



Units 10,11,12 — Summer



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This quarter, we want your child to learn that God's power is one of the main themes of the Bible, and that it is a moving force in the world today. Faith in God's power is essential to Christianity.

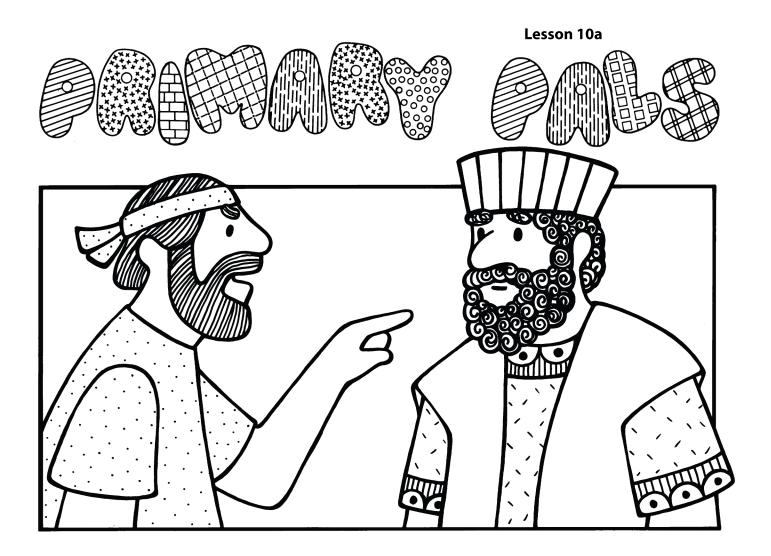
The first unit focuses on God's power working through the prophets, Elijah and Elisha. The miracles they performed were evidence of their faithfulness and close communion with God.

In the second unit, we will see how God's power worked during Jesus' time on earth. The lessons include His power over sin, the elements, sickness, and Satan. Nearly forty of Christ's miracles are recorded in the Gospels, but He performed many more than those (John 20:30).

Our final unit deals with the power of God working through His disciples after Christ left this earth. They received an infilling of spiritual power on the Day of Pentecost and performed miracles, through the power of God, as Jesus had commanded them.

We look forward to the opportunity of working with your child. We pray that your family will be blessed as you study these lessons about God's power.

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No Rain!

Things were not going well in the kingdom of Israel. The people who lived there worshiped idols instead of the true God. That made God very unhappy, so one day He told His prophet, Elijah, to give King Ahab a message.

"There is not going to be any more rain in this land until I say so," Elijah told the king. No rain! Well, you can imagine how King Ahab felt. He knew that without rain the plants would die and there would be no food to eat. If it did not rain, the rivers and brooks and streams would dry up and there would be no water to drink. The animals needed food and water in

order to live. And what would happen to the people?

God knew that this message would make King Ahab very angry and he would try to hurt Elijah. But Elijah was not afraid. He knew that God would take care of him. After Elijah delivered the message to the king, God told him to go and hide by a brook called Cherith. It was near the Jordan River.

When Elijah came to the brook he found that he had plenty of water to drink but there was no food. Yet God had told him that the ravens would feed him! Can you imagine that! How could birds feed a man? But Elijah

was not worried because he believed God. And sure enough, every morning and night God sent the big, black birds to Elijah with bread and meat.

After a while the brook dried up because there had been no rain in all the land. But God had another plan for Elijah. He sent him to a city called Zarephath. There Elijah was to go to the home of a certain widow lady. God told Elijah that the lady would give him food to eat.

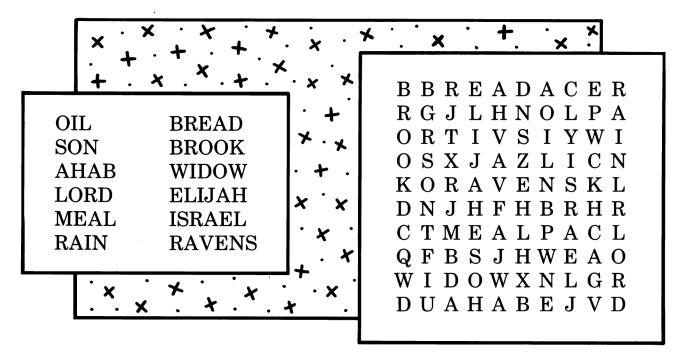
When Elijah arrived at her home he found her outside collecting sticks for a fire. He asked her to please get him a drink of water. As she was going to get the water Elijah also asked her for a piece of bread to eat.

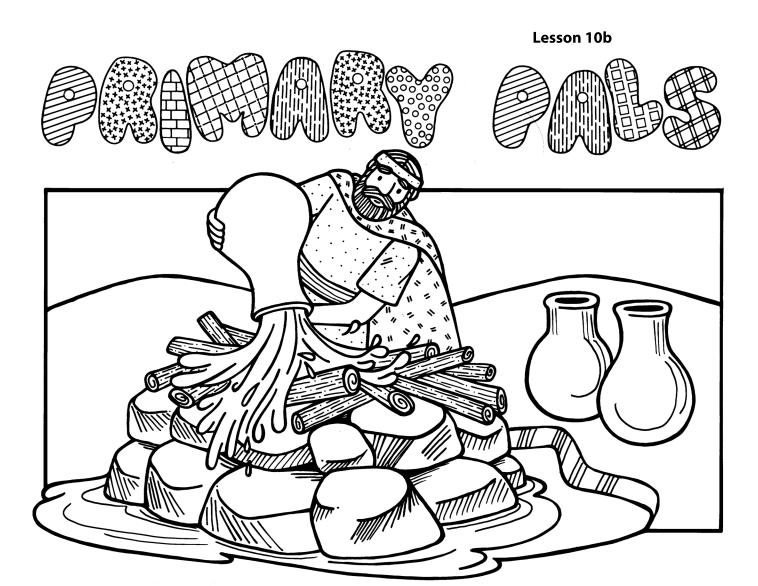
She stopped and told him that she didn't have any bread. All she had was a handful of flour and a tiny bit of oil. That was just enough flour and oil for one little cake. She had planned to prepare that for her son and herself. But Elijah said that if she would prepare some for him first, God would make her little bit of flour and oil last until the rain would come again. Some people might not believe that God could do such a miracle but this lady did. So she shared what she had and God did make the flour and oil last until the rain came again.

God has power to do wonderful things. He will take care of those who trust and obey Him!

Hidden Words

Find and circle the words hidden in the puzzle below.





The True God Answers

All the land of Israel was so dry. No food could grow in the fields. Most of the rivers and streams had run out of water. This happened because there had been no rain for three years!

Elijah, who was a prophet of God, had told the king of Israel that there would be no rain until he said so. Then Elijah had gone away to wait and see what God would do.

King Ahab was very angry. He had looked and looked for Elijah, because he wanted the rain to start again. Finally, one day God spoke to Elijah and told him it was time to go see the king.

When the king saw Elijah he said, "Are you the one who has caused all this trouble in Israel?"

Elijah told the king, "I have not caused this trouble. It has all happened because you and the people in Israel do not serve the one true God. You have been praying to an idol called Baal."

Elijah told King Ahab to gather all the people and the false prophets at Mt. Carmel. There he told them that they could not serve the one true God and the false gods at the same time. He told the false prophets to prepare a sacrifice but not to put any fire under it. They had to pray to their false gods and ask for fire to come down from the sky. They did what Elijah said and prayed all morning and all afternoon. They prayed until evening, but no fire came.

Then Elijah set up his sacrifice. He made an altar with twelve stones. All around the altar he dug a ditch. He put some wood and the sacrifice on top of the altar. Then twelve barrels of water were poured over all of it!

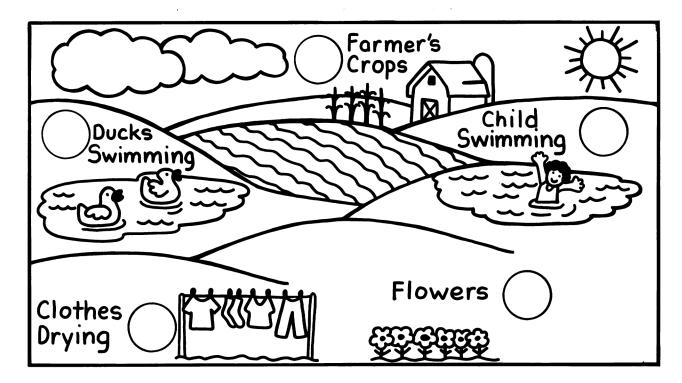
When that was all done, Elijah began to pray. He looked up to Heaven and asked God to send fire on the sacrifice so the people would know who was the true God. Right then, fire came down from the sky and burned up Elijah's sacrifice and dried up all the water too! When the people saw

this they believed that Elijah's God was the one true God.

After that, Elijah went to the top of the mountain and prayed for rain. He told his servant to look out over the sea for any sign of rain. The servant looked but told Elijah that he didn't see anything. Elijah told him to look again. The servant looked again and again and still saw nothing. But when he looked the seventh time he told Elijah that he saw a little cloud. Elijah told his servant to run and tell King Ahab to get into his chariot and hurry home because rain was coming! The sky grew dark with black clouds and it began to rain. Elijah was so excited that he ran even faster than the king's chariot! God had sent the rain again!

Water, Water Everywhere

Would you be happy if it started to rain after three years with no water? Elijah was happy. Look at the things in the picture below. In the circles draw a rain is good for them. Draw a if they don't want rain right now.







Elisha Saw It Happen!

Elijah loved God. He had been a prophet of God for many years. He was older now and wanted God to take him to Heaven. But there was still work to be done! God showed Elijah that he needed somebody to be his helper. This person would learn from Elijah and keep on working for God after Elijah left this world. God even showed him whom to choose.

One day when Elijah was out walking, he saw a man plowing a field. God told Elijah that this was the man! His name was Elisha. Their names sound almost the same, don't they?

Elijah threw his cloak over Elisha's shoulders. Right away Elisha stopped

his work and ran after Elijah. He told Elijah that he would be glad to be his helper. But first he needed to tell his father and mother goodbye. He prepared a great feast for his people and told them all goodbye. From that time on he followed Elijah and did whatever he was asked to do.

