

# Elisha and the Syrians: Lesson 2

**SuperTruth:** I will show mercy and kindness to all people.

**SuperVerse:** “But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!” Matthew 5:44 (NLT)

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

## LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Today, we will learn about showing kindness and mercy to others. God showed kindness and mercy to us when He sent His Son Jesus to die for us.

- 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.
- We'll learn more about the prophet Elisha and the Syrians who weren't very pleased with him in our Bible Background video.

## SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

**Game: Pass It On (15 minutes)**

**Objective:** *Play a relay game to show love to enemies.*

- It isn't easy to show God's love to our enemies and those who persecute us. We must have the help of the Holy Spirit to be successful.

**Game Instructions:**

- In this game, we will pass balloons to the end of the line and then drop them in boxes that represent other people, including your enemies. The balloons represent the love, prayer, mercy, and kindness that we should give our enemies. The balloons are passed using cups and plates.

**Teaching: It's Our Choice? (15 minutes)**

**Objective:** *Learn about showing mercy and kindness.*

- God's Spirit empowered Elisha to do many amazing miracles and to show mercy and kindness to others—even his enemies. He had a heart to follow God. As Jesus' followers, we want to be like Him. He will help us show His love, mercy and kindness to others—even our enemies!

**Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)**

- Another way that we can seek more of God is by reading our Bibles. God wants to reveal Himself to us in His Word. Your challenge is to look up and discuss Psalm 119:18 at home.

**SuperVerse: Superbook Catch and Shout (5 minutes)**

**Objective:** *Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.*

- Sometimes people are persecuted because of their race or the color of their skin. Sometimes people are persecuted because they follow Jesus. It is not easy to love our enemies and pray for people who persecute us. We need the Holy Spirit's help so that we can obey Jesus.
- Players face the one directly across from them. Hand the first player a ball on one end of the line. That player shouts the first word of the SuperVerse and then passes the ball to the child directly across. The second player catches the ball, shouts the second word and passes it to the third child. Continue this way until the entire SuperVerse is completed.

**Prayer: Mercy and Kindness Prayers (5 minutes)**

**Objective:** *Communicate with God.*

- God is full of love, kindness and mercy. Because He shows love, kindness and mercy to us, we must show them to others—even our enemies!
- Bow your heads, close your eyes, and think of anyone who may not have shown you kindness or mercy. Then, ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with God's love, kindness and mercy so you may respond in a way pleasing to Him. Give children a few moments to pray silently.

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

**Tossing Game:** Play a game to save the ax head. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

**Coloring Activity:** Color a page to show the kindness of Elisha. | **Grades 1–3** | 10 min

**Bible Study:** Discuss more of Elisha's miracles. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

### Game Materials

#### Needed:

- Eight small round balloons plus extras
- 16–18 ounce plastic party cups—one for every two children plus extras; smaller cups will not work well
- Paper plates—one for every two children plus extras
- Permanent marker
- Bible or Superbook Bible App
- Four boxes or containers large enough to hold four balloons.

### Teaching Materials Needed:

- Two Response Signs
- Heart Sign
- Bag or tote
- Optional: cardstock
- Chariot and Cloak Pattern for children who missed Lesson 1
- Bible or Superbook App

### SuperVerse Materials

#### Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker; or chalkboard and chalk
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App
- For alternate activity: balloon, beach ball, or soft foam ball
- Timer: clock/watch with second hand, stopwatch, timer app

### Prayer Materials Needed:

- Two 5th or 6th grade volunteer readers
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App with New King James Version