, but now we know that we are never alone. You will always be standing on our side, protecting us. But even though we have faith in You, it's still a little hard for us to be at peace completely. We need wholehearted faith; we need to trust in you 100%. God, You are a compassionate God. I know that You want us to be in peace, too. Please help give us the strength and courage to overcome our fears and doubts, so that we can come to you in full faith and find the peace that is within You. Amen."

The power of prayer should never be underestimated because it draws on the glory and might of the infinitely powerful God of the universe. Read Philippians 4:6.

An Act of Kindness

Quiet, shy, and always alone at school, Christine longs for friends at school, but doesn't have any because she doesn't have the courage to talk to any of her classmates.

One day, as Christine walked off the school bus to go home, she felt something brush her leg. Turning back, she saw that a classmate of hers, Vanessa, had a hole in her backpack, which caused everything inside to spill onto the bus floor. Christine immediately went back to help Vanessa, volunteering to put some of her things in her backpack while holding the rest. They managed to clean up everything quickly so that the cars waiting behind the bus didn't have to wait long.



Though Christine didn't say much on the way, she walked Vanessa home, helping her hold her things the entire way. She felt uncomfortable, but she knew that it was the right thing to do. However, Vanessa was very excited to make a new friend. She talked and talked, making Christine laugh often. Vanessa never knew that Christine was such a nice and kind person, but since that day, she talked to Christine more at school and included her in social activities. Time went by and the two became close friends, always walking home together. Even though Christine is still shy and quiet, she now has a very good friend to hang out with every day at school! God knew that Christine didn't have any friends, so He gave her one in reward for her kindness. Praise God!

Reflection Questions

1. **How did God reward Christine for her act of kindness? What can we expect from God if we're kind to those who are around us?**
2. **Share a time when you showed kindness to someone around you.**
3. **What do you plan to do from now on in order to show more kindness to your family members and to your friends at school?**

Rely on God in Times of Need

One day, I was in the kitchen of our newly-purchased house, cooking a pot of macaroni when the doorbell rang. I went to the front door and saw that one of my aunts and her family had come to visit us. Keen to see them, I went out to the front porch to greet them. Suddenly, there was a strong gust of wind, and I heard the front door slam behind me! When I realized that I did not have the door key with me, I began to panic. The gas stove was on high heat in order to cook the pot of macaroni, and my three-year-old son was in a nearby room playing. What if all the water in the pot evaporated? What if my son decided to venture into the kitchen? I dared not to think of the consequences.

Hurriedly, my guests and I made numerous attempts to get into the house but we were unsuccessful.

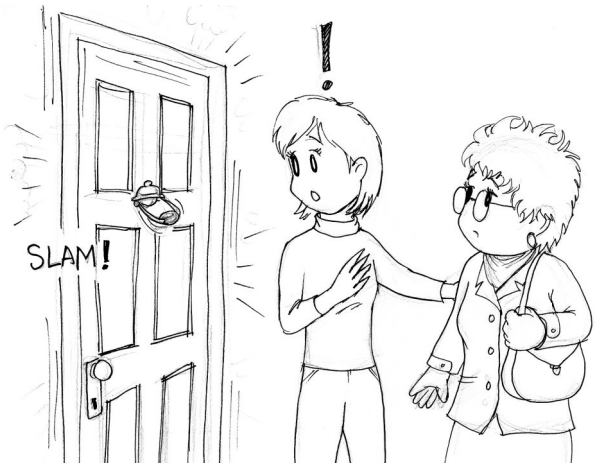
When it seemed as if I could do nothing more, I decided to pray to God. Once again, my gracious Lord did not turn away from my pleas.

At this crucial moment, the previous owner of the house happened to be in the neighborhood and stopped by to inform us that she still owed us a set of door keys. When she learned of my plight, she rushed home to get me that spare set of keys. With this key, I was able to enter the house and quickly switch off the gas stove. Thank God, the water in the pot had not evaporated, and my son was unharmed.

May all glory be given unto the Lord.

Reflection Questions

1. What made the person in this testimony panic?
2. What did she do after making numerous attempts to get into the house without success?
3. Did God answer her prayer? How?




WHAT A BLESSING!


To find out how Elisha helped a family, read 2 Kings 4:8-10, 17-22, and 32-37. Then read the sentences below. The sketch in each blank resembles a letter of the alphabet. Can you guess which letters they are? Then, think of a word suggested by the sketches that fit the corresponding blanks.

1. A well-to-do woman asked Elisha to stay for a


_____  (v. 8).


2. The woman and her husband made a room on the roof and put in it a bed, a table, a

_____  _____, and a lamp for Elisha (v. 10).



3. The woman gave birth to a _____  _____ (v. 17).

4. The boy sat on his mother's lap until


_____  _____ and then died (v. 20).


5. When Elisha reached the _____  _____, the boy was lying dead on his couch (v. 32).

6. Elisha laid upon the boy, mouth to mouth,

 _____  _____ to eyes, hands to hands (v. 34).

7. The boy _____  _____ seven times and opened his eyes (v. 35).

8. Elisha said to Gehazi, "_____  _____ the Shunammite" (v. 36).

9. When Elisha told the woman to take her son, she fell at his _____  _____ (v. 37).

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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. (1 John 3:18)

Multiple Choice

1. _____: The Shunammite couple wanted to build Elisha a room because _____.
 - a. Elisha had asked for it.
 - b. They knew that Elisha was a man of God and they wanted to do something for him.
 - c. They wanted to make some money by renting out a room to Elisha.

2. _____: In order to thank the Shunammite couple, Elisha _____.
 - a. Offered to ask a favor from the king or commander of the army for them
 - b. Prayed for their dead son
 - c. Gave them some money and gifts

3. _____: When Elisha saw the dead boy, he _____.
 - a. Prayed for him and stretched himself out on him
 - b. Put his hand on the boy's head
 - c. Told the boy to sneeze seven times

Short Answer

4. Explain why Elisha had the power to raise the Shunammite woman's son from the dead.

5. What did you learn about the power of prayer and the power of God from this lesson?