One day Elijah was going on a journey. He told Elisha to stay behind in the town of Gilgal. But Elisha said he wanted to go wherever Elijah went. He followed Elijah to the city of Bethel. While they were there some men came to Elisha. They told him that God was going to take Elijah away that very day.

Elisha told them that he already knew this.

After they left Bethel, Elijah and Elisha went to the city of Jericho. Then they went toward Jordan. When they reached the Jordan River, Elijah took off his cloak, wrapped it together, and hit the water. At once the water parted so that the two men could cross the river on dry ground.

When they were on the other side Elijah asked Elisha, "What can I do for you before I go?" Elisha said he wanted a double portion of Elijah's spirit. That meant he wanted to be able to use the power of God even more than Elijah had!

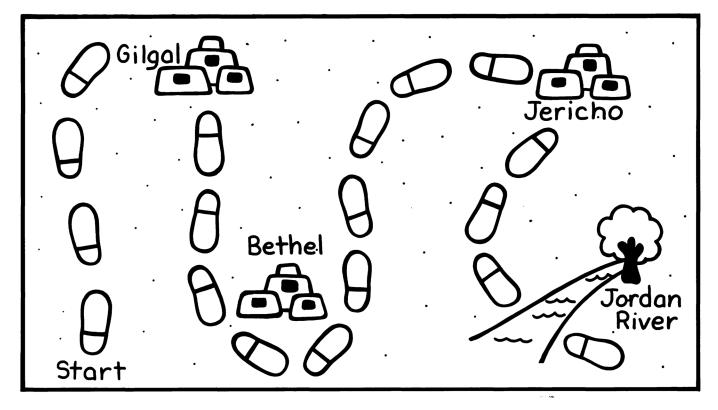
Elijah knew that only God could give such a gift. He told Elisha, "If you see me when I leave, then you will know that God will give you what you ask."

They walked and talked together for a little while longer. Then, suddenly, a chariot of fire and horses of fire came down from the sky. A whirlwind came and carried Elijah to Heaven! Elisha saw it happen!

All at once he saw the cloak of Elijah fall to the ground beside him. He knew then that God had given him what he had asked for. He picked up the cloak and walked back to the Jordan River. He hit the water with the cloak and, sure enough, the water parted and he walked back across the river on dry ground. Elijah was no longer there, but Elisha knew that God would always be with him.

Footprints

Follow the footprints by drawing a line between them to see some of the places where Elisha followed Elijah.







Elisha Works for God

Do you believe that a tiny bit of oil could fill many, many jars? It did. Do you believe that a heavy piece of iron could float on water? It did. Those were two of the miracles that Elisha did through the power of God. The Bible tells us all about them.

One day a very sad widow came to Elisha. She said she owed a man some money. The man was going to take her two sons away from her and make them his slaves! If she wanted to keep her sons she had to pay back all the money she owed to the man. She didn't want to lose her sons. But she had no money! She asked Elisha to please help her.

Elisha asked her, "What do you have in your house?"

She told him that she had nothing in her house except a little pot of oil.

"Tell your sons to go to all your neighbors and borrow as many empty pots as they can," Elisha said. "Take them into your house. Then shut your door and use your little bit of oil to fill those pots with oil."

She didn't argue with Elisha. She did exactly what he had told her to do and God made something wonderful happen! She kept pouring and pouring, and her one little pot of oil filled all the pots that her sons had borrowed! That was a miracle!

As soon as she finished filling all the pots, Elisha told her to go and sell the oil. After that she was able to pay the man the money she owed him so he wouldn't take her sons to be slaves. She even had money left over!

Another time there were some men who were called the sons of the prophets. The place where they lived was too small. They asked Elisha if they could build a bigger house.

When Elisha told them that they could, one of the men asked him to please go with them to Jordan.

When they reached Jordan they started to cut down trees. They would need a lot of them to build their house.

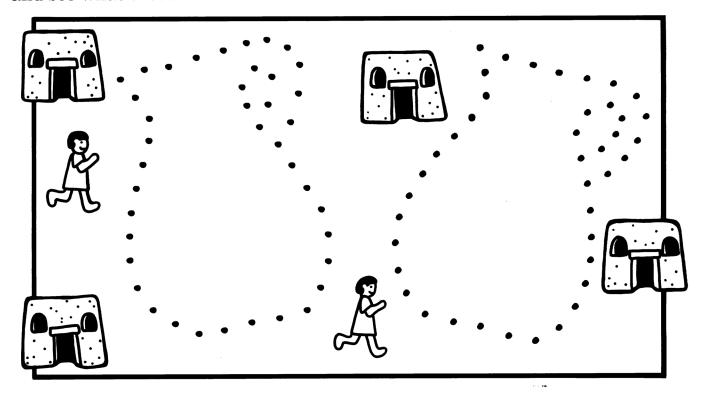
As one man was chopping down a tree, the heavy, sharp part of the axe flew off the handle and fell into the water. It sank to the bottom of the Jordan River! The man cried out to Elisha, "Oh, no! Master, that axe was borrowed!" He was very upset because he had lost something that belonged to another man. He didn't know what he would do!

But Elisha knew that God could take care of the problem. He knew that God could work miracles. Elisha told the man to show him where the axe head had gone into the water. Then he cut off a stick and tossed it into the water. And the axe head floated to the top!

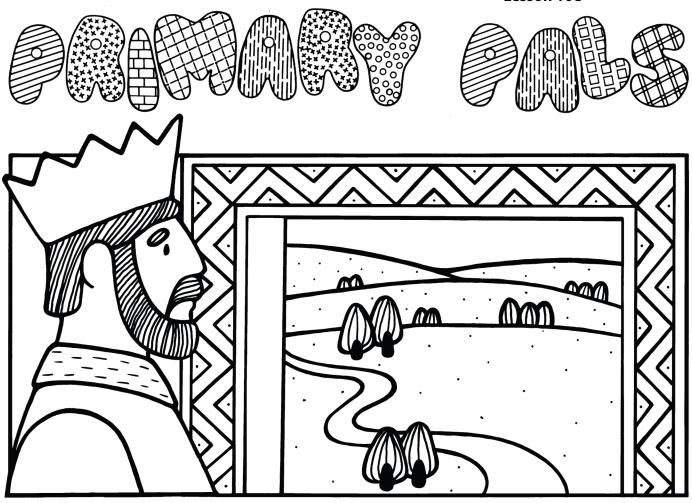
God has mighty power. He can do wonderful miracles. Elisha was a good helper for God.

Connect the Dots

The two sons went from house to house collecting some things. Connect the dots and see what these were.



Lesson 10e



God Takes Care of Elisha

The king of Syria looked at the little country of Israel and wished it belonged to him. So he made secret plans to attack one of the cities.

God told His prophet Elisha what the king planned to do. Elisha warned the king of Israel so the people in that city could be prepared.

This happened over and over again. Each time the Syrian king made plans to fight in a certain place, God told Elisha. And Elisha would then warn the king of Israel.

The king of Syria was so angry! He didn't know how Israel was finding out all his plans, so he called his servants together. He asked which of them was

telling all his secret plans. He wanted to know who was on Israel's side.

One of his servants told him that it wasn't any of them. He told the king it was Elisha who was telling the secret plans to the king of Israel.

Since it was Elisha who was ruining the king of Syria's plans, the King decided to capture God's prophet. He sent some spies to check and see where Elisha was staying. When they returned they told the king that Elisha was in the city of Dothan. The king then sent a great big army after just one man, Elisha. That night the Syrian horses and chariots and soldiers circled clear

around the city so Elisha couldn't get away.

Elisha's servant got up very early the next morning and went outside. He saw at once that soldiers were on every side of the city. He was afraid and cried, "Master, what shall we do?"

Elisha prayed that God would open the eyes of his servant. Suddenly the servant saw that the mountains were full of horses and chariots of fire. God had sent these to protect Elisha. The servant was not afraid anymore.

When the Syrian army came into the city of Dothan, Elisha asked God to make them blind. And God did it! Then Elisha told the Syrian soldiers to follow him. They didn't know who he was so they went with Elisha. He led them into Samaria.

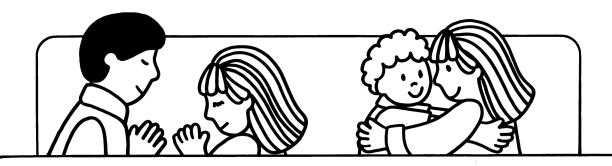
When they reached Samaria, Elisha asked God to let the soldiers see again. The Lord opened their eyes and they saw that they were surrounded by their enemy! The king of Israel was excited. He asked Elisha, "Shall I kill them?"

"No!" Elisha told him, "You must treat them well. Feed them and give them water to drink. Then let them go home to their master."

The army of Syria had tried to kill Elisha but he treated them kindly! Then he sent them away and they went home to their king. The Syrians never tried to go into the land of Israel or harm Elisha again.

Treat Them Right!

Read the New Testament verses below. Underline each part that tells how God wants us to treat people who are not good to us.



"But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you." — Luke 6:27,28

Lesson 11a



A Big Change

My name is Zacchaeus. I am a very rich man. I am also a very short man. Now, that's not such a hard thing except when I am in a crowd. I have trouble seeing over people, or anything very high. But I want to tell you about a time when being short helped me to meet Jesus.

I had heard a lot about Jesus and His wonderful power. I had heard about the miracles He did and the stories He told. I wanted to see Him.

One day Jesus was going to be coming through my town of Jericho. I went out early so I could get a good place near the front of the crowd. I knew that I would not be able to see over all the people so I needed to arrive before they did. But I wasn't early enough. A huge crowd of people had gathered there already! They must have been excited to see Jesus, and wanted to be near the front of the crowd too. As I looked around me I noticed a large sycamore tree. It was a little way up the road. I ran to the tree and climbed up onto a branch. I thought it was a pretty clever thing to do because I had a good view of the road from there. The tree had lots of leaves so I was sure no one would see me. But I was wrong!

Before long I heard some people in the crowd saying that Jesus was coming. I peeked through the leaves and, sure enough, there He was.

