

Elisha and the Syrians: Lesson 1

SuperTruth: God is always for me.

SuperVerse: “Don’t be afraid!” Elisha told him. “For there are more on our side than on theirs!” 2 Kings 6:16 (NLT)

Bible Story: 2 Kings 2:1–18; 2 Kings 6:1–23

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Our new Superbook adventure called “Elisha and the Syrians.” In it, we will meet two men with names that sound a lot alike: Elijah and Elisha. Elijah was older, and a mighty prophet of God. Elisha was younger, and God had chosen him to be Elijah’s assistant.

- Joy is furious when someone posts an embarrassing video of her, and she knows the perfect way to get even—but should she?
- Superbook takes Chris, Joy and Gizmo to meet the prophet Elisha after his master, Elijah, has been taken up to heaven. Witness how the Syrians try to capture Elisha—and what he does after trapping their army inside an Israelite city! The children discover that mercy can accomplish much more than revenge.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: He is For Us! (15 minutes)

Objective: Play a game to learn the SuperTruth.

- God was with Elisha and enabled him to do some amazing miracles. It is exciting to know that God is always with us, too!

Game Instructions:

- The goal is to bounce a ball into each box in the correct order of the SuperTruth. Balls that go into a box out of order do not count. The whole team shouts the word when the ball lands in the box.

Teaching: The Majority Rules! (15 minutes)

Objective: Discuss how we have the victory with God on our side.

- God opened the servant’s eyes so he could see the heavenly army that outnumbered the Syrian soldiers. No matter how many seem to be against us, there are more on our side than on theirs! With God on our side, we have the victory.

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- For this challenge, you will look up and read Jeremiah 33:3. Then you will discuss the meaning of the verse with your family. As part of this challenge, you will also seek more of God in prayer. Set aside time to specifically ask God to reveal something about Himself to you each day.

SuperVerse: Superbook Open and Close (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- Elisha prayed for the servant’s eyes to be opened so he could see what Elisha saw—heavenly horses and chariots of fire! God’s army of angels outnumbered the Syrian soldiers.
- In this activity, you are going to close and open your eyes. When your eyes are closed, I will erase a word or two and then tell you to open your eyes. You may then raise your hands to tell me what word or words are missing from the SuperVerse.

Prayer: Majority Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- God is our defender; He is for us and protects us. With God by our side, we are never outnumbered. No matter whether we are at school, on the bus, or somewhere new or unfamiliar to us; God is with us and for us.
- Let’s take some time to pray silently and thank God for being for us and with us. Share with Him any places or situations that may cause you to be afraid. By faith, see God and His angels surrounding you. Ask Him to defend you, to remove any fear, and to replace it with His peace.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

Dodge Ball Game: Play a game to understand the impact of God on our side. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Bible Study: Look up verses about God being for us. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

Craft: Find God’s Army. | **Grades 1–3** | 15 min

Experiment: Conduct and experiment to see what floats and sinks. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Verse Volley: Review the SuperVerse with a group activity. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Game Materials Needed:

- SuperTruth Signs: one copy of each of the five signs
- Whiteboard and marker; or chalkboard and chalk
- Four tennis balls, rubber balls, or any balls that bounce well
- Five medium-size boxes or clean trash cans
- Marker
- Scissors
- Painters tape or masking tape
- Timer, such as a stopwatch, clock or watch with second hand, or timer app

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Basketball
- Soccer ball
- Three 5th or 6th grade volunteer readers
- Discipleship Challenge materials:
- Chariot Pattern and Elisha’s Cloak
- Brass fasteners, two per child plus extras
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Children’s scissors
- Crayons, colored pencils, or washable markers
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

SuperVerse Materials

Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker, or chalkboard and chalk, eraser
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App