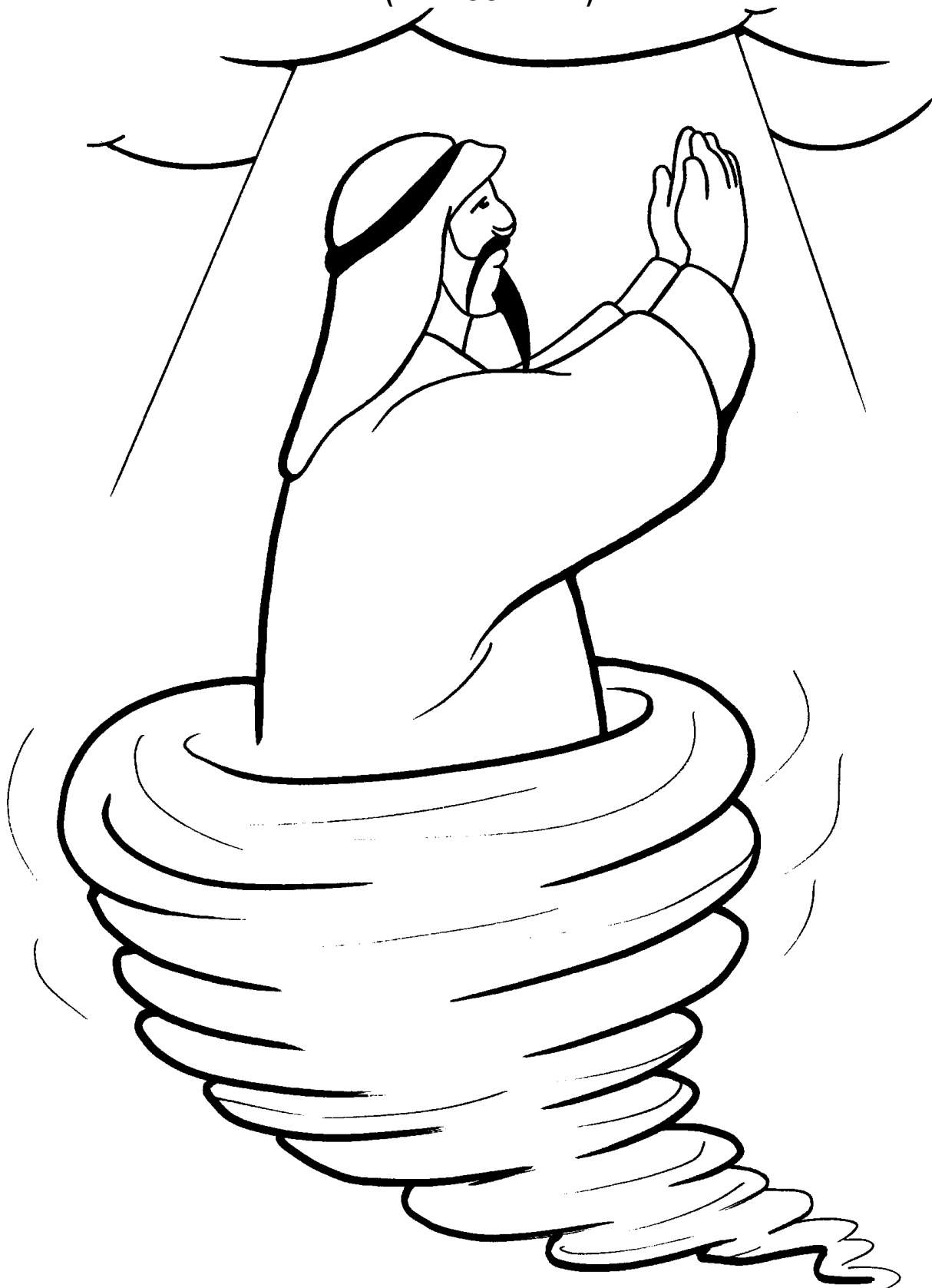


Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 102: ELIJAH IS TAKEN TO HEAVEN
2 KINGS 2:1-11