When He reached the sycamore tree that I was in, He stopped and looked up at me. He said, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down from that tree because today I am going to go to your house."

I was so surprised! How did Jesus know I was in that tree? How did He know my name? I didn't stop to question Him. I hurried down from that tree as fast as I could. Jesus was coming to my house!

People all around started to complain. They couldn't believe that Jesus would come to my house. They did not like me because I was not an honest person.

I didn't listen to the people. I just stood there next to Jesus and told Him that I had done many wrong things. I had taken money from people, but now I was sorry. I told Jesus I would pay back all that money. In fact, I would even pay four times the amount that I had taken. That meant if I had taken one dollar from someone I would give back four dollars!

Do you know what Jesus did then? He forgave me! And as He talked to me, such a happy feeling came into my heart. I felt so good and clean inside. I still do. I'm very glad that Jesus loves me and has the power to forgive sin.

Jesus Did It!

Do you know what Jesus did for Zacchaeus? Use the code to finish the message.

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Lesson 11b



Peace, Be Still

Do you know what a weatherman's job is? He tells people what the weather is going to be like. He might tell you it is going to be sunny and hot. He might tell you it will snow. Or he might even tell you there is going to be a storm. But that is all a weatherman can do about the weather. He can't change it.

Have you ever wished you could change the weather? Did you ever try to stop the wind from blowing? Did it work? Of course not!

But the Bible tells us all about One who can change the weather. His name is Jesus.

One day Jesus was teaching on the shore of Galilee. A large group of

people gathered to hear Him. It became so crowded on the shore that Jesus got into a ship. From the ship He taught many things to the people.

When evening came, Jesus told His disciples to take the ship to the other side of the sea. Jesus must have been very tired from His day of teaching the people. He went to the back part of the ship and went to sleep. His pillow must have felt very good to Him after such a busy day.

While Jesus was sleeping, a great storm came. The wind blew so hard that the waves began to beat against the sides of the ship. Soon the waves were so huge that the water began to fill the ship! The disciples were really afraid. They did not like that awful storm and the way the boat rocked and tossed. What if the boat were to sink! Finally, they went to awaken Jesus.

"Master, wake up! We might all die in this awful storm! Don't You care?" they cried to Jesus.

The first thing Jesus did when He awoke was to talk to the wind. He told it to stop blowing. Then He spoke to the sea and said, "Peace, be still." The wind stopped! The sea became calm again! The disciples were amazed that the wind and the sea would obey Jesus' voice. They were finding out new things about Jesus every day.

When everything was quiet again,

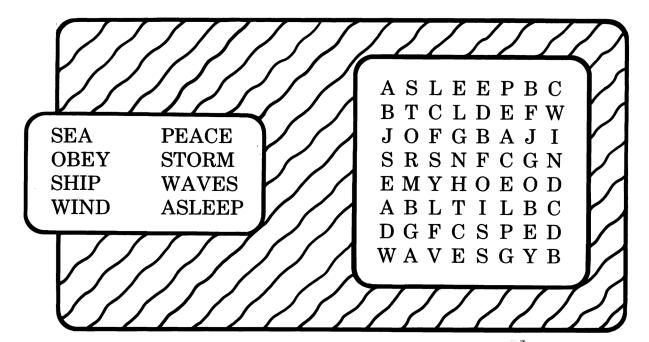
Jesus turned to His disciples. He asked them why they had been afraid. Didn't they believe that He would take care of them? Jesus wanted the disciples to have faith in Him. I'm sure the disciples were happy to know that Jesus really cared for them.

Jesus is wonderful! He cares for us too, and is always with us. We don't ever have to be afraid.

Sometimes you might be afraid when there is a storm. But if that ever happens to you, just stop and ask Jesus to take care of you. He will! Even if the storm does not stop right away, Jesus will put a real peace in your heart. He will take the fear away. You can always trust Jesus.

Hidden Words

Find and circle the words hidden in the puzzle below.







A Hole in the Roof

Jesus was coming to our city of Capernaum again. I had been hearing about some of the great things He had done. People who had been sick for a long time were being healed by Jesus. He preached a wonderful message to everyone He met. I really wanted to see Him.

When I heard which house Jesus was visiting, I went there at once. It was only a few houses from my own home so I didn't have far to walk. As I came around the last corner I saw a large crowd. The doorway of that house was already filled with people. And many more were standing in the street. I got as close as I could

so I could hear what Jesus was saying.

All at once I heard a flurry of activity going on at the side of the house. I went to see what was happening. There I saw four men going up the outside stairway. They were carrying another man who was on a stretcher. I wondered why he couldn't walk. I found out later that he had a disease called palsy. I was curious to see what the men were going to do with him, so I followed behind them. When they reached the roof they carefully laid the sick man to one side. They then began to take apart a section of the roof! When they

were through, they had made a very large hole. They picked up their sick friend and carefully lowered him through the hole!

As quickly as I could, I looked down into the room below. There was the Man called Jesus! The sick man was lying on the stretcher at Jesus' feet.

Jesus looked up at the sick man's four friends. Then He looked at the sick man and said, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

I thought that was wonderful. But I saw that there were a few men who were frowning. I wondered what they were thinking. I heard Jesus say to them, "Why do you worry about what I just did for this man? Do you think it is easier to forgive this man's sins, or

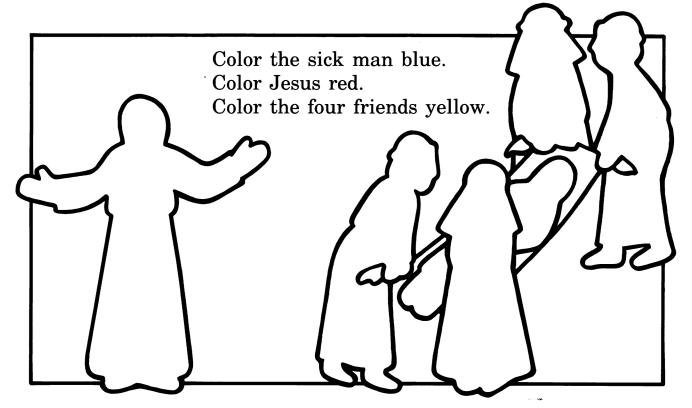
to say, 'Stand up, pick up your bed, and walk'? I want you to know that the Son of God has power to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the man who was sick with palsy. He said to him, "Stand up, pick up your bed, and go to your own house."

Right away the man stood up! He was healed! He picked up the stretcher he had been lying on and he walked out of the house! His friends were so excited! I watched them run down the stairs to meet him.

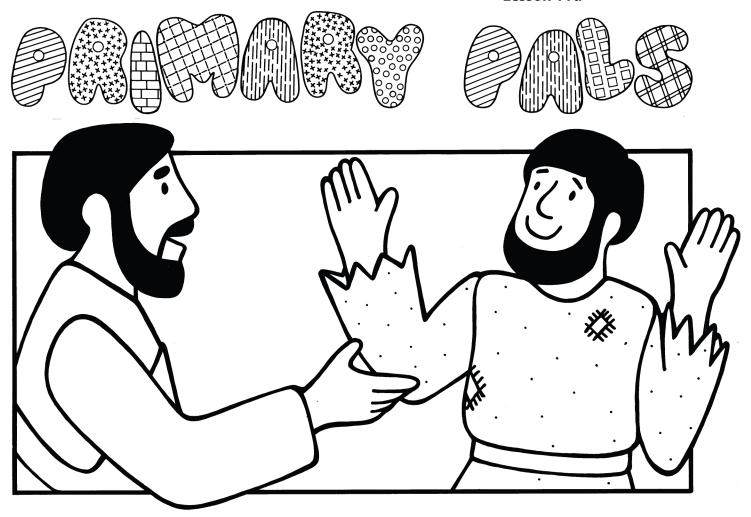
People all around me were amazed. I heard them praising God. I was so happy I had come to see Jesus. Everything I had heard about Him was true! He is wonderful. He really is the Son of God.

Healed!

There once was a man who was very sick. He was made well when four of his friends took him to Jesus.



Lesson 11d



What Jesus Did for Me

When a person has a sad heart, Jesus can make that person happy inside! Or, if anyone is sick, Jesus can make him well again! We also know that Jesus can control the wind and the waves! But, do you know that Jesus even has control over the devil? He does! Let me tell you the story of what Jesus did for me.

I had been sick for a long time. People were afraid of me because I acted very strangely. I would act that way because there were demons living inside me. They made me do awful things. At times the people would tie me with chains. But I always broke

loose from them and ran away. I was a very, very sad man.

For a long time I had been living in the mountains and tombs. I didn't want to live in a house. One day, as I was coming out of the tombs not far from the seashore, I saw a Man. I knew right away that it was Jesus. I ran to Him and called Him by name. I said, "Jesus, Son of God, don't punish me."

Then Jesus asked, "What is your name?"

"Legion," was what I answered. That was because there were many demons inside me. They begged Jesus not to send them into the deep place. They knew that Jesus was stronger than they were.

There was a herd of pigs on the hill near the water. So Jesus told the demons to come out of me and go into the pigs. And they did! But as soon as they entered the pigs, the pigs ran into the sea and drowned!

There were people nearby who saw what Jesus had done. They became afraid and ran to tell the people in the city. The people came to see what had happened to the pigs. When they arrived they saw me sitting quietly at Jesus' feet. I was listening to all He had to say. I was healed! The people couldn't understand what had happened, so they were afraid. They told Jesus to go away.

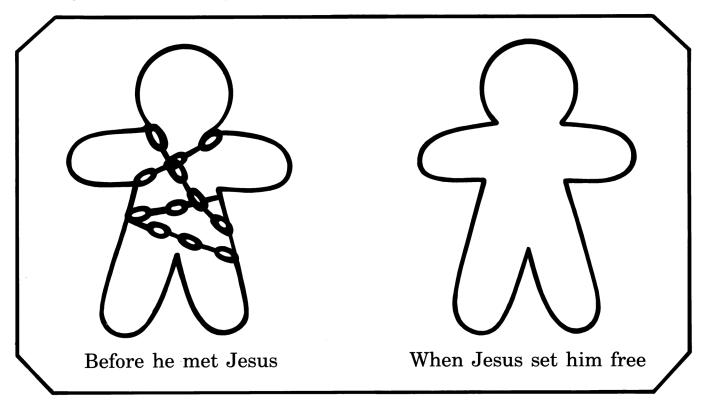
I didn't want Jesus to go. He had given me a peace inside that was wonderful. I told Jesus to please take me with Him. But Jesus said to me, "Go back to your own house. Show your people what great things I have done for you." And then He went away.

