

Elisha and the Syrians: Lesson 3

SuperTruth: I will seek more of God.

SuperVerse: “Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.” 2 Kings 2:9b (NKJV)

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

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Elisha could have asked his master, Elijah, for anything—yet he chose to ask for more of God's Spirit. God gives us the Holy Spirit when we believe in Jesus as our Savior.

- 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.
- In our Signposts Video, we will see how Elisha helps us understand our relationship with Jesus and the blessings that we inherit from God as His children.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: God Reveals Himself (15 minutes)

Objective: Play a matching game to find the hidden phrase.

- This is a match card game. Some of the cards have words from the SuperTruth and others have ways that we can seek God. There is also a hidden phrase on the board behind the cards. It will be revealed as cards are matched and removed!

Game Instructions:

- Teams will alternate turns. A team's turn consists of one child choosing two cards. Flip over each card as it is guessed to show the children. If the cards don't match, lay the card back down on the board. If the cards match, remove them and give them to the player who matched them.

Teaching: Spirit Filled Heirs (15 minutes)

Objective: Elisha's life points to our relationship with Jesus.

- The disciples were chosen to follow in Jesus' footsteps when He left the earth. Like Elisha, they watched as the One they loved and followed was taken to heaven. One day, Jesus will come back for us. We, too, will ascend through the clouds to be with Him in heaven forever!

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- Another way that we can seek more of God is by trusting Him—especially in difficult or discouraging times. When we trust God in hard times, we will discover the depths of His faithfulness and strength. Our challenge is to look up and discuss Deuteronomy 31:8 at home.

SuperVerse: Superbook Shout (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- Like Elisha, we also should desire that the Holy Spirit will fill us and empower us as we step into God's calling.
- The children sit in a circle. Each child says one word of the verse. The child who says “double” should shout the word. Repeat several times, going faster each round.

Prayer: More Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- Elisha asked for more of God's Spirit to do what God called Him to do. Today in our prayer time, we are going to seek more of God.
- I will begin the prayer and ask God for more of Him. We will then go around the circle to my left and you can pray saying things like, “Please God, let me have more of Your grace, or more of Your love, or more of Your wisdom”—or whatever it is that you desire from God.

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

Puzzle Game: Teams race to build a puzzle. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Seeking God Game: Play a game to seek God. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Word Search: Search for the words of the SuperVerse. | **Grades 1–3** | 10 min

Activity: Race to look up verses to find the answer first. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

Game Materials Needed:

- 22" x 28" Poster Board
- Six Match Card Sheets
- Cardstock
- Painters tape, or other tape that peels off easily
- Pencil
- Marker
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Three Signpost Cards
- Three sheets of cardstock
- Optional: tape
- Chariot and Cloak Pattern for any children who missed the previous lessons
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App