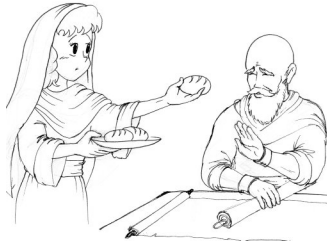


GOD WORKS MIRACLES THROUGH ELISHA

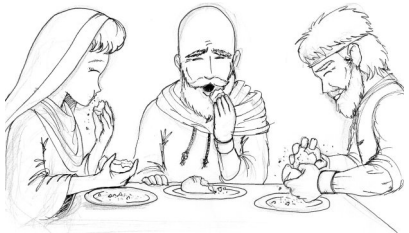
Instructions: Using words from the word bank, fill in the blanks below.

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1 A remarkable relationship began when the woman _____ to do something for Elisha.



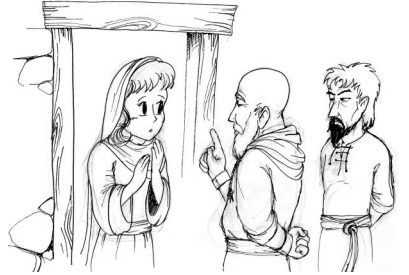
2 As often as Elisha passed by, he would _____ in there to eat some food.



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



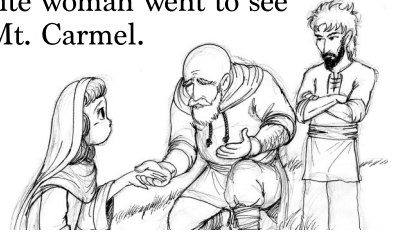
4 Elisha told the Shunammite woman that she will have a _____ at this time next year.



5 The barren Shunammite woman was _____ with a son.



6 The boy grew, but his head hurt so much that he died. The Shunammite woman went to see _____ at Mt. Carmel.



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



8 And the child _____ 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

"You are the God who does *wonders*; You have declared Your strength among the peoples."

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

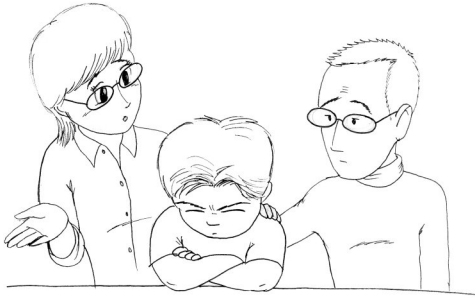
The power of prayer should not be underestimated because the power resides in God. 1 John 5:14 tells us, "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."

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.

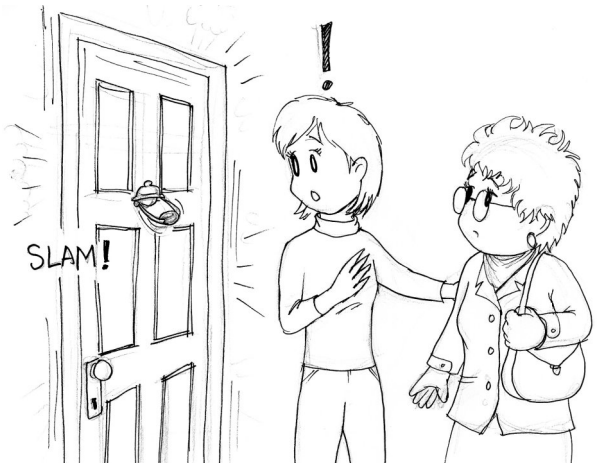
When it seemed as if I could do nothing more, I decided to pray to God. Once again, my gracious Lord did not turn away from my pleas.

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).

E2 Year 3 Book 2 Lesson 7—Elisha Raises the Shunammite Woman's Son

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pray	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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?