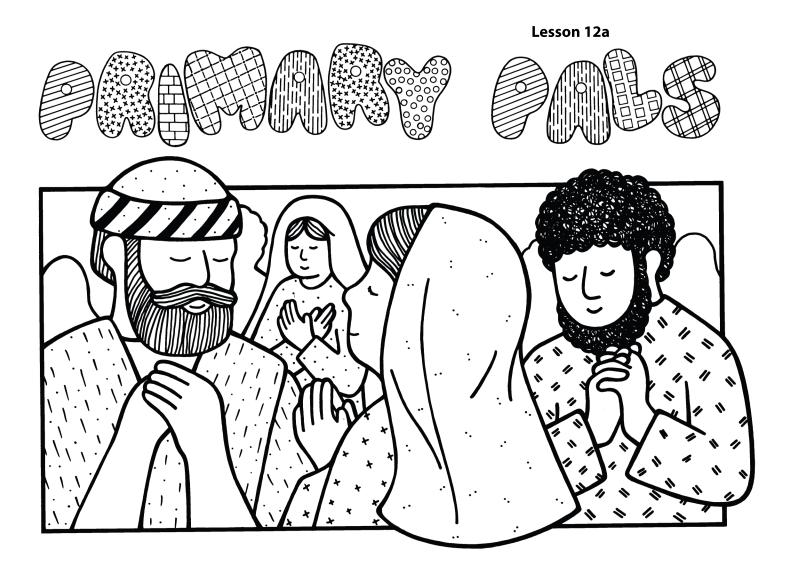
I went home at once and told everyone what Jesus had done for me. The people listened. They could see that I was well again. The devil could no longer make me do strange things. After this the people were anxious to meet Jesus. And they were very glad when Jesus came to our town of Gadara again.

I want everyone to know that Jesus has power over the devil. Can you help me tell others what Jesus did for me?

The Difference

Below are two figures of the man from Gadara. Finish them by drawing a face on each figure to show how you think he felt.





Power to Work for Jesus

Have you ever wanted to have great power? Well, let me tell you about the most wonderful power of all—the baptism of the Holy Spirit! It gives power to work for Jesus.

This is a very important gift. Some people say that little children won't understand what it means. But Jesus loves the children. And He wants them to know about this wonderful power.

The Bible tells about the very first baptism of the Holy Spirit. Just before Jesus went to Heaven, He told His disciples to go to the city of Jerusalem. He told them to wait there to receive the promised Holy Spirit. God had known that when Jesus went back to Heaven all His friends would be very sad. Whenever they had needed help they had always gone to Jesus. So God had promised to send the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit would help them. Let's see what happened on that special day.

There were about 120 people in an upper room of one of the houses in Jerusalem. That's a lot of people in one room! They had been there for many days. But they were all happy. They didn't argue and they didn't complain about anything. God had given them a special love for each

other. They all loved Jesus and wanted to obey Him.

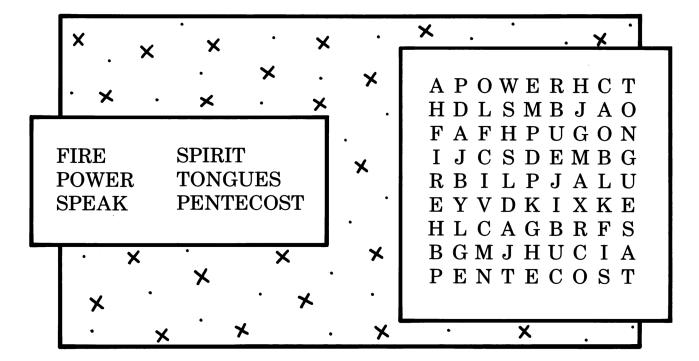
They had been praying for many days. But on that special day, as they were all together, they suddenly heard a sound! It was like a great and mighty wind swooshing through the house! And the Holy Spirit filled each of them! They felt so wonderful. All of a sudden they began to speak in different languages! It was a special sign to let them know that God had given them the gift of Power He had promised.

There were many people in the city of Jerusalem. Some of them were visiting from faraway countries. When they heard the people in the house speaking in some of their languages they were very confused. They didn't understand what was happening. So Peter spoke to them and said, "Listen to me. This is the special gift that God promised." He spoke to them for a long time and told them many things about God's promise.

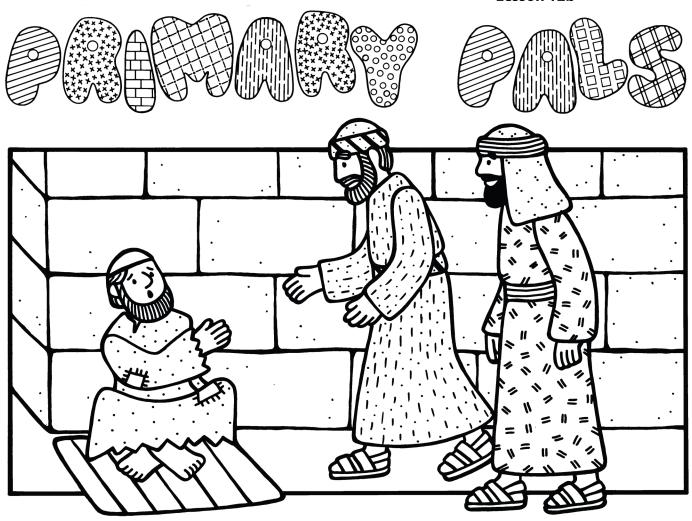
One of the things that Peter told the people is still very important to us today. He told them that the baptism of the Holy Spirit is for all those who love God. That means it is for you and me too! It is a wonderful gift. It helps us to understand God's Word. And it makes it easier to tell others about Jesus. God can work wonderful miracles through His helpers who have been filled with the Holy Spirit.

Hidden Words

Find and circle the words that are hidden in the puzzle below.



Lesson 12b



The Miracle at the Gate

Peter and John were on their way to the Temple. They were going to pray to God. They missed Jesus. He had gone to be with His Father in Heaven. But they remembered how He had taught them to pray. They knew that someday they would be with Jesus again. But for now they would continue to pray and work for God as Jesus had told them to.

At the Temple there was a certain gate that was called Beautiful. By that gate sat a beggar. This beggar was a lame man who had never been able to walk. As a little boy he had never run with other children. And now that he was grown up, he couldn't work like

other men. Every day his friends would carry him to the gate of the Temple. He sat there all day and asked people for money.

When Peter and John walked through the Beautiful gate the lame man called to them. He begged them to give him some money. Both of them turned to look at the lame man. Then Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold to give to you, but I will give you what I do have."

The lame man must have been excited. He probably wondered what great thing Peter was going to give to him. He didn't know that Peter and John had a special power from God. It

was the power that God had promised to those who love Him. They could do miracles like Jesus had done when He lived on this earth.

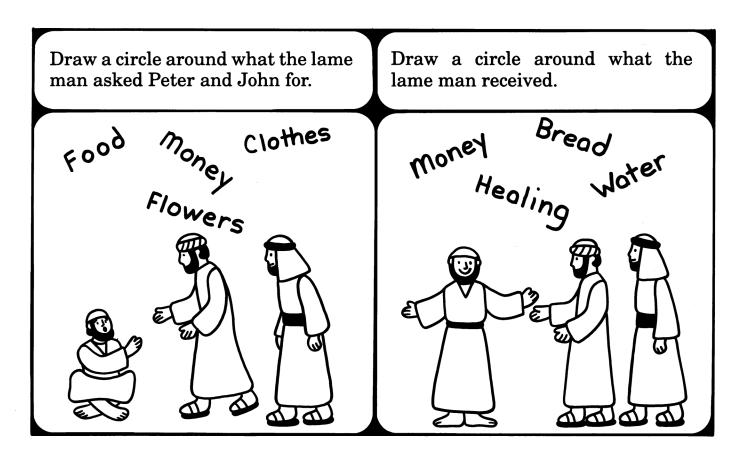
Suddenly the lame man heard Peter saying, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." Then Peter reached down and took him by the hand and lifted him up.

At once the man's feet and ankle bones got very strong! He could stand on them and they didn't hurt! He was so excited that he began to jump up and down! He walked all around! He praised God! He was healed! Then the man went with Peter and John into the Temple. He was so happy, he wanted to give thanks to God for healing him. He was no longer a lame man! He could walk!

All the people at the Temple saw the man walking and praising God. They knew that this was the man who had begged at the gate of the Temple. Now he could walk! They were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Jesus had gone back to Heaven but the people could see that His miracles still happened. And they still happen today!

Circle the Word





Tell the Good News!

The children in the Bible class sang a song they had just learned. The words rang out, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel."

Jennifer raised her hand and asked, "Teacher Matt, what does Gospel mean?"

"Thank you for asking that question, Jennifer," said Teacher Matt. "Maybe some of you other children are wondering the same thing. Gospel means Good News. And the Good News is that Jesus forgives sins.

"Do you remember that in our story today Philip preached to the man from the country of Ethiopia? The man had been reading from the Old Testament part of our Bible. He was reading about Jesus but he didn't know that. He needed someone to help him understand what he was reading. So God sent Philip to help the man and teach him that Jesus was God's Son. That day Jesus forgave the man's sins and he became a Christian. The man was very thankful that Philip obeyed God. Philip had been a missionary for God."

Then Teacher Matt told the children that a special person had come to visit their department. The lady was Teacher Anne, and she was a missionary. She was going to tell them about people in a faraway country. "Hello, boys and girls," said Teacher Anne. "I want to tell you about a country called Korea."

Jennifer and the other children sat on the edge of their seats as Teacher Anne started telling about her travels in Korea. She said she had gone there to tell the people about Jesus. She told about how little children walked for miles with their parents just to hear the Good News of Jesus and His love.

