

**Year 2**

**Week 91**

## **Elijah and the Fiery Chariot**

**Scriptures: II Kings 2**

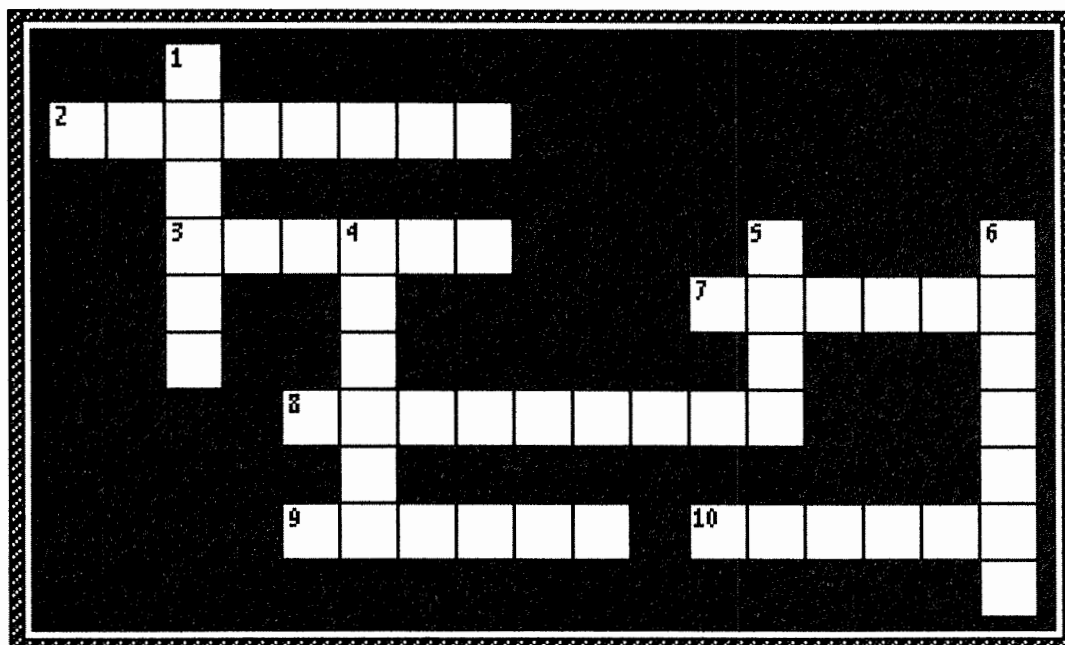
**Key Verse: 2Ki 2:9** And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?" Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me."

### **Key Points:**

- 1.** As the time came for Elijah to go to be with God, Elisha did not want to leave him.
- 2.** The sons of the prophets in Bethel, and in Jericho asked Elisha if he knew that his master would be taken from him that day. Elisha replied that he knew but did not want to talk about it.
- 3.** When Elijah and Elisha reached the Jordan River, Elijah rolled up his mantle and when he struck the water, it divided so that they crossed on dry land.
- 4.** Then Elijah asked what he could do for Elisha, and Elisha asked for a double portion of Elijah's power. Elijah said that was a difficult thing, but if Elisha saw Elijah taken away to heaven it would be given to him.
- 5.** Because Elisha witnessed Elijah's departure in the chariot of fire, his request was granted. Elisha picked up Elijah's mantle, rolled it up, struck the water, and crossed back over.
- 6.** The men of Jericho spent three days looking for Elijah, even though Elisha told them Elijah was with God.
- 7.** Elisha performed two miracles that confirmed he was God's selected prophet. He restored water for a city. In Bethel, some young people disrespected Elisha because he was bald. Elisha pronounced a curse in the name of the Lord, and bears attacked 42 of the youths.

