



ELEMENTARY LESSON
WEEK 4



BIG IDEA

God does amazing things!

THE BIBLE

Elijah and the Chariot of Fire: 2 Kings 2;
(John 14:12)

WHAT? What are we talking about today?

MUSIC | Worship

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Spend some time in worship with these songs *"This is Amazing Grace"* by Bethel Music Kids and *"Amazing"* by Shout Praises Kids.

ACTIVITY | The Most Amazing Thing Ever

- We've been talking about the amazing things God has done.
- Today, I want to know what amazing things you've seen God do!
- Share some of the amazing things God has done in your life or in the life of someone you know.
- It can be encouraging for us to hear what God has done in the lives of others.
- Today's story is about one more amazing thing God did for Elijah.

ACTIVITY | True or False

- Tell me if the following is true or false. Stand up if you think it is true, and stay sitting if you think it is false.
- God sent ten plagues to Egypt. (*True*)
- Jesus fed 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. (*True*)
- God helped Moses to split the Red Sea to help the Israelites get across. (*True*)
- Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. (*True*)
- The walls of Jericho fell after the Israelites marched around the city. (*True*)
- Those are just a few of the amazing things God has done. Today, we'll hear about another.

THE BIG IDEA | God does amazing things!

SO WHAT? Why does it matter to God and to us?

VIDEO | Amazed, Episode 4

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's lesson video.

SCRIPTURE | 2 Kings 2



- So, far, we have been hearing about all the amazing things God did through the prophet, Elijah. God helped him to bring a young boy back to life. He won a challenge against the prophets of Baal, the false god. When Elijah grew so tired and felt so alone that he wanted to give up and end it all, God spoke to him in a whisper on the mountain. And what comes next is amazing, too.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Retell the story from 2 Kings 2, and read from the Bible when prompted.*
- God was going to take Elijah up to heaven. But who would carry on the work Elijah was doing? God told Elijah that he was to train Elisha to be the next prophet.
- **Let's read 2 Kings 2:8-10.** Elisha wanted to do things for God just like Elijah!
- As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this, cried out, and didn't see Elijah anymore.
- Did Elisha get what he asked for? **Let's see in 2 Kings 2:13-14.** Yes! Elisha inherited the blessings of Elijah and God did some amazing things through Elisha after Elijah was taken to heaven.
- Wow! God did some amazing things with Elijah, especially with that final amazing feat when Elijah was taken to heaven. And God planned to do more amazing things through Elisha. Isn't that AMAZING?!

OBSERVATION | God Delivers

- How have ever had something delivered to you? What are your favorite things to get delivered? Pizza? Packages from Amazon?
- Amazon delivers amazing things. But they're all things you have to pay for. Even if you're a Prime member.
- But God delivered the most amazing gift to us. And it's free! No shipping! No tax! Just as God delivered Elijah to heaven, when we believe in Jesus, God will give us a way to heaven through Jesus.

SCRIPTURE | John 14:12

- Jesus said whoever believes will do the works Jesus has been doing and will do even greater things than Jesus.
- God does not just do amazing things in the Bible. God does amazing things right now. God performed miracles back then, and God performs them now.
- Just like God took Elijah to heaven, one day, Jesus will come back for us to take us to heaven. Now, that is something amazing we can look forward to!

PRAYER

- Thank You, God, for the life of Elijah. Thank You for the amazing things You did for him and thank You for the amazing things you do for me, too.

DISCUSSION

- **Where did God take Elijah?**
- **What did Elijah use to split the water at the Jordan River?**
- **How did God take Elijah to heaven?**
- **Read 2 Kings 2:11. How can you help others to meet Jesus so they, too, can go to heaven?**
- **How can you deliver God's message in your school?**
- **What are some other amazing stories from the Bible you can share with others?**
- **What are some ways you can show others God is amazing?**

MEMORY VERSE | Deuteronomy 7:21 (NIV)