

ELIJAH

OLD ELIJAH AND YOUNG ELISHA

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In 1 Kings 19, the great prophet Elijah was holed up in a cave feeling defeated and worn out. That's when God spoke to him in the famous "still small voice". God told Elijah to go find young Elisha and train him to be the next prophet in Israel. *Fast forward* to 2 Kings 2. Elijah has spent years training Elisha to replace him, and now Elijah has come to the end of his life. Before he goes, however, he has a question for Elisha, something to leave behind, and then Elisha has a decision to make. We too have that same decision to make.

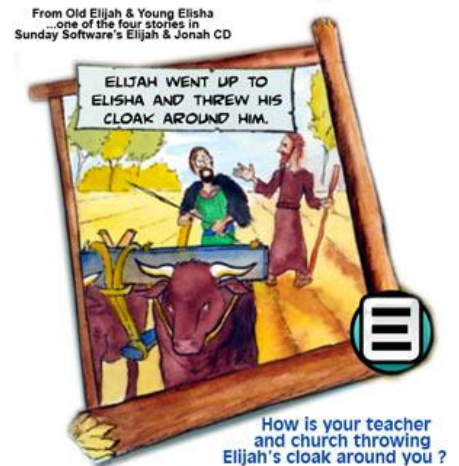
Complete the following questions which your teacher has checked:

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Page 1: Introduction

Page 2: Elijah goes to get Elisha

- Elisha is found plowing his parent's field. What does that tell you about him?
- Elisha said good-bye with a feast, what does that tell you about Elisha?
- Read the Study Note at the end of page 2. How are you like an apprentice when you come to church and Sunday School?

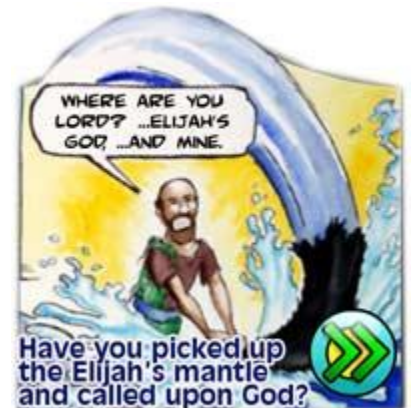


Page 3: Elijah asks Elisha to stay behind....

- Why did Elijah give Elisha the chance to stay behind and not follow him?

Page 4: Elijah and Elisha come to the Jordan River

- Name two of Elijah's qualities that Elisha needs to inherit to be a good prophet.



Page 5: Chariot of Fire

- What is the mantle?
- What kind of "mantles" are people leaving for you to pick up?
- Why do you think Elijah received such an impressive welcome from God?

Page 6: Elisha is sad, but must decide what to do next.

- What is the #1 thing that you think helped Elisha the most to make his decision?

Options at the End of Page 6:

- Elisha's Story Quiz (see second worksheet)
- What's in a Name
- Catch Me if You Can

Reminder: Don't forget the Elijah-Elisha Overview Game Quiz found on the main Elijah Menu!

ELI-JAH & ELI-SHUA

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

ELIJAH'S NAME:
"Eli" is the Hebrew word for "God"
"Jah" or "Yah-weh" is God's name as spoken to Moses. It means "I am"
Thus, Eli-jah's name means "God is Yahweh"

ELISHA'S NAME:
"Sha" or "Shua" in Hebrew means "saves" or "salvation"
Eli-sha or Eli-shua name means "God Saves"

JESUS' NAME:
Jesus' Hebrew name was pronounced "Yeshua" or "Jahshua" or "Joshua"
Thus.... Jesus' name is a combination of both Elijah and Elisha's names.
"Jah" + "Shua" = "Yahweh Saves"

OK

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Here are the answers, comments, and follow up questions found in the Elisha Quiz at the end of the story. Print this page as a teacher's guide, or give it to students to write down their answers to the questions, then discuss.

What are you called to do?

CORRECT!

They are all correct! A prophet is someone who **challenges others** to take God seriously, and live their lives in obedience to God's commands. Some of the prophets in the Old Testament spoke harsh words to sinful people. Jesus taught us to "speak the truth in love."
What does that mean?



Is everyone called to be a prophet?

CORRECT!

All followers of God will find themselves in a situation that demands that they speak up for what is right. Can you think of some of those situations where you should speak up? Some persons spend a good portion of their lives as prophets. It is their special gift.
Can you think of some prophets in your world who regularly speak out for God, -for the needs of the poor, and against injustice?



How are you called to be a prophet of God?

CORRECT!

God calls us through a variety of ways. Sometimes we hear that still small voice inside us. A person or organization, such as your church, can ask you to become a leader, and **stand up for what is right**. And sometimes the situation you find yourself in demands that you speak up, such as when you see an injustice, or need to be a peacemaker. Can you think of a time when you felt called to speak out?



Can you reject the mantle of Elijah?

CORRECT!

Yes, you can refuse God's call. God will be disappointed, but God will stay with you, working toward the day when you listen to his voice.

Elisha had a choice to make.

He could pick up the mantle, or leave it in the wilderness. He picked it up because he had learned from Elijah how important it was to be a prophet. Have you "picked up" (accepted) the prophet's mantle from someone?

Who in your family or church has helped you grow in your faith the most? Who could help you grow even more?