# ELIJAH IS TAKEN TO HEAVEN

## (2 KINGS 2:1-11)



- 9 ACROSS "And it came to pass, when the LORD was about to take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with \_\_\_\_\_ from Gilgal." **2 KINGS 2:1**
- 4 DOWN "Then Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to \_\_\_\_\_.' And Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!' " **2 KINGS 2:2**
- 2 ACROSS "And the sons of the \_\_\_\_\_ who were at Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?' " **2 KINGS 2:3**
- 6 ACROSS "Then Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to \_\_\_\_\_.' " **2 KINGS 2:4**
- 10 ACROSS "Then \_\_\_\_\_ said to him, 'Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to the Jordan.' " **2 KINGS 2:6**
- 1 DOWN "And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood facing them at a distance, while the two of them stood by the \_\_\_\_\_." **2 KINGS 2:7**
- 7 ACROSS "Now Elijah took his \_\_\_\_\_, rolled it up, and struck the water; and it was divided this way and that, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground." **2 KINGS 2:8**
- 3 ACROSS "And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, 'Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you? And Elisha said, 'Please let a \_\_\_\_\_ portion of your spirit be upon me.' " **2 KINGS 2:9**
- 5 DOWN "So he said, 'You have asked a \_\_\_\_\_ thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so.' " **2 KINGS 2:10**
- 8 ACROSS "Suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a \_\_\_\_\_ into heaven." **2 KINGS 2:11**

cloud



**Elijah and the  
chariot of fire**

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# ELISHA CROSSES THE RIVER

## (2 KINGS 2:13-15)

### MEMORY VERSE:

*"Now when the sons of the prophets who were from Jericho saw him, they said, 'The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.' "* 2 KINGS 2:15

### FILL IN THE BLANK:

1. Elisha "took the \_\_\_\_\_ of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water." 2 KINGS 2:13

### TRUE OR FALSE:

2. He "went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan." 2 KINGS 2:13  
TRUE OR FALSE

### FILL IN THE BLANK:

3. "Then he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the \_\_\_\_\_." 2 KINGS 2:14

### TRUE OR FALSE:

4. He said, "Where is the LORD God of Elijah?" 2 KINGS 2:14  
TRUE OR FALSE
5. When he struck the water, nothing happened. 2 KINGS 2:14  
TRUE OR FALSE
6. "Elisha crossed over." 2 KINGS 2:14  
TRUE OR FALSE

### FILL IN THE BLANKS:

7. "Now when the sons of the prophets who were from Jericho saw him, they said, 'The \_\_\_\_\_ of Elijah rests on Elisha.' " 2 KINGS 2:15
8. "They came to meet him, and \_\_\_\_\_ to the ground before him." 2 KINGS 2:15

# ELIJAH IS TAKEN TO HEAVEN

## (2 KINGS 2:1-11)

### MEMORY VERSE:

*"Suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven." 2 KINGS 2:11*

### TRUE OR FALSE:

1. "And it came to pass, when the LORD was about to take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal." **2 KINGS 2:1**

### TRUE OR FALSE

### UNDERLINE THE CORRECT ANSWER:

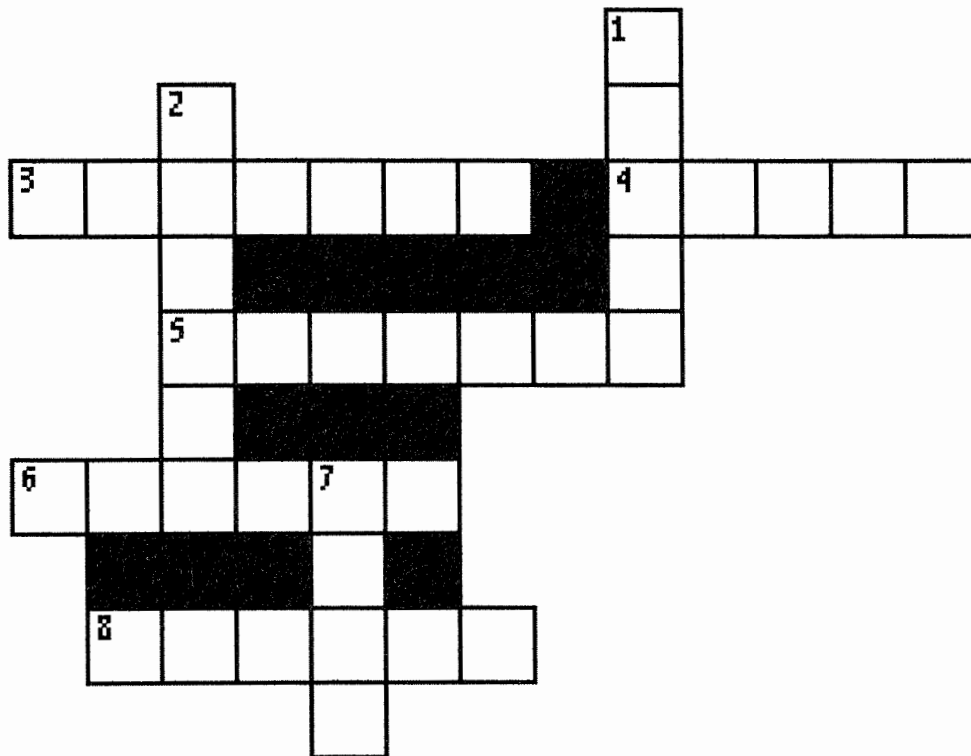
2. "Then Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to Bethel.' And Elisha said..." **2 KINGS 2:2**
  - a. As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!
  - b. I will stay!
3. "And the sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him..." **2 KINGS 2:3**
  - a. Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?
  - b. What are you doing here?
4. "Then Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to Jericho.' And he said..." **2 KINGS 2:4**
  - a. As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!
  - b. I will stay!
5. "And the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said to him..." **2 KINGS 2:5**
  - a. Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?
  - b. What are you doing here?
6. "Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to the Jordan.' And he said..." **2 KINGS 2:6**
  - a. As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!
  - b. I will stay!

