

STEM ACTIVITY

Elisha and the Syrians

Total Time: 10 minutes
In Class Time: 7 minutes

You will need:

- Sheets of paper (A4 or letter size)



STEP 1: TEACH: In our story, Joy is furious and wants revenge. But sometimes, the more you fight something, the worse it gets. You need to relax and let God take over.

STEP 2: Show the children how to make a finger trap: roll the paper up along the long side (so that it makes a short tube), then put your index finger into the tube and tighten it –by rotating the outer layer and winding it tighter–until it lightly touches your finger all around. Then, while holding the outer layer, pull your finger out a little to form the tube into more of a cone as the inner layer grips your finger. If done correctly, the paper will grip your finger tighter the harder you pull.

STEP 3: Pass out the sheets of paper and have each of the children make their own.

STEP 4: Talk with the kids about why this works.

NOTES

- This is a single-finger trap. It will not work with a finger in each end.
- A small piece of tape may help to hold the outer layer together. However, this will limit its effectiveness as a finger trap.