

**Story Time - Read the story to the children**  
**Lesson 101: ELIJAH CHOOSES ELISHA**  
**1 KINGS 19:19-21**

The LORD told Elijah to leave and go to the desert near Damascus and to find Hazael, and anoint him and make him king of Syria, then to find Jehu and anoint him and to appoint him as king of Israel, and then to find Elisha, the son of Shaphat, and anoint him and appoint him to be prophet in Elijah's place. So Elijah left from there and found Elisha, son of Shaphat, plowing a field with twelve yoke of oxen in before him (which means twelve pairs of oxen were in front of him), and he was with the twelfth pair. Elijah went over and put his own cloak on Elisha. Elisha stopped plowing and ran after him. "Let me kiss my parents good-bye, then I'll go with you," he said. Elijah said, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" Elisha left and took his oxen with him. He killed them and boiled them over a fire he had made with the wood from his plow. He gave the meat to the people who were with him, and they ate it. Then he got up and went after Elijah and became his assistant.

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“So he left there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and put his cloak upon him.”

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## **MEMORY VERSE:**

“So he left from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him.” 1 KINGS 19:19

## **TRUE OR FALSE**

1. Elijah found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was swimming with twelve yoke of oxen.  
TRUE or FALSE
2. Then Elijah passed by him and put his own cloak on him.”  
TRUE or FALSE
3. Elisha would not leave the oxen or run after Elijah. TRUE or FALSE
4. Elisha wanted to kiss his father and his mother, then he was going to follow Elijah. TRUE or FALSE
5. Elijah told him, “No – don’t go back. You must stay here with me.”  
TRUE or FALSE

## **ANSWER THE QUESTIONS**

1. Why was Elijah going to find Elisha? What did the LORD tell him to do?
2. Did Elijah go and find Elisha, the son of Shaphat?
3. When Elijah found Elisha, what did he do? Did he put his own cloak on him?
4. What did Elisha ask Elijah to do? Did he want to go back and kiss his father and his mother? Was he going to tell them goodbye?
5. When Elijah told Elisha to go ahead and go, what did Elisha do? Did he kill all the oxen, and cook the meat and give it to all the people?
6. After Elisha ate with the people, what did he do? Did he go follow after Elijah?

## LESSON 101 Just for Fun Memory Verse Game

Take post-it notes and write one word of the memory verse on each post-it, and put them all up on the board, scrambled up. Have one student at a time take each note and put it in the right order.

If you don't have post-its, you can use a bulletin board and push-pins or you can simply use tape and paper, taping the words to the wall!

Do this activity several times (don't forget to include the 'address' of the memory verse) until the children have learned their memory verse!

### LESSON 101 OPTIONAL ACTIVITY

#### Who Will You Follow?

Before you begin this activity, set up an obstacle course, using books, tables, chairs, wastebaskets, etc. Have the children get back into the same pairs from the previous activity. Have one child be the leader and the other child, the follower. The follower will have the cloth gently tied over their eyes as a blindfold so that they cannot see. The job of the leader will be to guide their partner through the obstacle course successfully.

Allow all of the children to have a turn going through the course. Take turns as to who can be the leader. After everyone has had a turn, have the children gather together. Ask the children to share their experiences. As the follower, was it easy to get from one place to another? As the leader, was it easy to give directions? Is it easy for us to follow the Lord when we do not always understand or see what is ahead? Do you think it was easy or hard for Elisha to leave everything and follow Elijah? What if Jesus asks us to forsake all and follow Him? We will have to rely on Him like our blindfolded person had to rely on their leader to get them through the path.

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#### PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to seek the Lord's will for their lives and be faithful to obey His plans. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.