

Lesson 142: God Takes Elijah to Heaven
[2 Kings 2:1-15](#)

Youtube Link for Teachers: <https://youtu.be/3gri-7SxXnA>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/Np6d3nckisc>

Worship Theme: God rewards faithfulness.

Memory Verse: "For we live by faith, not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7)

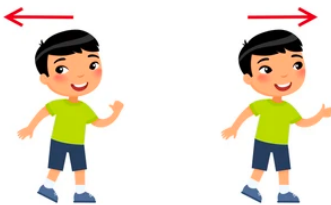
Songs (Youtube links):

1. There Are Children in Heaven <https://youtu.be/qqSHauhCHWI>
2. I Am Happy <https://youtu.be/2LWPsq-KZvo>
3. Lord I Lift Your Name on High <https://youtu.be/rPE5QOHbo70>

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: "Do the Opposite"



1. Have the children stand in 2 or 3 lines.
2. When the teacher says "right," they need to jump to the right. Same thing when the teacher says "left" "forward" or "backward."
3. Once the children are used to this, ask the children to do the opposite. When the teacher says "right," they need to jump to the left. When the teacher says "left," they need to jump to the right.
4. When children get it wrong, they need to sit down.
5. After the game, explain to the children that following direction is very important. God rewards people who follow his direction.

Introduction:

Do you have faith in your parents? What does it mean to have faith? It means you trust that person to always be good to you and that you're able to follow that person. Do you have faith in God? Do you believe that God will always be good to you and are you willing to follow God? When we are faithful to God, God rewards us. Today, we will learn about two people who were rewarded for their faithfulness in God.

Bible Story:

There was a prophet of God called Elijah. Elijah was faithful and did everything God asked him to do. He even challenged the false prophets who worshipped Baal and showed them how powerful God is. There was another man named Elisha who loved God and served Elijah. God appointed Elisha as the next prophet who will continue the good works of God after Elijah.

Because Elijah was so faithful, God wanted to take Elijah up to heaven to reward him. God rewards people who are faithful. Elisha wanted to serve God the way Elijah did. Elijah told him that if he saw God take Elijah up to heaven, he would get his wish. As Elijah and Elisha were walking together, God took Elijah up to heaven in a chariot of fire. This means Elijah was taken up to heaven without dying! What a great reward for being faithful!

Elisha faithfully stayed with Elijah and was able to see Elijah being taken to heaven, and God rewarded him. As Elijah went up into heaven, his coat fell down to Elisha. Elisha picked it up. Elisha dipped it in the river, and the river parted, just like it did for Moses in the Red Sea.

God rewarded Elijah for his faithfulness by taking him to heaven. God rewarded Elisha for his faithfulness by giving him a double portion of Elijah's spirit and making him a leader like Elijah. A double portion means that Elisha was able to do even more for God

than Elijah.

Faithfulness is a fruit of the Spirit. It is one of the things that the Holy Spirit develops in us as we grow to become more like Christ. God wants us to be faithful, because he is faithful. God rewards us with blessings when we are faithful!

Questions to discuss:

1. What are the names of two faithful prophets in today's bible story? (Elijah and Elisha)
2. How was Elijah rewarded for his faithfulness? (He was taken up to heaven in a chariot of fire)
3. How was Elisha rewarded for his faithfulness? (He was given double portion of Elijah's spiritual power)
4. What does God do for people who are faithful to him? (He rewards them)
5. How can we be faithful to God? (Obey God, follow God, make good choices, etc.)

Game: "Water, Land, and Air"

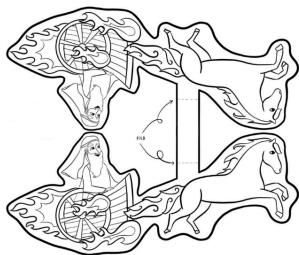


1. Ask the children to stand in a circle, and the teacher will stand in the middle to lead the game.
2. Teacher will walk around in the circle and point to every child and say either "water," "land" or "air." The children will have to name any animals that live in the place that the teacher chose. For example, if the teacher points to a child and says "land," the child will have to name an animal that lives on the land. If the teacher chooses "air" for the next child, they have to name an animal that lives in the air.
3. If a child cannot say a name in 3 seconds or if they repeat the name of animals already mentioned, they lose the game.
4. After the game explain to the children that although we all live on earth now, we will go to heaven when God calls us. Until then, we need to be faithful like Elijah and Elisha so that we can be rewarded by God.

Memory Verse:

"For we live by faith, not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7)

Craft: God Takes Elijah to Heaven



Materials Needed: Print craft sheet, scissors, crayon, glue

1. Color Elijah and the chariot and cut it out.
2. Glue only Elijah together and fold the dotted line in between the the horses (don't glue the horses).
3. Explain to the children that God always rewards us for our faithfulness.



Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

Like Elijah, Jesus departed this earth fully alive. When Jesus left, he gave his Holy Spirit to those who would carry on his ministry. As followers of Jesus, we also are clothed in his favor and his power! In this passage, Elisha pledges his faithfulness to Elijah three times. Spend a moment in prayer to express your commitment to follow and serve Christ. Then ask Jesus to empower you to keep your commitment and serve his plans here on earth.

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