### FILL IN THE BLANKS:

7. "And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood facing them at a distance, while the two of them stood by the \_\_\_\_\_." **2 KINGS 2:7**
8. "Now Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up, and struck the water; and it was divided this way and that, so that the two of them crossed over on \_\_\_\_\_ ground." **2 KINGS 2:8**
9. "And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, 'Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you? And Elisha said, 'Please let a \_\_\_\_\_ portion of your spirit be upon me.' " **2 KINGS 2:9**
10. "So he said, 'You have asked a \_\_\_\_\_ thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so.' " **2 KINGS 2:10**
11. "Suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a \_\_\_\_\_ into heaven." **2 KINGS 2:11**

# ELISHA CROSSES THE RIVER

(2 KINGS 2:13-15)



- 6 ACROSS Elisha "took the \_\_\_\_\_ of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water." **2 KINGS 2:13**
- 2 DOWN He "went back and stood by the bank of the \_\_\_\_\_." **2 KINGS 2:13**
- 4 ACROSS "Then he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the \_\_\_\_\_." **2 KINGS 2:14**
- 7 DOWN He said, "Where is the \_\_\_\_\_ God of Elijah?" **2 KINGS 2:14**
- 5 ACROSS "When he also struck the water, it was \_\_\_\_\_ this way and that." **2 KINGS 2:14**
- 3 ACROSS "Elisha \_\_\_\_\_ over." **2 KINGS 2:14**
- 8 ACROSS "Now when the sons of the prophets who were from Jericho saw him, they said, 'The \_\_\_\_\_ of Elijah rests on Elisha.'" **2 KINGS 2:15**
- 1 DOWN "They came to meet him, and \_\_\_\_\_ to the ground before him." **2 KINGS 2:15**



# ELISHA CROSSES THE RIVER

(2 KINGS 2:13-15)



“And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the LORD God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.”

