

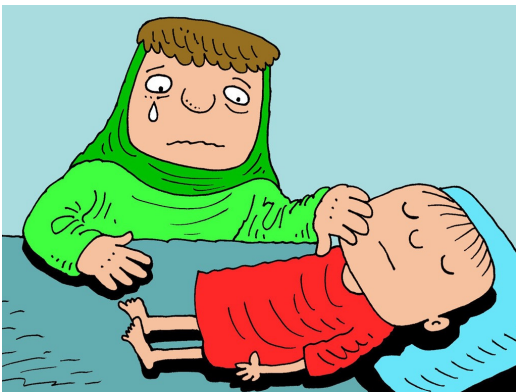
God heals the Shunammite Woman's Son - 2 Kings 4:18-37

The Shunammite woman had been extremely kind to Elisha the prophet, cooking him meals and preparing him a little room and because of this God gave her a baby.



The child grew up but one day he went out to his father, who was with the men harvesting grain. The boy said to his father, "My head! My head!"

The father said to his servant, "Carry him to his mother!" The servant took him to his mother. He lay on his mother's lap until noon. Then he died. She took him up and laid him on Elisha the prophet's bed. Then she shut the door and went out.



She called to her husband. She said, "Send me one of the servants and one of the donkeys. Then I can go quickly to the man of God and come back."

The woman's husband said, "Why do you want to go to him today? It isn't the New Moon or the Sabbath day." She said, "It will be all right."

Then she saddled the donkey and said to her servant, "Lead on. Don't slow down for me unless I tell you." So she went to Elisha at Mount Carmel.

Elisha saw her coming from far away. So he said to his servant Gehazi, "Look, there's the Shunammite woman! Run to meet her! Say to her, 'Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is the child all right?'"

She answered, "Everything is all right."

Then she came to Elisha at the hill. She caught hold of his feet.



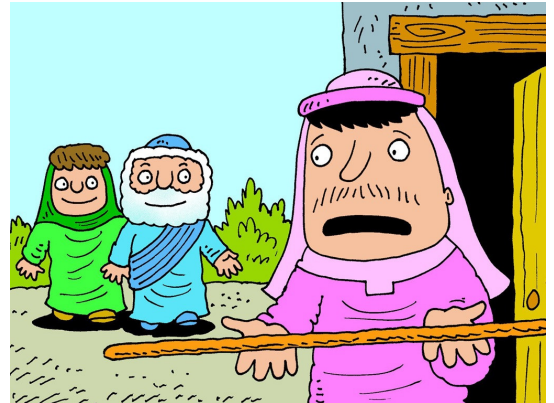


Gehazi came near to pull her away. But Elisha said to him, "Let her alone. She's very upset, and the Lord has not told me about it. He has hidden it from me."

She said, "Master, I didn't tell you I wanted a son. I told you, 'Don't trick me.'"

Then Elisha said to Gehazi, "Get ready. Take my walking stick in your hand and go quickly. If you meet anyone, don't greet him. If anyone greets you, don't answer him. Lay my walking stick on the face of the boy."

But the child's mother said, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I won't leave you!" So he got up and followed her. Gehazi went on ahead. He laid the walking stick on the child's face. But the child did not talk or move. Then Gehazi went back to meet Elisha. He told Elisha, "The child has not awakened."



Elisha came into the house. There was the child, lying dead on his bed. When Elisha entered the room, he shut the door. Only he and the child were in the room. Then Elisha prayed to the Lord. He went to the bed and lay on the child. He put his mouth on the child's mouth. He put his eyes on the child's eyes and his hands on the child's hands. He stretched himself out on top of the child. Then the child's skin became warm. Elisha turned away and walked around the room. Then he went back and put himself on the child again. Then the child sneezed seven times and opened his eyes.



Elisha called Gehazi and said, “Call the Shunammite lady!” And he did. When she came, Elisha said, “Pick up your son.” She came in and fell at Elisha’s feet. She bowed facedown to the floor. Then she picked up her son and went out.



Isn't that a wonderful story! The Woman from Shunem, a village in Israel, had been so kind to Elisha that God had rewarded her with the wonderful gift of a son. Sadly, the son had died but God in his mercy and kindness restored him!

Children, as God is kind to us, we should be kind to others. No act of kindness is ever wasted. The woman in Shunem was thrilled to have her son back.

It says in God's word...

1 John 3:18

18 My children, our love should not be only words and talk. Our love must be true love. And we should show that love by what we do.