Oh, it would be wonderful to be a missionary, Jennifer thought. She loved Jesus very much. And she wanted others to know and love Him too. She could hardly wait until she would be big enough.

Just then she heard Teacher Anne

telling the children that God had a special job for each one of them to do. They could all be missionaries right now!

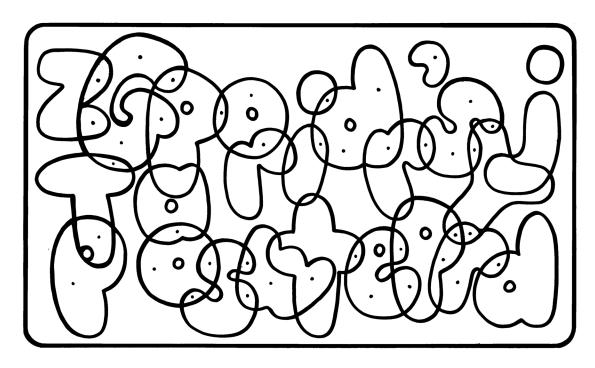
"Right now?" asked Jennifer.

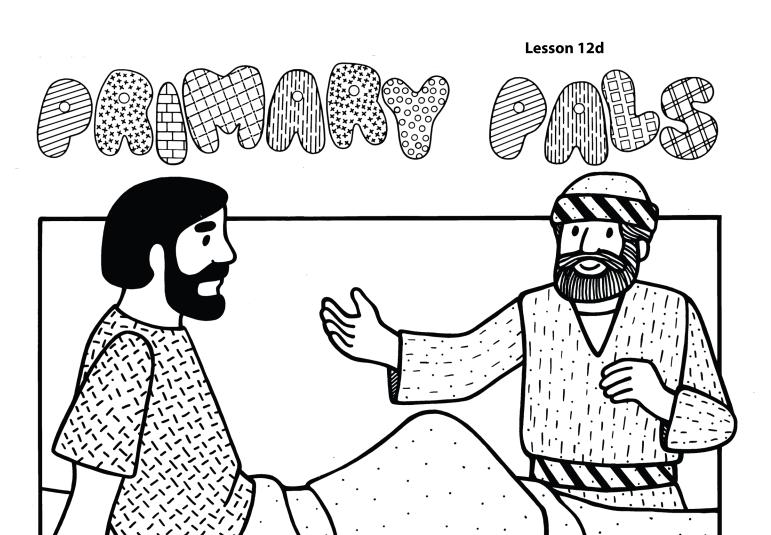
"Yes!" answered Teacher Anne. "You can be a missionary by telling your school friends and your neighbors the Good News. Tell them that Jesus loves them and that He can forgive their sins. People all over the world need to hear the Gospel. That means even the people who live in your very own city.

"It doesn't matter how big or small you are, or where you live. What counts is that you are willing to follow Jesus anywhere and tell others about Him."

Tell Others

What can we use to tell others about Jesus? Color red in the spaces that have a dot inside.





Peter Uses God's Power

It was a very busy time for Jesus' helpers. They had received a wonderful power from God—the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Now they were using that power to do God's work. Peter was one of God's busy helpers. He knew that people everywhere needed to know about Jesus. He traveled from city to city telling people that Jesus loved them.

One day Peter was in the city of Lydda. There he met a man who had been sick for a long time. The man had palsy and could not walk. He had been in bed for eight years! Peter went to the man and told him that Jesus would make him well. Then he told the man, "Arise and make your bed."

At once the man got up! He could walk! He was well! He had been healed!

All the people in the city heard about the man. Everyone was so happy for him. Now they wanted to know Jesus. So they asked Jesus to forgive their sins and make them happy.

There was another city nearby called Joppa. In that city there lived a Christian woman named Dorcas. Dorcas worked all day long doing good things for many people. She made coats and other clothes for people who were too poor to buy them. Everyone

loved Dorcas because of her kind ways.

One day Dorcas got very sick. She was so sick that she died. The people of Joppa were sad at the loss of their dear friend.

Some of Jesus' followers had heard that Peter was nearby in the city of Lydda. Quickly, they sent two men to ask Peter to come to Joppa.

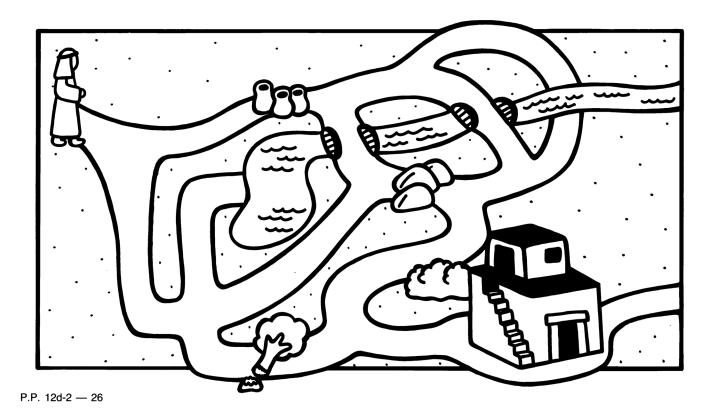
Peter returned with the men at once. When he entered the house, he went to a room upstairs. There Peter saw many of Dorcas' friends. The ladies cried while they showed him some of the beautiful clothes Dorcas had made.

Peter told all the people to leave the room. When they were gone he knelt down and prayed. We don't know what words Peter said but we know he was talking to God. He wanted Dorcas to be alive again. After Peter was through praying, he turned to Dorcas and said to her, "Arise." First, she opened her eyes! And then, when she saw Peter, she sat up! He took her hand and helped her to stand. Then he called all her friends and showed them that Dorcas was alive again. They were all so happy to see her! What a wonderful miracle God had done for their friend!

All the people who lived in the city of Joppa heard about this wonderful miracle. They could see that God had given power to Peter. Many of those people gave their hearts to God when they heard what he had done for their friend Dorcas.

Which Way?

Help Peter find his way to Dorcas' home. Be careful of roadblocks.



Preparing for This Bible Lesson

Parent's Corner

This lesson deals with how Peter worked for God. Help your child to understand that when we do good things for others, we are working for God just as Peter was. Discuss and make a list together of things a child can do for Jesus.

Here's an idea to help reinforce the concept of doing good. Early in the week, purchase an inexpensive cardboard puzzle (not too many pieces). Each time your child does something especially good, remind him that it is a part of working for Jesus. Reward him with a piece of the puzzle and encourage him to earn all the pieces so that he can have a complete puzzle to put together.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Acts 9:34 MONDAY: Acts 4:13 TUESDAY: Acts 9:40 WEDNESDAY: Acts 3:6 THURSDAY: Luke 4:39 FRIDAY: Psalm 31:19 SATURDAY: Acts 5:15



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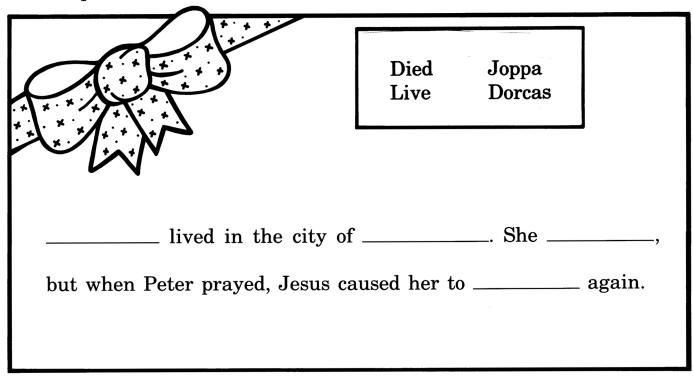
Acts 9:32-42

Memory Verse

Jesus Christ maketh thee whole. — Acts 9:34

Peter Worked for God

Miracles are gifts from Jesus. Many times God uses His helpers when He works miracles. Peter was one of God's helpers. Put the words below into the correct spaces to find out two of God's miracle gifts.



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	lived in the city of	For eight years he	
had	Peter told him Jesus had made him well and he		
	again.		

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Parent's Corner

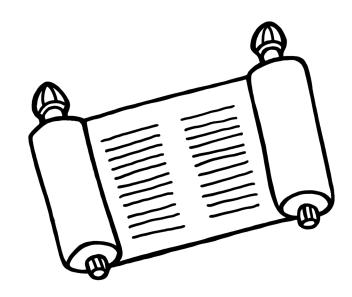
Through this story of how Philip used God's power to witness to others, we want your child to learn that even young children can tell their friends about Jesus. The value of doing this can easily be visualized for your child.

Draw a simple diagram on a sheet of paper, beginning with a small circle at the top. Write your child's name inside the circle. Draw two more circles just below that circle, then draw a line from each of them to the top circle. Ask your child to suggest two people he might be able to tell about Jesus. Write their names in the two circles. Next, draw two more circles below each of the new circles, connecting them with lines also. Talk about these two people telling others the Good News they have heard. Write, in the new boxes, the names of others that these people might tell about Jesus. Continue to draw circles, until your paper is filled with people's names. When this is done, talk about how exciting it is to see the Good News of Jesus' love spreading throughout the world. How happy we are each time we use God's power to tell someone about Jesus.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Mark 16:15 MONDAY: Luke 9:2 TUESDAY: Matthew 10:7,8 WEDNESDAY: Acts 5:20 THURSDAY: II Timothy 4:2 FRIDAY: Proverbs 11:30 SATURDAY: I Timothy 4:12



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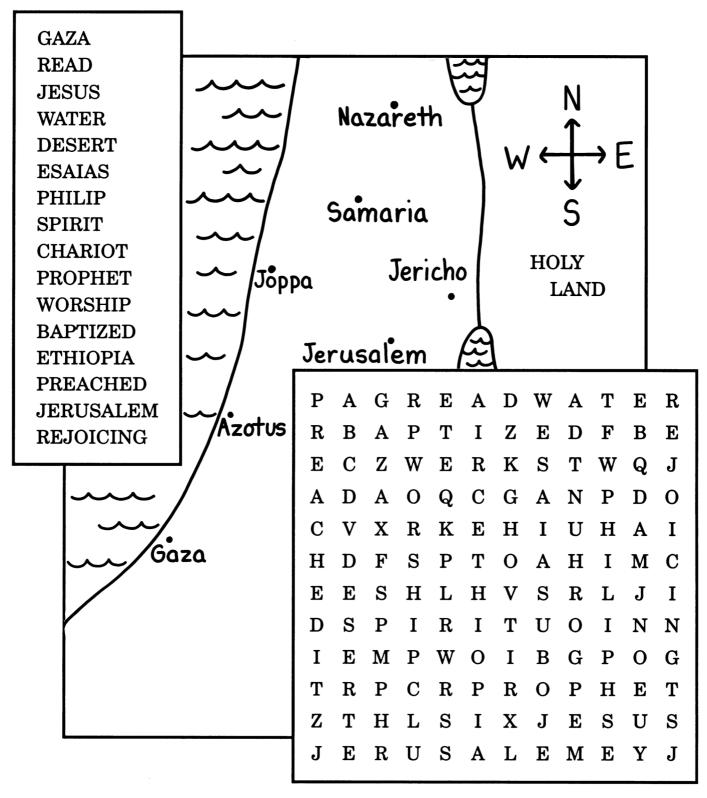
Acts 8:26-40

Memory Verse

Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. — Mark 16:15

Philip Used God's Power

Find and circle the words hidden in the puzzle below. They are all from the Bible text which tells about Philip and the man from Ethiopia.



