Story Time - Read the story to the children Lesson 111: THE SHUNAMMITE WOMAN'S LAND IS RESTORED 2 KINGS 8:1-6

Elisha talked to the woman whose son he had brought back to life. He said, "You and your family should move to another country, because the LORD has decided that there will be a famine here. It will last for seven years." So the woman did what the man of God said. She went with her family to stay in the land of the Philistines for seven years. After seven years she returned from the land of the Philistines. She went to speak with the king to ask him to help her get back her house and land. The king was talking with Gehazi, the servant of the man of God. The king said to Gehazi, "Please tell me all the great things Elisha has done." Gehazi was telling the king about Elisha bringing a dead person back to life. At that same time the woman whose son Elisha brought back to life went to the king. She wanted to ask him to help her get back her house and land. Gehazi said, "My lord and king, this is the woman, and this is the son who Elisha brought back to life." The king asked the woman what she wanted, and she told him. Then the king chose an officer to help her. The king said, "Restore all that was hers, and all the proceeds of the field from the day that she left the land until now."



111. THE SHUNAMMITE WOMAN'S LAND IS RESTORED 2 KINGS 8:1-6

MEMORY VERSE:

"Restore all that was hers, and all the proceeds of the field from the day that she left the land until now." **2 KINGS 8:6**

TRUE OR FALSE

- **1.** Elisha spoke to the woman whose son had been raised from the dead. TRUE or FALSE
- Elisha told the woman that they needed to move to another country because the LORD was sending a storm upon the land for seven years. TRUE or FALSE
- **3.** After seven years the woman returned from the land of the Philistines. TRUE or FALSE
- **4.** The woman went to see the Philistines to ask them to get her land back. TRUE or FALSE
- **5.** Gehazi was talking to the king when the woman returned to ask for her land back. TRUE or FALSE

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

- 1. Why did Elisha tell the woman that they had to move to another country?
- 2. Where did the woman take her family to live? Was it in the land of the Philistines?
- **3.** How long did they live in the land of the Philistines? Was it for seven years?
- **4.** When the woman came back, why did she want to see the king? Did she want to get her land back?
- **5.** Who was talking with the king when the woman came back? Was it Gehazi, Elisha's servant?
- 6. Did the king give the woman her land back? What else did she get? Was it all the money from her crops for the last seven years?

OPEN THE DOOR OPTIONAL CRAFT FOR LESSON 111

When we need help we should always go to the Lord to ask Him for help! Jesus said in Luke 11:9 - "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." This craft will help us to remember to come to the Lord.

You will need two sheets of construction paper per child, one can be any color and the other should be brown. You will also need scissors, glue, and markers. Have the children cut out a door from the brown paper. They can decorate the door by using a marker. Have them glue the door to the other sheet of construction paper. Leave enough room for writing around the top, bottom and sides of the door. On the left side of the door write "Ask" vertically. On the top of the door write "Seek" horizontally. On the right side, write "Knock" vertically. On the bottom, write Luke 11:9. On the inside of the door write "and it will be opened to you!" Allow the children to color or decorate their craft with other items. Remind them that this is what is pictured when the Shunammite woman went to the king to ask for help. We can go to the Lord, our King, anytime to ask for His help.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving for God's care toward us and commitment to trust and obey Him. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.