LESSON PLAN

ELIJAH AND ELISHA

SERIES: Wisdom
THE POINT: A Wise Person Learns from Wise People
BIBLE STORY: Elijah and Elisha || 1 Kings 19:19-21, 2 Kings 2:1-15
AGE: Grade 3 - Grade 6

ABOUT THIS LESSON

In Week 3 of the "Wisdom" series, children explore the relationship between Elijah and Elisha. Elisha chose to follow Elijah closely, learning from him as he grew in faith and wisdom. Rather than trying to figure everything out on his own, Elisha stayed near someone who walked closely with God. This lesson helps children understand that wisdom often grows through relationships and that surrounding ourselves with wise, godly people helps us learn how to live well and love others like God does.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this lesson, students will:

- Learn, understand and retell the story of Elijah and Elisha
- Understand that, like Elisha, they can grow in wisdom by learning from wise people
- Recognise that a wise person to follow has a strong relationship with God and lives that out in their lives

BIBLE CONTEXT

In 1 Kings 19, God calls Elisha to follow Elijah. Elisha leaves his old life behind and commits himself fully to learning from Elijah. Over time, Elisha watches how Elijah listens to God, prays and leads. In 2 Kings 2, when Elijah is taken up to heaven, Elisha asks for a double portion of Elijah's spirit, not because he wants fame, but because he wants to serve God faithfully. God honours Elisha's request, and Elisha continues God's work with wisdom, faith and love. This story shows that wisdom is passed on through close, faithful relationships with people who follow God.

SERIES MEMORY VERSE

Proverbs 2:6 (NIV) "For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding."

Pages 2-4 have a variety of different activities to add onto the Link Crew Video!

Make this toolbox your own! Use it in whatever way helps your group dive deeper into the lesson. The goal is deep understanding and great discussions.

© LINK MINISTRIES NETWORK 2024

DISCUSSION GUIDE

ELIJAH AND ELISHA

START THE CONVERSATION

"Who is someone in your life that you look up to and learn from?"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS, GRADE 3 - 4

1. Elisha chose to follow Elijah and learn from him. What does this teach you about staying close to wise people? Who is someone wise you can learn from?

2. Elisha didn't just watch Elijah, he listened and followed him closely. How can listening to wise people help you make good choices? Who in your life is a wise person that you want to listen to?

3. Wisdom is more than knowledge it is lived out. How did Elisha show wisdom through his actions? How can you live out wisdom in how you treat others?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS, GRADE 5 - 6

1. Elisha stayed with Elijah through his entire journey. Why is commitment important when learning from someone wise? What can distract us from learning today?

2. Elisha asked for a double portion of Elijah's spirit. Why do you think Elisha wanted to grow even more in faith and wisdom? How does this challenge the way you think about spiritual growth?

3. Wise people help us follow God more closely. How can choosing wise friends and mentors help protect your faith and choices? Who are people in your life that you want to surround yourself with to help you grow in your wisdom?

FAITH IN ACTION

God often grows our wisdom through other people. When we listen to wise voices and stay close to those who love God, we learn how to live wisely. Think of one way you can learn from a wise person this week.

- "I can listen to advice from an adult who has a close relationship with God"
- "I can ask questions of wise people to help me grow in my wisdom."
- "I can intentionally ask someone who loves God to speak into my life."
- "I can learn by watching how wise people live out their faith."

Pray

Go around the class asking your kids if there is anything they would like prayer for. Ask if anyone would like to pray for each other, and give them the opportunity to. If not, then pray for the needs as the teacher / facilitator. Remember to pray for the children to surround themselves with wise people and to learn how to live from them.

Take note of any prayer requests to be passed onto your child's support network.

Lesson Wrap-up

Elisha grew in wisdom by learning from Elijah and staying close to God. Wisdom grows best in relationships. When we choose to learn from wise people and follow God together, we grow stronger in faith and love.

© LINK MINISTRIES NETWORK 2026

ACTIVITIES PAGE

ELIJAH AND ELISHA

ACTIVITY - MY WISE PEOPLE

Supplies Needed: Paper, Pens or Pencils

Have the children create a list of wise people who they can turn to when they need some guidance or wisdom. As the children think of people remind them that wise people are people who love God and have a close relationship with Him, and therefore share wisdom that is biblically accurate and aligns to God's love.

GAME - CHARADES/PICTIONARY/DESCRIBE THE WORD

Supplies Needed: Sheets of Paper, A pen per groups

Have a leader have a list of words for the children to draw, act out or describe. These can include anything from a Bible story, the application point of seeking wisdom and putting it into action to funny jokes, kids toys or child friendly pop culture references. Have at least 2 teams of students split equally and choose one child from each team to come and hear the word from the leader and if they are to draw, act or describe that word. On go all teams will have their appointed child to try to tell their team what the word is. The link at the end of this game you can draw to the point is the chosen children had to seek wisdom (learn what they had to do) from a leader and then put it into action by showing or telling it to their team.

BIBLE QUIZ

1. True or False: Elisha followed Elijah straight away. (True)

2. Short Answer: When Elijah said he was going away and told Elisha to stay here what did Elisha say back to him? I will stay with you no matter what

3. Short Answer: What did Elisha ask for before Elijah was taken up? (A double portion of Elijah's spirit.)

4. Short Answer: What miracle did Elijah and then later Elisha do? (part the river by slapping their coat on the ground.

5. Multiple Choice: What is the main lesson of this story? (b)
   a) Ask for Wisdom
   b) Wise people learn from wise people
   c) Work alone

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY: WRITING RELAY RACE

Memory Verse: Memory Verse: Proverbs 2:6 (NIV) "For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding."

Supplies Needed: Whiteboard/Butcher Paper, Whiteboard Markers

Have the children form 2 or more teams on the opposite side of the room to the whiteboard or butcher paper. Place the memory verse on that side of the room with them and allow them to look at it for 30 seconds. Then take it away and say 3,2,1 Go. One at a time a student has to run up to the whiteboard and write the correct word in the memory verse. Then they have to run back and pass the pen to the next person. Once the team has completed this they sit down to signal they are done!

GAME

You can find a list of small group games at https://lmnetwork.com.au/small-group-games/

© LINK MINISTRIES NETWORK 2024