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Preparing for This Bible Lesson

Parent's Corner

Make a finger puppet to use as a prop while studying this lesson. Help your child draw a simple outline of a person's body, but tell him not to draw the legs. Instead, at the base of the form help him cut out two small holes big enough for him to slip his index and middle fingers through.

Draw features and clothing details on the puppet, then cut it out.

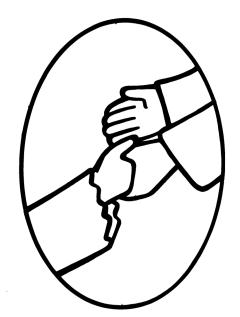
As you read this lesson together, have your child use the puppet to act out the different parts of the story, from sitting at the gate, to walking, and leaping, and praising God!

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Acts 3:6 MONDAY: Acts 4:14 TUESDAY: Acts 4:13

WEDNESDAY: Matthew 5:15 THURSDAY: James 2:17,18 FRIDAY: I Corinthians 15:58 SATURDAY: Galatians 6:10



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Acts 3:1-10

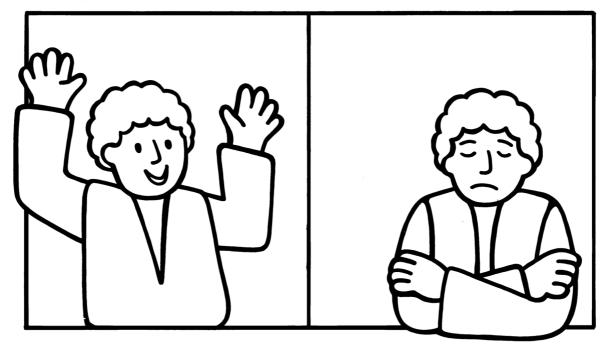
Memory Verse

In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. — Acts 3:6

Which Half?

Color the picture that shows what the man did after he was healed and could walk.

Hint: "He leaping up stood, and walked." Acts 3:8



Color the picture that shows how the people felt when they saw the man walking and praising God.

Hint: "They were filled with wonder and amazement." Acts 3:10



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Preparing for This Bible Lesson

Parent's Corner

The power of the Holy Spirit is the subject of this lesson. Explain to your child that many things need power to make them work. A simple way to show him this is to have him go around your house counting the many things he can find that have cords on them. Describe how the plug connects the object to a power source and makes it able to work properly.

Use this to illustrate that God has a special power for each one of us—a power that will help us really "work" as Christians.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Acts 1:8 MONDAY: Matthew 3:11 TUESDAY: Luke 11:13 WEDNESDAY: Luke 24:49 THURSDAY: John 14:26

FRIDAY: Acts 4:31 SATURDAY: Acts 13:52



Bible Text

Acts 1:4,8; 2:1-6,14-18

Memory Verse

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you. — Acts 1:8

Real Power

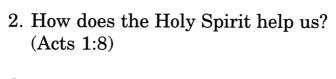
The Holy Spirit has power! Read the questions in the boxes below. Circle the two best answers for each question. If you need some help read the Scriptures in each box.

1. What did Jesus promise the Holy Spirit would do? (John 16:13)

Glorify Jesus

Make you rich

Show you the truth



Gives us power

Helps us work for Jesus

Helps us take pictures

3. What kind of attitude should a Christian have? (Matthew 22:37-39)

Love God with all your heart

Love your neighbor

Love only Christians

Parent's Corner

Help your child cover a paper tube (such as from a toilet tissue roll) with white paper. Draw features of a man on the top two inches, and add a strip of cloth or adhesive paper to the bottom of the tube for clothes. Cut a circle and tape it to the bottom of the tube.

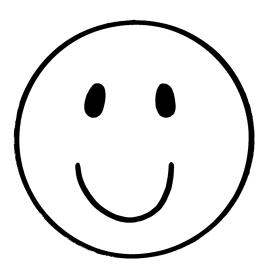
Fill the tube with Styrofoam packing chips on which you have drawn sad faces, or use circles of paper with sad faces. Explain to your child that this is like the man in our lesson. He was filled with sadness. Pour all the Styrofoam pieces out, to illustrate how all the sadness and scary thoughts left the man, at Jesus' command.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Matthew 28:18 MONDAY: Matthew 9:33 TUESDAY: Matthew 15:28 WEDNESDAY: Matthew 17:18

THURSDAY: Mark 7:29 FRIDAY: Luke 9:42 SATURDAY: Mark 9:23



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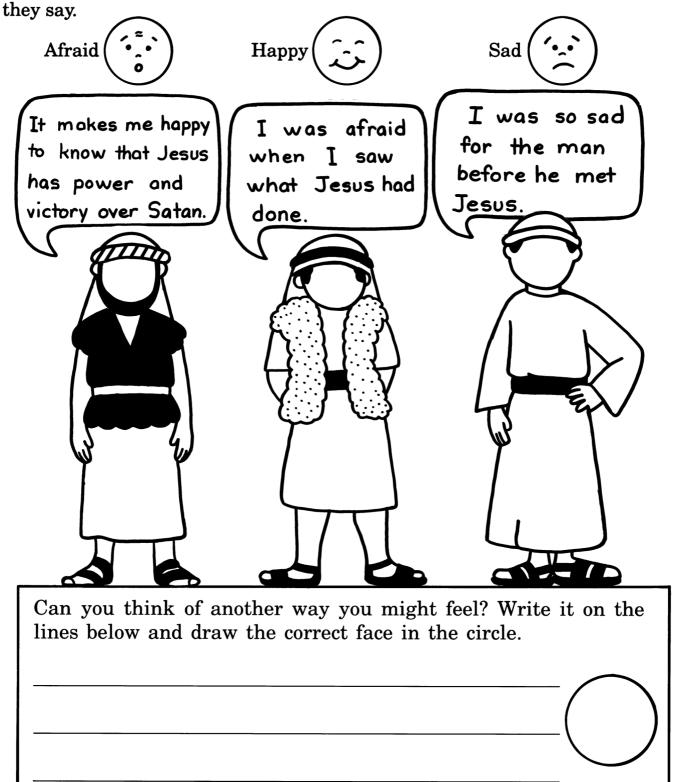
Luke 8:26-40

Memory Verse

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. — Matthew 28:18

Jesus Has All Power

If you had known the sick man from Gadara, how would you feel about the thing that happened to him? Read the sentences below. Finish the faces to match what they say



Name:

Parent's Corner

This lesson is about how Jesus healed a palsied man. Read the story together with your child, and then ask him how he thinks the man felt after Jesus healed him. What about the man's friends and the people who witnessed this miracle?

Provide your child with drawing materials, and encourage him to illustrate the story. Tell him the drawing is for his Sunday school teacher, and he will be able to take it to Sunday school on the following Sunday.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Mark 2:9 MONDAY: Matthew 8:3 TUESDAY: Matthew 12:13 WEDNESDAY: Matthew 17:18

THURSDAY: Mark 1:31 FRIDAY: Mark 10:52 SATURDAY: Luke 13:13



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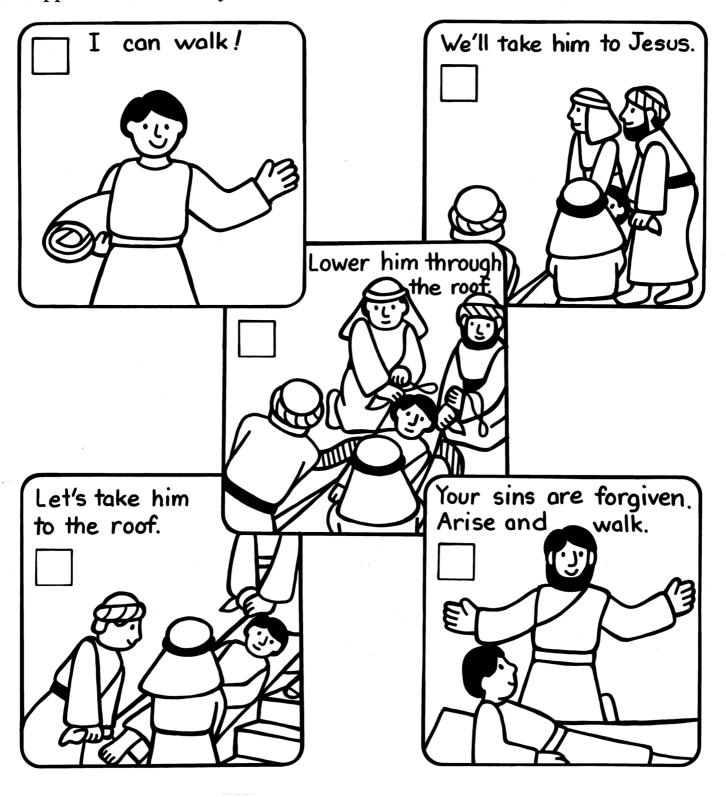
Mark 2:1-12

Memory Verse

Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk. — Mark 2:9

Four Good Friends

In the small boxes, number the pictures in the correct order as they happened in the story.



