

# FAMILY GUIDE



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2 Kings 2

## Here's what we talked about today.

Elijah's ministry as prophet to Israel came to an end. God instructed Elijah to anoint a man named Elisha as his successor. A chariot of horses and fire appeared which separated the two men and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. God gave Elisha the same spirit that was in Elijah so Elisha could carry out his mission as a prophet. Years later, Jesus told His followers to wait for the Holy Spirit. God gives believers the Holy Spirit so they can share the Gospel with the world.

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## LET'S TALK



### Get your kids talking!

How did Elijah and Elisha get across the Jordan river?  
Why do you think Elisha wanted the same spirit that was in Elijah?

### Take it deeper

How can people today have access to the power of God's Spirit?  
What work does God have for believers today?

## Have some family fun this week!

- ❖ Give kids bottled water and allow them to take a few sips to make room at the top. Guide each kid to add two or three drops of dish soap and use a funnel to add some dried herbs such as parsley. Replace the caps tightly on the bottles then show the kids how to shake the bottle in a circular motion and create a "whirlwind" effect. Talk about the fact that God took Elijah up in a whirlwind; he did not experience death but went straight to heaven.
- ❖ Have family members stand in a circle and take turns doing an action, e.g., clap 3 times, which the rest of the family must repeat. SAY: Elisha followed Elijah wherever he went and continued his work as a prophet. What is a prophet? Why did God use prophets?

## FOR FUN



## MAY MEMORY VERSE



### Who can memorize this verse first?

"If His only Son He did not spare, if His only Son He gave for us, how will He not also give all things to us? So what then shall we say? **If God is for us, who can be against us?**"  
(Romans 8:31-32)

*(Preschoolers learn the words of the verse that are in bold.)*