



## L3.L43: Elisha

### 2 Kings 2-7

*Elijah the prophet was getting older and God decided it was time to appoint a new prophet in Israel to take his place. Under God's instruction, Elijah went to find the man God chose and met a certain young man named Elisha plowing a field with twelve yoke of oxen! (1 Kings 19:15-21) Without delay, Elisha left his home, his family, his oxen and began to serve and learn from Elijah in preparation for his new role as a spiritual leader in Israel. After learning what he could, the time came for Elisha to take over for Elijah. God was about to send Elijah away in a miraculous way, but the people would need to know that God was with Elisha. God had some exciting adventures planned for this courageous young leader, as well as number of miracles of his own.*

#### Discuss:

- Why do you think God wanted Elisha to spend time learning from Elijah before taking Elijah's position?
- Elisha performed his first miracle after Elijah his master was taken away. What was this first miracle? Why did God allow Elisha to perform miracles so soon after Elijah had gone?
- With God's help, Elisha performed many miracles. Which is your favorite of the miracles he performed? Why?
- What are some lessons we can learn from the story of Naaman and Elisha?
- The Syrians, enemies of Israel, wanted to capture Elisha because he had alerted the Israelites of their plans. How did Elisha's servant respond when he woke up to see the city surrounded by the Syrian army? How did Elisha respond? What can we learn from Elisha's example?
- What are some examples of Elisha's compassion?



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#### Memory Challenge:

1 Kings 2:9

And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?" Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me."