



WEEK 4

ELEMENTARY LESSON GUIDE



BIG IDEA

God does amazing things!

THE BIBLE

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

LARGE GROUP TIME

Champions meet in the Youth Room for worship.

WHAT? *What are we talking about today?*

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!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Ask the kids to choose a partner and spread out throughout your space.*
- Tell your partner 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.

THE BIG IDEA | God does amazing things!

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *The Big Idea can be presented with these hand motions:*
- **God** [Raise both of your arms, making a V shape.]
- **does amazing things** [Open your hands and make a big circle with spirit fingers.]

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



VIDEO | Amazed, Episode 4

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's [teaching 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?!

OBJECT LESSON | Don't Put God in a Box

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Label a small box with "GOD" written in all caps. Then, crush the box at the end.
- Boxes are for storing things. **What do you put in a box?**
- Do you put God in a box? Putting God in a box means you're limiting what God can do... you may think God can't heal this person, or change this person, or not be able to provide for you. Often, we put God "in a box" because what we want God to do seems too big to actually happen.
- God did amazing things for Elijah. God can also do amazing things in your life. Don't limit what God can do by putting God in a box.

OBJECT LESSON | God Delivers

- How many of you have ever had something delivered to you? What are your favorite things to get delivered? Pizza? Packages from Amazon?
- Let me show you some of the most random things you can order on Amazon and have delivered to your house.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Show images from Amazon of these examples: a beard straightener, kitty potty training kit, pizza riding a scooter lunch box. You can also find your own examples.



AMAZED | WEEK 4 ELEMENTARY LESSON

- 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.

NOW WHAT? *What does God want us to do about it?*

ACTIVITY | Deliver Elijah

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Divide the group into two teams. Choose one kid on each team to be "Elijah." Elijah will be taken to "heaven," which will be the other side of the room. The rest of the kids will be the "chariots of fire," by lining "Elijah's" path to heaven while on their hands and knees. When "Elijah" steps over them, they will go to the other side to create more steps for "Elijah" to step on. The first team to get "Elijah" to the other side wins.*

SMALL GROUP TIME

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?



ACTIVITY | Story Cards

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Provide a copy of this week's printable for each kid. Have them cut out each card and bind it together using a stapler. Have them pair up and take turns retelling today's Bible story using the pictures.*

MEMORY VERSE | Deuteronomy 7:21 (NIV)