



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:
God Works Miracles through Elisha

Take Home Point:
Trust God...especially during hard times.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: God worked some miracles through Elisha to help people. Which of those people from today's lesson do you remember? (*Oil for poor widow, old Shunem woman had a son whom Elisha later brought back to life, Naaman's skin disease healed.*)

Select questions and adapt for your family.

God Time at Home

FOR STARTERS: Serve popcorn and ask if anyone had any hard kernels at the bottom of their bowl. Let everyone find one and share a time in his or her life that was really hard (difficult or challenging.) Ask, "Did this help you get closer to God or did you end up feeling he was farther away?"

READ THE BIBLE: 2 Kings 2:19-22, 4:1-37, and 5:1-14

KEY VERSE: Romans 8:28, "*We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God – those whom he has called according to his plan.*"

TALK ABOUT IT: How did Elisha purify the bad water in Jericho? (*2 Kings 2:20-21. He threw salt into the spring and quoted the Lord who said, "I have purified this water. No more deaths or crop failure will come from this water."*) How did Elisha help the widow so she would not lose her sons if she had no money? (*2 Kings 4:3,7. Elisha told her to borrow containers and the Lord filled them with oil for her to sell.*) What did Elisha promise the Shunem woman? (*2 Kings 4:16. That she would have a baby boy.*) Several years later, the Shunem woman's boy died. How did God help during this hard time? (*2 Kings 4:32-35. God used Elisha to bring the boy back to life.*) Naaman suffered from a skin disease called leprosy. How did God help Naaman? (*2 Kings 5:10-14. God used Elisha to help Naaman. Elisha told Naaman to dip in the Jordan River seven times and then he would be cured.*)

What do you think might have happened to the people in the Bible events if they had not called on Elisha, God's prophet, but instead, tried to fix the problems themselves? How did these events turn out for the good? Can you give examples in your life of hard times that ended up turning out for the good?

PRAYER POWER: Thank and praise God for helping family members through hard times in the past and/or ask God to help all to **trust God...especially during hard times* they are facing right now.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

FAMILY TIME OPTIONS: This week write down a list of friends or acquaintances that are going through especially hard times. Pray for their needs and let them know you are praying for them. Record ways God answered your prayers for them.

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