

Bible Stories for Adults

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2 Kings 2 - 8, 13

Opening

Gathering: Share a story of when God was salvation for you.

Today's Focus: Elisha was called by God to demonstrate to Israel that He alone is our salvation.

Key Verses: *God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord, is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.* Isaiah 12:2

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12

Opening Prayer

Lesson

Elijah (1 Kings 15 - 2 Kings 2)

Why did God send Elijah to Israel during Ahab's reign?

1 Kings 18:21

What did *Elijah's* name mean and why was it significant?

1 Kings 18:39

How was Elijah's life on earth ended?

2 Kings 2:11

Did Elijah's power and role in God's plan mean that he was more than just a man?

James 5:16-18

Elijah's Effect (2 Kings 1)

Was Elijah ever able to convince Ahab that *Yahweh is God*?

1 Kings 21:20, 27

Did Ahab then begin to trust God and look to Him in time of need?

1 Kings 22:6-8

Maybe Ahab was just stupid or stubborn. Did Ahab's son learn better?

2 Kings 1:2

Elijah's Successor (1 Kings 19:15-21)

Who selected Elijah's successor and who was it?

1 Kings 19:15a, 16b

Was Elisha an experienced prophet and how did Elijah tell him he was chosen?

1 Kings 19:19

Did Elisha understand what Elijah had done?

1 Kings 19:20

How did Elisha respond to Elijah's comment letting him choose to go or not?

1 Kings 19:21

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The Inheritance (*2 Kings 2:1-18*)

How faithful of a servant was Elisha?

2 Kings 2:2 (1-6)

Did anyone know Elijah was leaving?

2 Kings 2:3,7-8 (3-8)

What did Elisha want when Elijah asked if there were any last requests before he left?

2 Kings 2:9-10

Did God allow Elisha to see Elijah leave and thereby inherit the role of God's prophet?

2 Kings 2:11-12

How was it made known that Elisha was now Elijah's successor?

2 Kings 2:13-15

God Is Salvation (*2 Kings 2:19-25*)

How did Elisha immediately make his point that salvation is from God?

2 Kings 2:19-22

How did Elisha also show that without God there is no salvation?

2 Kings 2:23-25

What was so bad about the youths calling Elisha names?

2 Chronicles 36:16

Salvation from Hopeless Circumstances (*2 Kings 3*)

What did Joram (Ahab's son) plan in response when Moab refused to be subject to Israel?

2 Kings 3:4-6 (1-6)

Did Joram look to God for help in this effort?

2 Kings 3:7 (7-8)

What happened to the armies that showed the need for God's salvation?

2 Kings 3:9-10

How did Elisha respond to Joram's request for salvation?

2 Kings 3:11-14

What miracle did Elisha use to show God's salvation?

2 Kings 3:16-18, 20 (15-20)

How did God use this to save Israel from the Moabites?

2 Kings 3:22-24 (21-27)

Salvation Through Life to Individuals (*2 Kings 4:1-37*)

How did Elisha show God's salvation to a widow about to lose her sons?

2 Kings 4:1-5, 7 (1-7)

How did Elisha show God's salvation to the barren Shunammite woman?

2 Kings 4:8, 13-17 (8-17)

What happened that gave Elisha another opportunity to help the woman?

2 Kings 4:18-20

What did Elisha do that showed God's salvation?

2 Kings 4:32-35 (21-35)

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Salvation Through Nourishment (*2 Kings 4:38-44*)

- How did Elisha show God's salvation to a group of starving prophets?
2 Kings 4:38-41
- Which of Jesus' miracles did Elisha perform a small version of?
2 Kings 4:42-44

Salvation Through Health (*2 Kings 5:1-12*)

- Who was Naaman and what was his problem?
2 Kings 5:1
- How did a servant girl direct Naaman to the Lord?
2 Kings 5:2-3
- How did Joram misinterpret the letter sent by the king of Aram?
2 Kings 5:6-7 (4-9)
- What was Elisha's solution for Naaman's problem?
2 Kings 5:10
- How was Naaman's cleansing like our cleansing from the leprosy of sin?
Acts 2:38
- How excited was Naaman about this miracle answer from God?
2 Kings 5:11-12
- Was Elisha's instruction foolish?
1 Corinthians 1:25

Salvation Is a Gift (*2 Kings 5:13-27*)

- How does Naaman's response remind us of our own questioning?
John 4:48
- What was the main purpose of Elisha's solution?
Hebrews 11:1
- Did Elisha's solution have the desired effect?
2 Kings 5:13-17 (13-19)
- Why wouldn't Elisha accept Naaman's gift?
Acts 8:20
- How was Elisha's servant punished for his faith in wealth instead of God?
2 Kings 5:20, 24-27 (20-27)

Salvation From Daily Worries (*2 Kings 6:1-7*)

- How did Elisha show God's salvation while prophets built a meeting place?
2 Kings 6:5-7 (1-7)

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Salvation From Enemies (*2 Kings 6:8-23*)

- How did Elisha protect the king of Israel from personal threats by Aram?
2 Kings 6:8-10
- What plan did the king of Aram make to eliminate this intelligence leak?
2 Kings 6:11-13
- Why wasn't Elisha afraid when Aramean forces came to capture him?
2 Kings 6:15-17 (14-17)
- How did Elisha "single-handedly" capture the Aramean troops?
2 Kings 6:18-20
- What was the fate of these men and how did this affect the war?
2 Kings 6:21-23

Salvation From Famine (*2 Kings 6:24-8:6*)

- What caused a famine in Samaria and how bad did it get?
2 Kings 6:24-26, 28-29 (24-30)
- Who did King Joram blame the famine on?
2 Kings 6:31 (31-33)
- What did Elisha promise that would show God's salvation?
2 Kings 7:1-2
- How did God make this happen?
2 Kings 7:3, 5-7, 16 (3-20)

- How did Elisha protect the Shunammite woman from another famine?
2 Kings 8:1, 3, 6 (1-6)

Salvation Through Death (*2 Kings 13*)

- How did Elisha show God's salvation to Israel from his death bed?
2 Kings 13:14, 17 (13-17)
- How did Elisha affect other victories over the Arameans?
2 Kings 13:18-19
- How did Elisha's body show God's salvation from death well after his death?
2 Kings 13:20-21

Closing Prayer

Response - Consider and meditate on one each day this week

1. What ministry have I inherited from a faithful servant of God?
(*2 Kings 2:1-15; Joshua 13:33; 18:7; Psalm 61:5; Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 8:17; Hebrews 13:7*)
2. What ministry do I faithfully perform that can become an inherited blessing for someone else?
(*1 Kings 19:16b; Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Acts 20:32; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Titus 1:5*)
3. In what ways has God been my salvation?
(*2 Kings 2:19-22; Exodus 15:1-2; Psalm 27; 40; Isaiah 33:2; Matthew 1:21*)
4. How has God shown His salvation to me when I have encountered seemingly hopeless circumstances?
(*2 Kings 4; Exodus 14:10-15:2; 1 Kings 19; Jonah 2; Luke 8:22-25*)
5. How have I tried to earn the salvation that God offers as a free gift?
(*2 Kings 5; Acts 8:20; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Thessalonians 5:9; Titus 2:11*)