So this means that whether we are at home or at school, we show that we love God and each other by being kind and forgiving. Remember God loves to help us.

Dear Lord,

Thank you for your wonderful love. Help us to show love to people around us, at home and at school by the kind things we do.

Amen

Links to watch the story on You tube

<https://youtu.be/pKJZaQGuY3Y>. Heather tells the story

<https://youtu.be/W72gCrRUy-s>





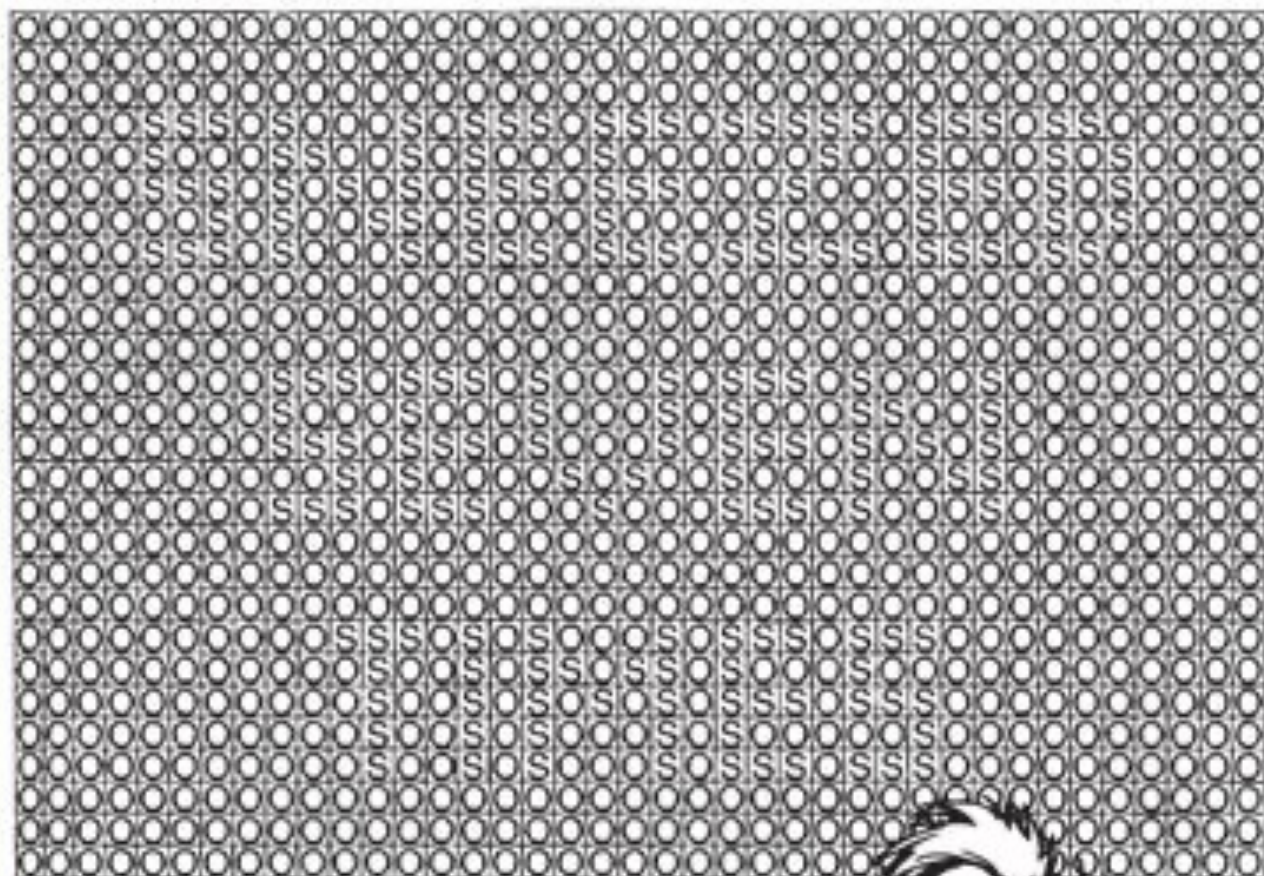


God Answers Elisha's Prayer

**God Brings a
Boy Back to
Life**

—2 Kings 4

The Shunammite woman's son had died.
Elisha went into the room where the boy was
and prayed to the Lord. When God healed the boy, the boy did something.
Color in all the spaces that contain the letter S to find out what the boy did.



AND OPENED HIS EYES.