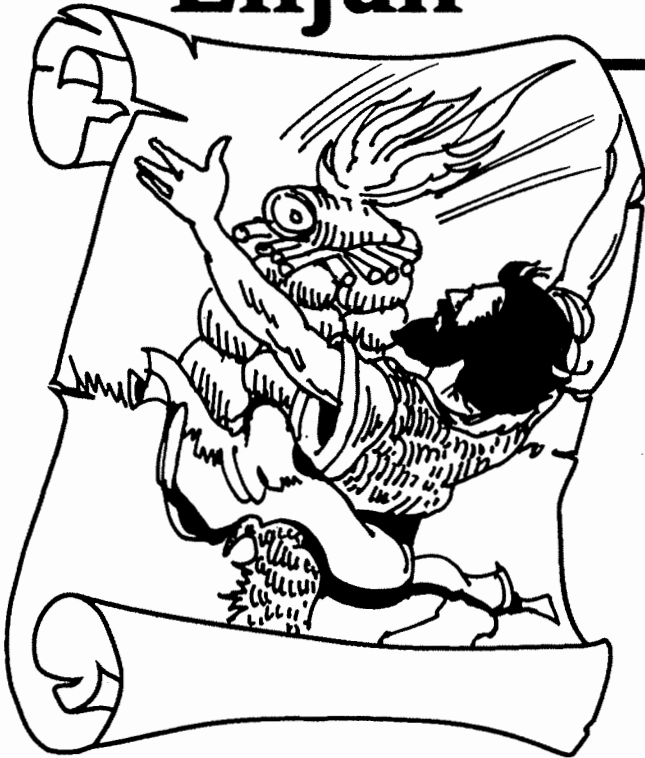
**2 KINGS 2:14**



# Elijah

## A Mighty Prophet

I Kings 17-18; II Kings 2:1-12



### Memory Verse

The prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: "O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that You are God in Israel."

I Kings 18:36 (NIV)

### For the Teacher

Duplicate a word search puzzle for each child. Provide pencils or markers. If any of the children are unfamiliar with this type of puzzle, show them how to locate the words and circle them. The answers are on page 61. See if the children can think of a sentence about Elijah using each word.

**HINT:** If you lack enough table space for all the children, let them sit on the floor and use their chair seats for solving the puzzles or making the crafts.

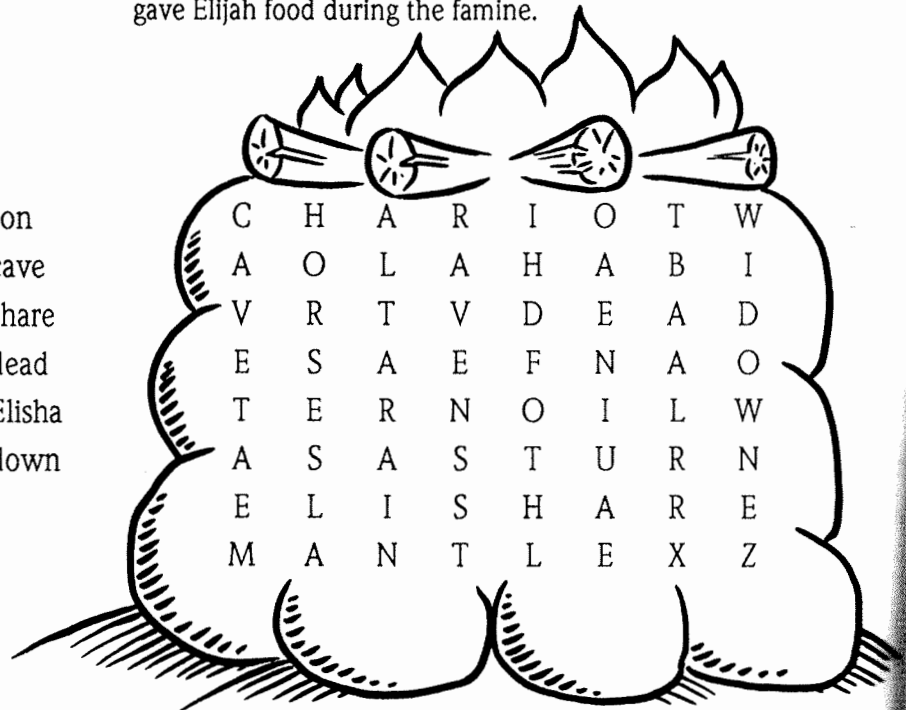
### Introduction

Wicked King Ahab led the Israelites to worship the idol Baal. Elijah warned Ahab, "God will punish you for sinning. There will be no rain until I say so." It didn't rain for three years, causing a great famine. Elijah proved to the priests of Baal that there is only one real God. Elijah called down fire from heaven. Then he prayed, and the rains fell. King Ahab and Queen Jezebel were very angry with Elijah and wanted to kill him. He had to run for his life. But God protected him and gave Elijah food during the famine.

### Prophet Word Search

Look at the word list about Elijah's life. Circle the words as you find them in the puzzle. They may read up, down, across, and diagonally. Many words share some of the same letters. How many of these words can you use in sentences to describe Elijah?

