

**Lesson 3:**

**Elisha God's Wonder Worker**

**AIM:**

- General:** 1) To introduce the prophet Elisha- Elijah's successor- his call and character.  
2) To look at some of the miracles worked through Elisha and compare them with Jesus' miracles.  
3) To show that through these miracles God showed His mercy and kindness towards His people, just as Jesus did centuries later.

- Personal:** 1) To help the children look upon God as a kind and merciful God, ever ready to meet our needs.  
2) To encourage them to turn to Him with their needs, with faith.

**STARTER:** 'Opposite Game' and Follow up [10 mins]

(Announce the 'Opposite Game.' Ask everyone to think of a few words to describe a person and write them down. Tell them to stand and be ready. As soon as they are given the ruler/baton. They must say the opposite of the word just said. Then they give it to anyone else in the class (quickly) saying another adjective. The Person receiving the baton gives the opposite and then passes it on to someone else saying a new word...etc. As they finish their turn, they sit down. This continues till all the children are seated, if someone takes too long to answer (10 Seconds), they remain standing and the baton is passed to someone else. Later they can be asked again (e.g. *bold - timid/shy, fat - thin, ugly - pretty, happy- sad, tall - short big - small, kind - unkind, dirty-clean, mad - sane friendly – unfriendly*)

**Follow-up Discussion**

This game was just to get you thinking and alert, but it has some connection with today's lesson. Before Elijah died, he had to "pass the baton" onto someone to carry his job.

- ⇒ Who was this new prophet (Elisha)  
You passed on the action just now by handing the ruler over to the next person.
- ⇒ How did Elijah do it? Find the answer in *1 Kings, Chapter 19*.  
(By throwing his cloak' mantle over him)
- ⇒ What was Elisha's response to Elijah's action? During the game, some of you answered very fast and some took longer. Was he quick to respond or slow?  
*[At first he wanted to delay to go back to his parents, but later he showed he was ready to leave his old life]*
- ⇒ What action showed he was ready to put his life behind him? [He burned the yoke and killed oxen as a sacrificial meal]

We were talking about opposites just now Elijah and Elisha were, in some ways, quite different from each other. Elijah was rough, bold, fiery Elisha was a gentler person, coming from a well-to-do family. Elijah was always alone, only coming into society when he had a

job to do... Elisha was a man among men. He moved among the people and worked along with a band of prophets. God needs different kinds of people for different jobs... be happy that you are different!

**INPUT:** (18mins)

We often remember Elisha for the different miracles he worked. Through his miracles he showed that God was a loving friend, ready to help, heal and provide for his people.

Do you know someone else who gave this same message in the same way? [*Jesus*]

A. Divide the class into 3 groups Give each group one of the following references-

① 2 Kings 5 : I - 15; Luke 17: II - 19

② 2 Kings -1:1- 7; John 2:1- 10

③ 2 Kings 4 : 18-37; Luke 8 : 49 - 56

Ask the group to read both references then prepare to 1) act the first one 2) give a short comparison between Jesus's miracle and Elisha's. Give them not more than 10 minutes to prepare. The acting must bring out how kind and good God is- the person who is helped shows this.

B. Each group acts Elisha's story followed by a brief 1/2 minute talk on Jesus' parallel miracle.

C. After this if time permits students fill in and colour the space for Elisha in their 'Prophet Frieze' They write what they have learnt about the prophet and what his main message was. (*If time is short this can be done at home*)

**PRAYER:** (15mins)

*(Sit together in a prayer circle and become aware of God's presence)*

--Many of us deep down, feel God in stern, hard... or not bothered about me. Today we realise that God is very much interested in you... your needs. Picture Jesus standing in front of you, ready to help you... take a step towards Him and tell Him what you really need... health, peace, healing of a broken relationship., concentration to study... maybe even a material need

--With full trust place your need in Jesus' hands...Slowly open your eyes...

***Stand and Sing Together:*** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."