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Parent's Corner

After reading this story with your child, repeat the memory verse together. Use the following illustration to help your child visualize God's power over the elements.

Cut a long strip from blue construction paper and have your child accordion-pleat it and then release it while holding the two ends. Compare this to the waves in our lesson.

Jesus had the power to rebuke the wind and calm the waves. As you rehearse His words, "Peace, be still," have your child pull the strip of paper tight, showing how the waves immediately calmed at His command.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Mark 4:39 MONDAY: Matthew 28:18 TUESDAY: Luke 8:25

WEDNESDAY: Psalm 107:29 THURSDAY: Matthew 14:25

FRIDAY: Matthew 8:26 SATURDAY: Psalm 148:8



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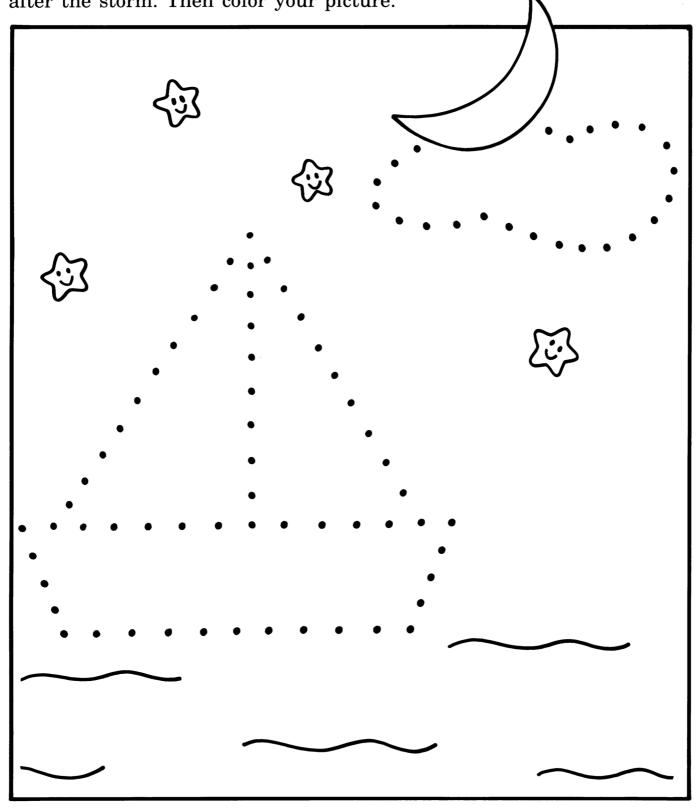
Mark 4:35-41

Memory Verse

And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. — Mark 4:39

The Peaceful Sea

Draw lines to connect the dots and finish the picture of the peaceful sea after the storm. Then color your picture.



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Parent's Corner

When God changed Zacchaeus' heart, Zacchaeus became the opposite of what he had been before. To help your child visualize the concept of opposites, make up a matching game with a series of flashcards showing opposites. If your child can read, use words. If not, illustrate the objects with simple line drawings.

Talk about the change God made in Zacchaeus' heart. While he still looked the same on the outside, inside he was completely different. Conclude your series of pictures with a clean, unspotted heart contrasted with a spotted, "sin-smudged" heart.

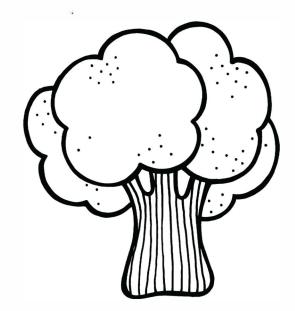
Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Luke 19:10 MONDAY: Matthew 1:21 TUESDAY: John 3:17

WEDNESDAY: Hebrews 7:25

THURSDAY: I John 3:5 FRIDAY: Acts 4:12 SATURDAY: Luke 19:9



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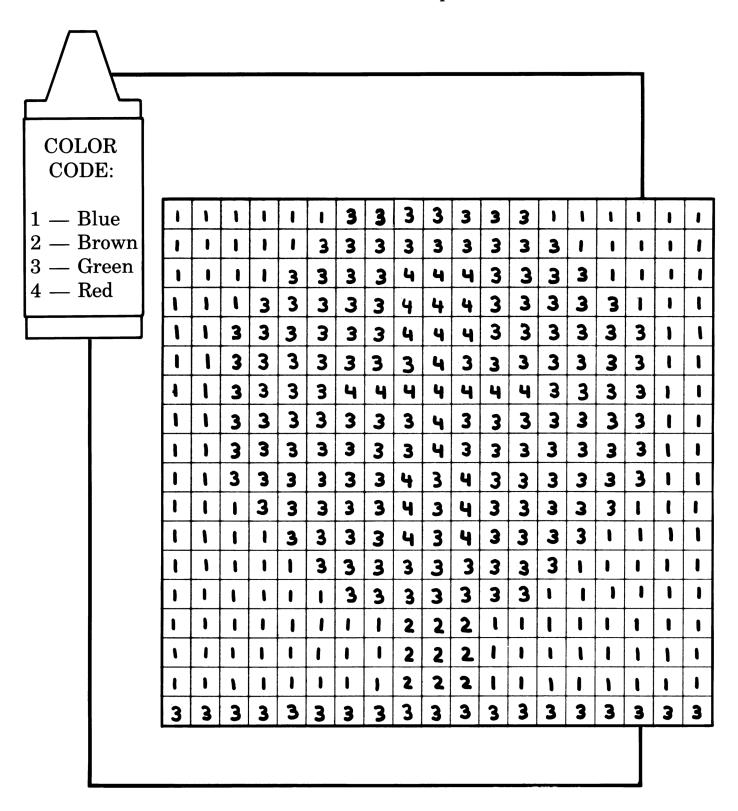
Luke 19:1-10

Memory Verse

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. — Luke 19:10

A Little Man

Use the color code to finish the picture below.



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Parent's Corner

Children at this age are subject to many fears, and it is important that they realize God has power to protect them. This lesson brings out how God sent an army of horses and chariots of fire to protect his servant Elisha.

We have a promise (Psalm 91:11) that God will send His angels to protect us. Accordion-fold a long piece of paper, approximately 14x6 inches. Draw a simple angel shape on the topside of paper, making sure both sides of the angel touch the fold. Help your child cut out around the shape, forming a paper chain of angels. Let your child color them, and then make them into a ring around a small doll.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Psalm 34:7 MONDAY: II Kings 6:16 TUESDAY: II Chronicles 16:9 WEDNESDAY: Psalm 125:2 THURSDAY: Psalm 91:11 FRIDAY: Psalm 91:15 SATURDAY: Luke 12:7



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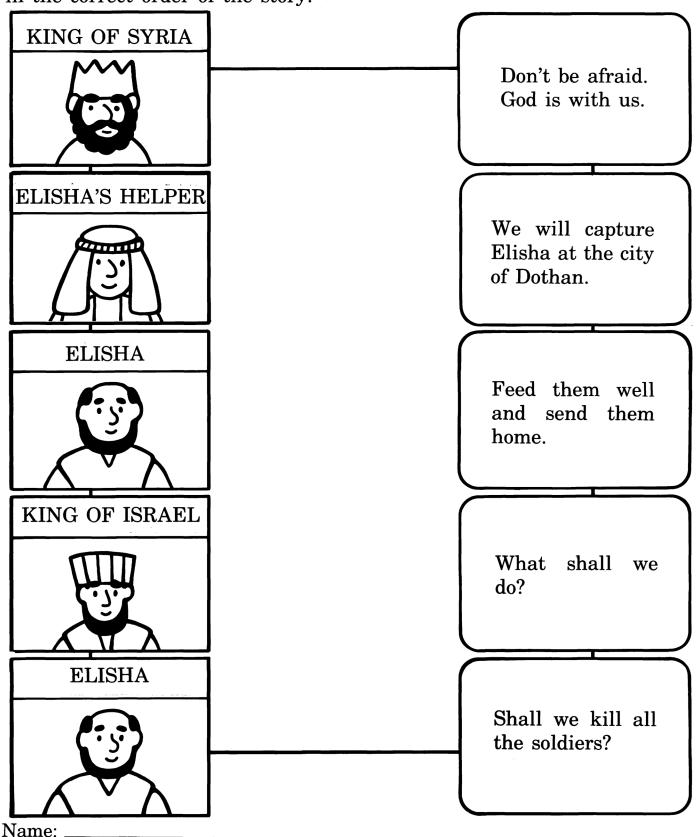
II Kings 6:8-23

Memory Verse

The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. — Psalm 34:7

Love Your Enemies

Draw a line to match the person to the words he spoke. Be sure to keep it in the correct order of the story.



Parent's Corner

Use the memory verse to help your child focus on the mighty power of God.

Draw a garden hose on a strip of paper. Mark it off into twelve equal sections and in each section print a word of the memory verse.