Ahab	turn	son
Baal	widow	cave
mantle	fire	share
meat	horses	dead
ravens	oil	Elisha
altar	rain	down
chariot	ran	



# ELIJAH IS TAKEN TO HEAVEN

(2 KINGS 2:1-11)

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O Y F W E Y C C J O R D A N X Y L I J J  
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B R B M B B U E V L A R R H B A C A D L  
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W W U L N E N Y J Z K P N G U C V P J N

**BETHEL**

**ELISHA**

**PORTION**

**CHARIOT OF FIRE**

**JERICH0**

**PROPHETS**

**DOUBLE**

**JORDAN**

**WHIRLWIND**

**ELIJAH**

**MANTLE**

**Directions:**

Trace pattern of map (page 27) on a piece of light green construction paper. Paint lambs and water with the paints. When dry, cover map with the plastic to preserve it. Cut on dotted lines into three pieces. Let the children put the puzzle together and take it apart to show how the people of Israel were to be as sheep without a shepherd.

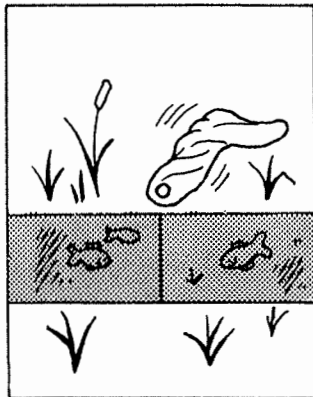
Use this in a learning center. Have a Bible for the children to read the story. Have a set of two or three simple questions for them to answer. These could be true/false. Cover questions with the plastic and let the children circle the correct answer with a wipe-off crayon. This activity can be used again and again.

## Elijah and Elisha Cross the Jordan

*2 Kings 2:1-8*

**Materials needed:**

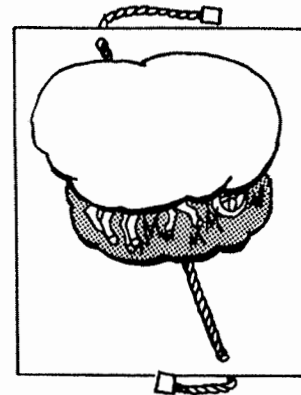
Construction paper—green, blue, scrap of color  
Crayons, felt-tip pens, or tempera paints  
Clear adhesive-backed plastic  
Brass paper fastener  
Glue

**Directions:**

Cut two pieces of blue construction paper, 7 inches by 2¼ inches. Score and fold each piece 1 inch from end. Trace fish and objects on strips and color. Cover strips with pieces of clear adhesive-backed plastic, leaving the 1-inch tabs. Trace plants, etc., on green paper and color. Trace and cut robe from white or other color. Glue 1-inch tabs of blue strips to backs of green so ends of blue meet in middle of page. Fasten robe above strips of water with brass paper fastener as shown. Use as a visual, "striking" water with robe and turning back water at the proper time in the story.

## Elijah Goes to Heaven

*2 Kings 2:9-11*

**Materials needed:**

Construction paper—dark blue, white  
Crayons, felt tip pens, or tempera paints  
Yarn—dark blue

**Directions:**

Trace the picture of Elijah and the chariot and horses (pattern on page 28) onto white construction paper. Color the picture. Punch two holes in the dark blue paper, as shown. Glue the center section of an 18-inch piece of dark blue yarn across the picture. Optional: Cut a second piece of paper to mount on the back of the picture for strength. When dry, thread yarn through the holes. Finish yarn ends with small paper tags. Cut cloud from white paper and glue at top and side edges to background as shown in sketch. Elijah will now "go to Heaven" by sliding the picture under the cloud. Glue a second piece of construction paper under background for durability. Make sure yarn can be moved freely.

## Bible-Times Furniture

**Materials needed:**

Tagboard  
Glue  
Crayons  
Scrap of orange paper  
Wooden bead

**Directions:**

Cut the furniture from tagboard and follow directions on patterns (page 29) for folding. Glue the two headboards and the back of the chair in place. When dry, color with brown crayon. The lamp is