



THE BIG IDEA | It's AMAZING! God does amazing things!

Elementary

SCRIPTURE | Elijah and the Chariot of Fire: 2 Kings

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?!

ACTIVITY | Fireworks in a Jar

INSTRUCTIONS: *In a bowl, pour two to three tablespoons of cooking oil. Add three to five drops of each watercolor paint color. Use a spoon to stir the paint into the oil. The two will not mix, but stirring will help to break the paint apart. Then, carefully pour the oil into a jar of water. The oil will settle at the top of the jar after a minute. The watercolors, however, will actually begin to shoot down, slowly mixing into the water to create a "fireworks" effect! The watercolors will continue to shoot down like fireworks until all of the paint has fallen from the oil.*

Now, we couldn't use real fire like in our story, but this is pretty amazing, too!

DISCUSSION

Do you think God is amazing? Why?

Read 2 Kings 2:11. How can you help others to meet Jesus so they, too, can go to heaven? What are some ways you can show others God is amazing?

PRAYER

- Thank You, God, for showing us how amazing You are! You did some amazing things in the Bible and You do so many amazing things for me!

MEMORY VERSE | Deuteronomy 7:21