Have your child cut out the hose and then cut it apart. As he puts it back together in the right order, explain to him that just as water flows through a hose, Elisha let God's power flow through him to help others.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Luke 9:43 MONDAY: II Kings 2:14 TUESDAY: II Kings 4:43,44 WEDNESDAY: II Kings 3:16,17 THURSDAY: II Kings 4:41

FRIDAY: II Kings 2:21 SATURDAY: II Kings 5:10



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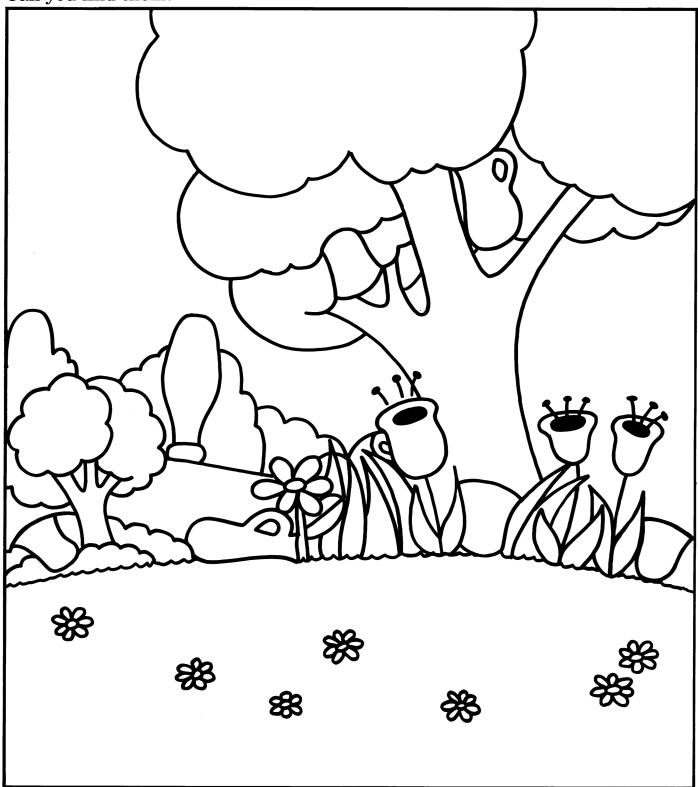
II Kings 4:1-7; 6:1-7

Memory Verse

And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God. — Luke 9:43

God's Mighty Power

There are four vessels and four axe heads hidden in the picture below. Can you find them?



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Parent's Corner

This lesson is about how Elisha received a double portion of Elijah's spirit—a godly spirit. To illustrate the point that *double* means "twice as much," emphasize the word "double" during the week. You might want to give your child double treats; for example, two hugs, two stories before bed, two balloons, or two cookies.

Be sure that on each occasion you talk about what *double* means. When you read the Bible text together, draw attention to that word.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: II Kings 2:9 MONDAY: John 14:16,17 TUESDAY: Romans 8:9

WEDNESDAY: I Corinthians 3:16

THURSDAY: I John 2:27 FRIDAY: Ezekiel 36:27 SATURDAY: Luke 11:13



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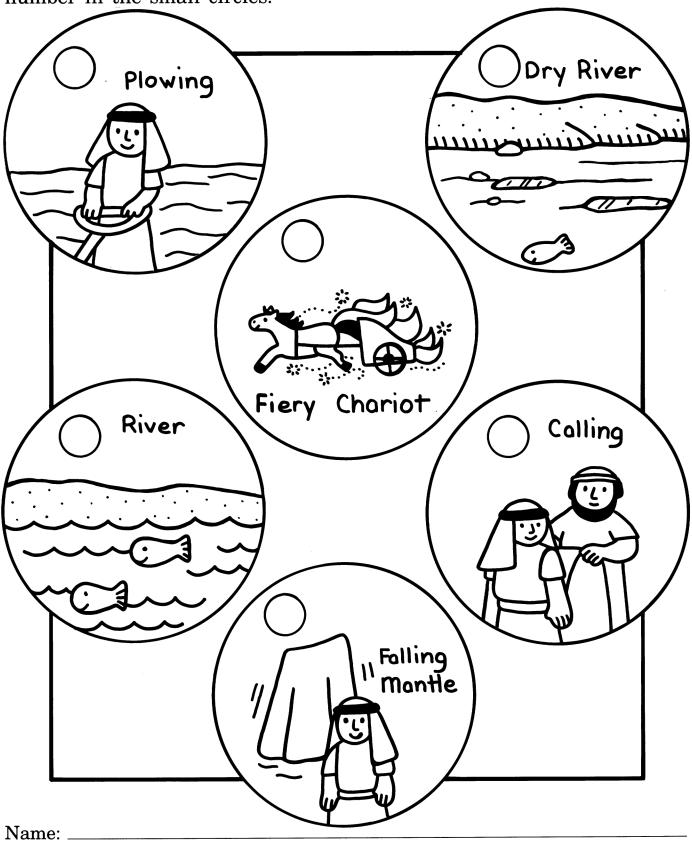
I Kings 19:19-21 II Kings 2:1-15

Memory Verse

Let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. — II Kings 2:9

A Double Portion

Put the story of Elijah and Elisha in the right order by writing the correct number in the small circles.



Parent's Corner

Help your child focus on the fact that God has power to answer prayer. To illustrate this, fold a piece of paper in half vertically. Place your child's left hand on the paper, with the thumb touching the fold and the fingers touching each other. Trace around his hand, and let him cut out the shape, being sure the fold is kept as a hinge.

Talk about how we fold our hands when we pray, letting him unfold the two hands. On the left side, write the words, "When I pray," and on the right side, the words, "God hears and answers." Let your child trace over the letters with a crayon. Be sure he knows what the words mean.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: I Kings 18:24 MONDAY: I Kings 18:21 TUESDAY: Joshua 24:15 WEDNESDAY: I Kings 18:37 THURSDAY: I Kings 18:39 FRIDAY: I Kings 18:41 SATURDAY: I Kings 18:45



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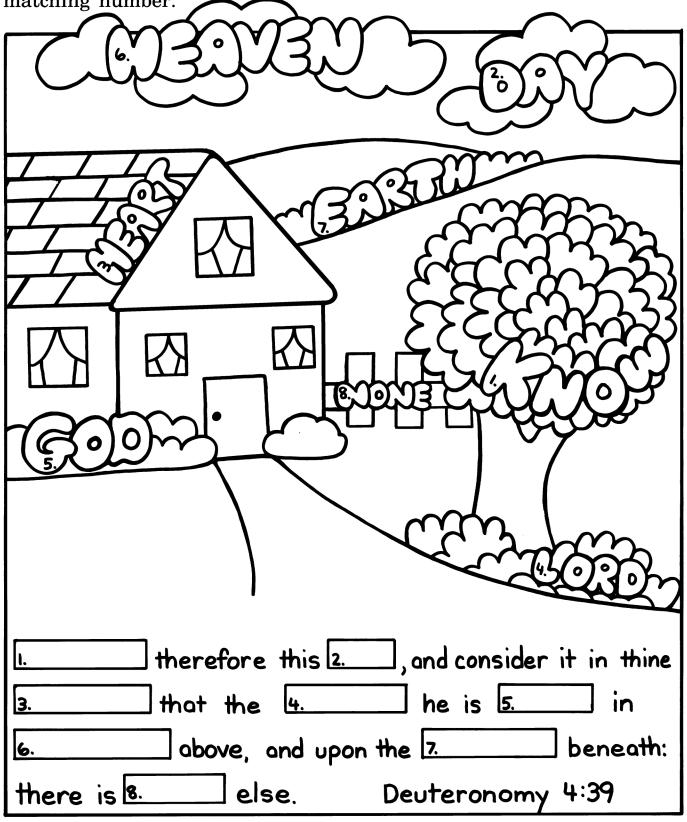
I Kings 18:1,2,17-46

Memory Verse

The God that answereth by fire, let him be God. — I Kings 18:24

The One True God

Find the words in the picture. Write each word in the box with the matching number.



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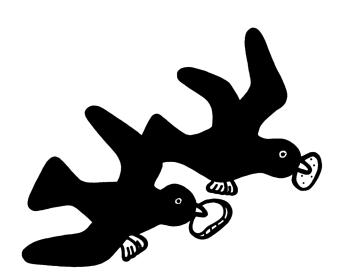
Emphasize to your child how God used His power to provide for Elijah. Using the letters of the alphabet, play a game of naming things that God has provided for us. For example, the letter M might bring to mind such words as mother, milk, meat, and money.

If your child gets stuck, let him choose a new letter or help him think of things by drawing a clue on a chalkboard. Or he might enjoy drawing a picture of each item he thinks of, and having you guess what it is. With each of your answers you can emphasize God's power and love in providing it for us.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Matthew 19:26 MONDAY: I Kings 17:4 TUESDAY: I Kings 17:14 WEDNESDAY: I Kings 17:16 THURSDAY: I Kings 17:24 FRIDAY: Ephesians 3:20 SATURDAY: I Kings 18:1



Bible Text

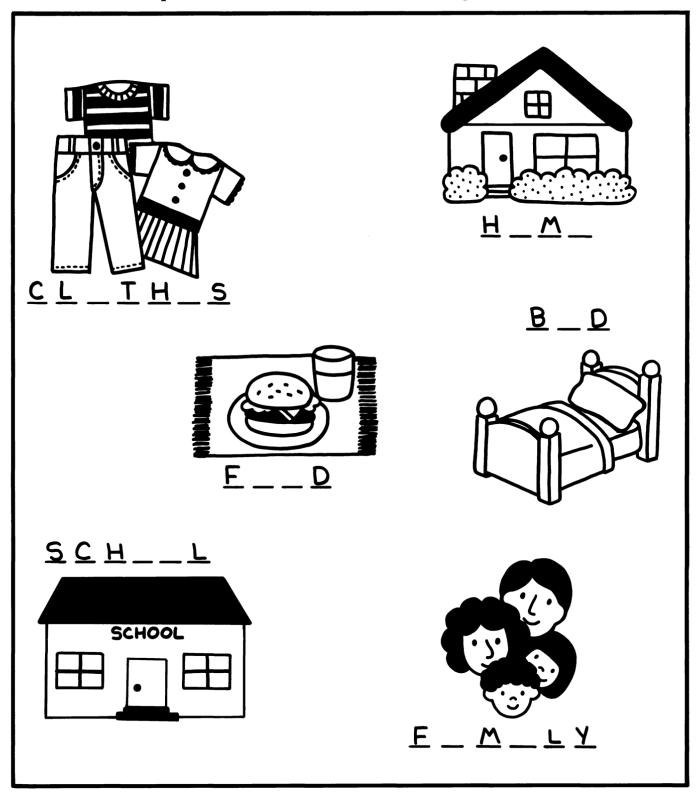
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Memory Verse

With God all things are possible. — Matthew 19:26

God Cares for Us

God provided for Elijah's needs. Find some ways in which we experience God's care. Look at the pictures and then fill in the missing letters: A - E - I - O.



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Bible Memory Verses

Summer

Color each seashell as you learn the verse.



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