Discussion Questions Course 309–2

Large Group

1. When someone does something mean to you, what is usually the first thing you want to do?

2. Do you think that's what God wants us to do?

3. If you were here last time, what did Joy want to do when a girl posted an embarrassing video of her?

4. That's when Superbook whisked her away, along with Chris and Gizmo. Where did they land?

- 5. What special technology did Gizmo use by the Jordan River?
- 6. What are some ways that Elisha showed kindness to people?
- 7. Elisha sounds like a very kind person! So why was the Syrian king angry at him?
- 8. Does anyone know who originally said the words of the SuperVerse?
- 9. Is it easy or hard to love your enemies? Why?

Small Group

Game

1. Look at the SuperTruth and SuperVerse on the board. Raise your hands to name four things we should do for others, including our enemies.

2. Why are we using plates and cups?

Teaching

- 1. Can someone tell me what mercy means?
- 2. Can you tell me someone who shows us mercy?
- 3. How does God show us mercy?

4. How did Elisha respond to the man who lost the ax head; with anger and resentment, or with love and mercy?

- 5. Elisha showed love and mercy. How?
- 6. It's easy to show love and mercy to our friends and family. How about our enemies?
- 7. When the Syrian soldiers surrounded Elisha, what did he do?
- 8. Was he acting out of anger and revenge, or with love and mercy?
- 9. When the enemy soldiers were trapped in the city of Samaria, how did Elisha respond? Discipleship Challenge
- 1. Did any of you think or talk about this verse at home?
- 2. Did you seek more of God in prayer?
- 3. What have you learned about God as you've prayed?

SuperVerse

1. Jesus tells us to pray for those who persecute us. Can anyone tell us what persecute means?

Prayer

1. This is a psalm written by David, who was the king of Israel. What did he ask God to remember?

2. What did David ask God to forget?

Additional Activities

Tossing Game

1. In our Bible story, Elisha showed kindness and mercy to the Israelite soldiers, right?

2. Elisha also showed kindness to someone else; who was that person?

3. How did Elisha show him kindness?

Coloring Activity

1. What is happening in the picture you are coloring?

2. Why was the man so upset about losing the ax head?

3. Why was it so remarkable for the ax head to come to the surface of the river? Hint: Gizmo told us this answer.

4. Can you share a time when you showed kindness to someone who was upset?

Bible Study

2 Kings 2:19-22

1. According to verse 19, what was the problem?

- 2. In verses 20–21, what did Elisha do to make the water pure?
- 3. What was the result in verse 22?

4. Did salt in a new bowl have the power to purify water, or was it something else? Please explain your answer.

5. Why was this an act of kindness and mercy?

2 King 4:1–7

- 1. In verse 1, who needed help and why?
- 2. Did the creditors show her kindness and mercy?
- 3. Did Elisha respond harshly to her need?
- 4. What was the part in the miracle that the widow was asked to do?
- 5. According to verse 5, did she obey Elisha?
- 6. Why was it so unusual that she was able to fill all of the jars that were borrowed?
- 7. How did this miracle solve her need?

8. What can we learn in this Bible passage about things we have or possess; even if in our eyes they seem insignificant?

2 King 4:38-41

1. According to verse 38, what was the problem and need?

- 2. What did he tell his servant to do?
- 3. In verse 39–40, why couldn't the prophets eat the stew?
- 4. In verse 41, how did Elisha respond to the need?
- 5. Was the flour special?

6. Why do you think God often uses common things like salt, flour or oil to meet people's needs instead of having someone like Elisha do something more dramatic or exciting?