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah went with Elisha when they left Gilgal. And Elijah said to Elisha, "The Lord wants me to go to Beth-el, but you must stay here." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you. So they went down to Beth-el. And at Beth-el a group of prophets who lived there came out to Elisha and said, "Has it been made clear to you that the Lord is going to take away your master from over you today?" And he said, "Yes, I know about it: now be silent - say no more." Then Elijah said to him, "The Lord wants me to go to Jericho, please stay here." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." So they went on to Jericho. And at Jericho the some prophets living there came up to Elisha and said to him, "Has it been made clear to you that the Lord is going to take away your master from over you today?" And he answered, "Yes, I know about it: now be silent - say no more." Then Elijah said to him, "The Lord wants me to go to the Jordan River." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." So they went on together. Fifty prophets followed Elijah and Elisha from Jericho, then stood at a distance and watched as the two men walked toward the Jordan River. Then Elijah took off his robe, rolled it up, and hit the water with it, and the waters parted, flowing back on both sides, so that they went across on dry land. And when they got to the other side, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what you want me to do for you before I am taken away from you." And Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be on me." And Elijah said, "You have made a hard request: but - if you see me when I am taken away from you, you will get what you ask; but if not, you won't get it." And while they were going along the way, talking with each other, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared, separating the two of them and Elijah went up in a whirlwind into heaven.

102. ELIJAH IS TAKEN TO HEAVEN

(2 KINGS 2:1-11)



“Suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up in a whirlwind into heaven.”

2 Kings 2:11

102. ELIJAH IS TAKEN TO HEAVEN

2 KINGS 2:1-11

MEMORY VERSE:

"Suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up in a whirlwind into heaven." 2 KINGS 2:11

TRUE OR FALSE

1. Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah went with Elisha when they left Gilgal. TRUE or FALSE
2. Then Elijah told Elisha, please stay here because the LORD wants me to go to Beth-el, and Elisha said, "I will stay here!" TRUE or FALSE
3. A group of prophets at Beth-el told Elisha "Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?" TRUE or FALSE
4. Elijah told Elisha, "Elisha, stay here, please, for the LORD wants me to go to Jericho." And Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives I will not leave you!" TRUE or FALSE
5. Each time Elijah told Elisha to stay where they were, Elisha would not leave Elijah alone. TRUE or FALSE

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. When they were going to the Jordan River, what did Elijah do with his cloak? Did he roll it up and hit the water with it?
2. What happened when Elijah hit the water with his rolled up cloak? Did it part, so that they could walk across on dry land?
3. When they walked across the river, what did Elijah ask Elisha? Did he ask him what he wanted him to do for him?
4. What did Elisha ask Elijah to do? Did he ask for a double portion of his spirit?
5. Did Elijah tell Elisha that he could do it? What had to happen before Elisha could get a double portion of Elijah's spirit? Did he have to see him as the LORD took him away?
6. What happened as they were going along their way talking? What appeared? What happened to Elijah?

BONUS QUESTION!! Who else parted some water so that all the Israelites could cross over on dry land?

ELIJAH & THE FIRE HORSE CHARIOT



LESSON 102 ACTIVITY/CRAFT

Follow in my Footsteps

For this activity you will need a sheet of white construction paper and markers for each child. Before class trace the outline of one of your feet on each sheet of paper. During class, hand out one of these sheets to each of the children. Have the children set their same foot into the footprint and trace their foot. Ask the children if their footprint is larger or smaller? Next, have the children write to the side "Follow in the footsteps of Jesus." Then, they can color the picture.

Remind the children that Elisha followed Elijah everywhere he went. Even if it seemed kind of strange, like turning around and going back to a place they had already been. This is a good example of how we need to follow Jesus. Every step that Jesus makes we need to follow close behind. Let's make sure that we are following our master and teacher, Jesus.

Super Sun Visor

This craft you can do just for fun. You will need the visor template included with the curriculum, copied onto cardstock paper, scissors, a hole punch, crayons or markers, string or yarn, and clear contact paper.

Copy a visor template onto cardstock for each child in your class. Allow the children to color the visor using crayons or markers. Cut out the visor. Cover with clear contact paper. Use hole punch to put holes in the areas indicated. Precut two pieces of yarn or string approximately 12 inches long. Place into the holes and tie in a knot.

Have the children put the visor on and tie both strings together in the back. Next, stay cool in the sun.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord for His awesomeness and power. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.