

2 Kings 2-8 - Elisha

1. **2 Kings 2:1-17** tells how Elisha succeeded Elijah. Three times Elijah said, "Stay here, for the Lord has sent men on ahead." And each time Elisha answered:
"As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, _____."
2. Elijah ascended into heaven in a fiery _____, but Elisha caught his _____ and received his _____.
3. Read **2 Kings 5:1-13**, the story of the Israelite prophet (Elisha), the Syrian general (Naaman) and the prophet's servant (Gehazi), and number these events from 1 to 10. (By the way, leprosy is a yucky, sometimes fatal, skin disease.)
_____ The king of Israel thought the king of Syria was trying to start a war.
_____ Naaman took lots of money and clothes from Syria to Israel.
_____ An Israelite slave girl told Naaman's wife that a prophet in Israel could heal him.
_____ Naaman was upset because Elisha didn't appear in person to pray for him.
_____ The king of Syria sent Naaman to the king of Israel with a letter.
_____ Naaman, a powerful Syrian general, had leprosy.
_____ The prophet Elisha told the king of Israel to send Naaman to him.
_____ Elisha told Naaman to wash seven times in the Jordan River.
_____ Naaman's servants talked him into washing in the Jordan.
_____ Naaman was upset because he thought he could have washed in a river in Syria.
4. Now read **2 Kings 5:14-27** and number these items in order from 11 to 20.
_____ Naaman praised the God of Israel and tried to give Elisha a gift.
_____ Naaman sent two bags of silver and some clothes back with Gehazi.
_____ Gehazi put the silver and clothes in his own house.
_____ Elisha refused to take Naaman's money and clothes.
_____ Gehazi told Naaman that Elisha needed some silver and clothes for two prophets.
_____ Naaman decided to take a wagonload of dirt back home so he could worship the Lord on Israelite soil.
_____ When Naaman bathed seven times in the Jordan, his skin was healed.
_____ Naaman's leprosy was inflicted upon Gehazi.
_____ Gehazi, Elisha's servant, ran after Naaman's chariot.
_____ Elisha confronted Gehazi with what the servant had done.

5. Is there a moral to the story of Gehazi's greed? How would you summarize it?

6. The story of the Rescue of Samaria is in **2 Kings 6:24-7:20**. Read it and match the following items, using all the letters.

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| _____ Benhadad | A. predicted the siege would end tomorrow |
| _____ Samaria | B. first to discover the abandoned camp |
| _____ 80 silver pieces | C. king of Syria, an enemy of Israel |
| _____ hungry woman | D. trampled to death by happy people |
| _____ king of Israel | E. cooked and ate her own son |
| _____ Elisha | F. fooled by Yahweh into fleeing their camp |
| _____ attendant | G. cost of 10 pounds of wheat after siege |
| _____ Syrians | H. blamed Elisha for the siege and famine |
| _____ diseased men | I. cost of donkey's head during siege |
| _____ gate guards | J. didn't believe food would arrive |
| _____ charioteers | K. took news to the palace |
| _____ one silver piece | L. capital city of Kingdom of Israel |
| | M. discovered enemy's abandoned camp |

7. Is there a moral to the story of Samaria's rescue? How would you summarize it?