

Elisha takes over from Elijah - 2 Kings 2:1-14



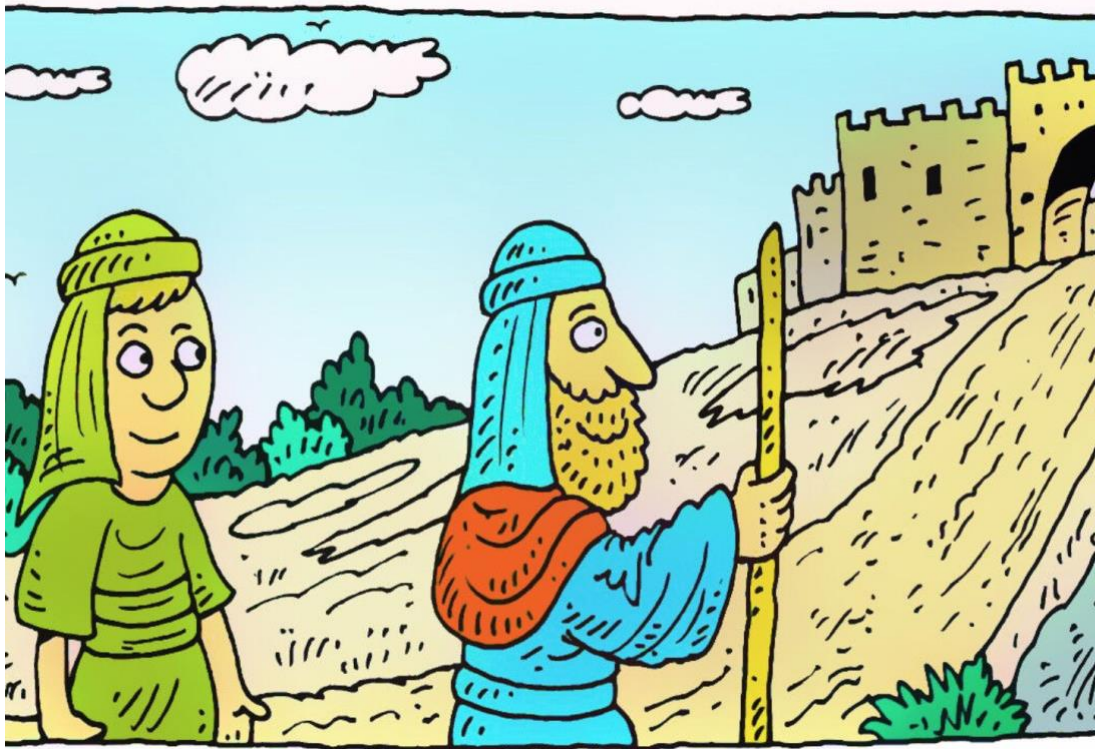
Elijah was a prophet. He knew that his work on earth was finished. He told Elisha that God had chosen him to carry on the work when he was gone.



"Stay here," said Elijah, "I am going to heaven today."

"I will not leave you," Elisha replied.

They walked to Bethel. "Stay here," said Elijah



"I am going to heaven today." Said Elijah
"I will not leave you." Elisha replied
They walked to the town of Jericho
"Stay here," said Elijah



When they came to the River Jordan, Elijah hit the water with his cloak.
The water divided leaving a dry path to walk across the river.
"Stay here," said Elijah



Then they saw a chariot of fire.
It drove between Elisha and Elijah separation them.



Elijah's work on earth was finished.
God sent a swirling wind to take Elijah to heaven.
His cloak fell to the ground



Elisha picked up the cloak and he prayed that God would be with him.
Then Elisha went to tell the people about God.



At the River Jordan, Elisha hit the water with Elijah's cloak.
The water divided and God made a path across the river.
God was with the prophet Elisha too.

What an amazing story! I wonder how Elisha felt when Elijah told him that he was going to heaven on that day.

What do you think?

I think he probably felt a bit sad because he would miss Elijah and also a bit worried about having to go on doing God's work without him. But God knew he needed some encouragement.

After a rather difficult day with the young prophets reminding him constantly that Elijah was to be taken away, Elisha must still have been amazed to see the river part so they could cross it. Then there was the fiery chariot and the whirlwind that took Elijah away just as he had said it would. But then he picked up Elijah's cloak and when he got to the river the water's parted, just as they had for Elijah. What an encouragement! He knew that God was with him.

Sometimes when things change we can feel sad or worried or sometimes excited, but whatever happens we can know that God is always with us.

Jesus said to the disciples,

"You can be sure that I will be with you always."

Matthew 28:20

Prayer



Thank you Jesus that you love us so much.

Thank you Jesus that you promised to be with us always.

Thank you Jesus that you show us what to do and that you gives us the strength and encouragement that we need.

Please help us to trust you more.

Amen

Links

Holy Tales - (6 mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GxISwGqqkK8>

Children's bible story - (2½mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LyVKpOVSg7Y>

Crossroads Kids club - (5mins) - A quick overview of Elijah's life.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2T5gAXoerjw>

Illustrations used in this week's story

<https://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/rg-elijah-elisha/>

<https://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/lis-elijah-elisha/>



Elijah is taken to Heaven - 2 Kings 2:1-18



Elijah taken up to Heaven - 2 Kings 2:1-18





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to Heaven

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Elisha and Elijah - 2 Kings 2:1-18

Can you find these words:-

Elisha
Elijah
Bethel
Jericho
chariot
fire
whirlwind
river
cloak
prophet

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