

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 105: ELISHA AND THE SHUNAMMITE WOMAN
2 KINGS 4:8-17

One day Elisha went to Shunem, where an important woman lived. She asked Elisha to stop and eat at her house. So every time Elisha went through that place, he stopped there to eat. The woman said to her husband, "Look, I can see that Elisha is a holy man of God. He passes by our house all the time. Please, let's make a little room on the roof for him. Let's put a bed in this room and a table, a chair, and a lampstand. Then when he comes to our house, he can have this room for himself." One day Elisha came to the woman's house. He went to this room and rested there. Elisha said to his servant Gehazi, "Call this Shunammite woman." The servant called the Shunammite woman, and she stood in front of Elisha. Elisha told his servant, "Now say to her, 'Look, you have done your best to take care of us. What can we do for you? Do you want us to speak to the king for you, or to the captain of the army?'" She answered, "I am fine living here among my own people." Elisha said to Gehazi, "What can we do for her?" He answered, "I know! She does not have a son, and her husband is old." Then Elisha said, "Call her." So Gehazi called the woman. She came and stood at his door. Elisha said, "About this time next spring, you will be holding your own baby boy in your arms." The woman said, "No, my lord! O man of God, don't lie to me!" But the woman did become pregnant and gave birth to a son that next spring, just as Elisha had said.

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MEMORY VERSE:

“And she said to her husband, ‘Look now, I know this is a holy man of God’.” **2 KINGS 4:9**

TRUE OR FALSE

1. Elisha went to Shunem, where there was an important woman who invited him to come to her house to eat. TRUE or FALSE
2. She said to her husband, ‘Look now, I know this is a man of God, and he passes by us all the time.’ TRUE or FALSE
3. She told her husband to take Elisha to a nice hotel to stay. TRUE or FALSE
4. Elisha told Gehazi his servant to go and bring the woman to him so he could ask her what he could do for her. TRUE or FALSE
5. The woman told Elisha that she wanted money. TRUE or FALSE

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. What did the woman tell Elisha when he offered to help her? Did she say she was okay living with her own people?
2. What did Gehazi Elisha’s servant say would be a good thing to give this woman? Was it a son?
3. What did Elisha tell the woman? Did he tell her that she was going to have a son?
4. What did the woman say to Elisha? Did she tell him not to lie to her?
5. Was Elisha lying? Did she have a son, just like Elisha told her she would?

Lesson 105 – Act it out!

Have the children take turns – one can be Elisha, one can play Gehazi his servant, one can play the Shunammite woman, and the other can be the Shunammite woman's husband.

- Elisha comes by the woman's house, and she asks him to please come inside and eat.
- Elisha goes in and eats. Then he leaves with Gehazi his servant, and comes back again two or three times.
- Let the children pretend to sit down and eat some food.
- After Elisha and Gehazi leave the third or fourth time, have the woman tell her husband "I know this is a man of God – let's make a little room for him so he can stay here"
- Let the woman and her husband pretend to put a chair or two together in a corner of the room.
- Let Elisha and Gehazi go to their 'room' and talk
- Elisha asks Gehazi to bring the woman there.
- Gehazi brings the woman to Elisha, and Elisha asks her what he can do for her because she was so nice to him.
- The woman tells Elisha she is fine and doesn't need anything.
- The woman leaves, then Elisha asks Gehazi what they can give her, and Gehazi tells Elisha to give her a son.
- Elisha tells the woman that she will have a son, and the woman tells Elisha not to lie to her.
- Elisha tells the woman it is true, and she is very happy!

You can re-play the story with several children so they all get a turn playing one character. This also helps them learn the story!

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY

Practice Your Hospitality

This activity would be fun to do during snack time, that way the children can be hospitable with the snacks & drinks & napkins. Bring to class some dishes, silverware, glasses or other items that might be used to display hospitality. Divide the class into two teams. One team will be the servants, and the other team will be the recipients. Have the servants serve the recipients and be hospitable towards them. They can act out what it might be like to have them over for dinner and what kinds of things they would do to show hospitality. After a short time, switch roles. Ask the children which team they thought were the best servants. Perhaps you can award a small prize.

LESSON: God loves hospitality and thankfulness!

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thankfulness for the kindness that the Lord and others have shown in their lives. Ask the Lord to help us be more hospitable and willing to serve. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.