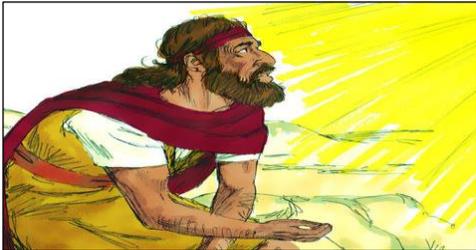


# Lesson 9

## Elisha, A Man of Faith, Chosen by the Lord

Lesson Text: 1 Kings 19:9-21; 2 Kings 2:1-15



This lesson starts off with the prophet Elijah lodging in a cave.

This is where the Lord speaks to Elijah and in verse 16, he is told to anoint Elisha, the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah in his place as prophet.

God is extremely specific with His instructions. He does not leave to chance that Elijah would anoint the wrong Elisha.

We know from studying Elijah, that he is obedient to God. We know that he will go where God sends him, and this is exactly what he does.

Elijah departs from the cave and begins his journey to find Elisha so he can anoint him as prophet.



Elijah finds Elisha plowing with 12 yoke of oxen.

Verse 19 tells us that Elijah passed by him and cast his mantle upon him. This was Elijah telling Elisha he had a divine calling to become a prophet.

Elisha then left the oxen and ran after Elijah. He asks Elijah to let him kiss his father and mother and then he would follow Elijah.



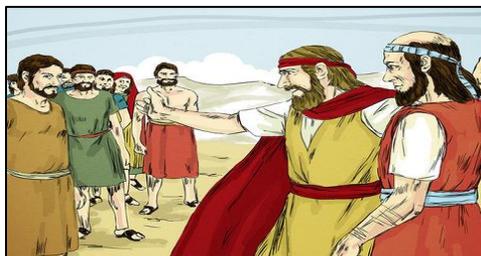
It is obvious that Elisha understood what was meant when Elijah cast his mantle upon him since he asked Elijah for time to tell his family goodbye.

Elisha then took a yoke of oxen and slew them and cooked them. He did this so he and his family could share a meal together before he left with Elijah.



Immediately after eating with his family, Elisha goes after Elijah and ministered unto him.

Elisha leaves his father, his mother, his cattle, land, all his family and friends, his home and all he knew so he could follow Elijah and become a prophet of God.





After some time passes, we are told it was time for the Lord to take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind.

Elijah asked Elisha to stay in Gilgal and he shared with Elisha that the Lord had sent him (Elijah) to Bethel. Elisha gave an oath that he would not leave Elijah.



Verse 3 has the sons of the prophets that were at Bethel asking Elisha if he knew the Lord would be taking Elijah away from being his teacher. Elisha confirmed that he knew it and asked them to say nothing about it.

Elijah then asked Elisha to stay in Bethel and he shared with Elisha that the Lord had sent him (Elijah) to Jericho. Elisha gave an oath that he would not leave Elijah.



Verse 5 has the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho asking Elisha if he knew the Lord would be taking Elijah away from being his teacher. Elisha confirmed that he knew it and asked them to say nothing about it.

Elijah then asked Elisha to stay in Jericho and he shared with Elisha that the Lord had sent him (Elijah) to Jordan. Elisha gave an oath that he would not leave Elijah.

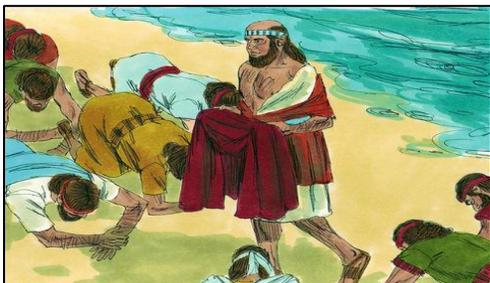


They arrive at Jordan and 50 men of the sons of the prophets stood far off to watch what would happen. Elijah takes his mantle and smote the waters of the Jordan river and the waters were divided so that Elijah and Elisha could pass over dry land.

Elisha asks Elijah to let a double portion of his spirit to be upon him and Elijah said that if Elisha could see him taken that it would be so. It was customary for the primary heir to receive a double inheritance and Elisha is asking to be the primary heir of Elijah's prophetic gift.



They continued to walk and talk when a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire and separated Elijah and Elisha. This is when Elisha saw Elijah taken up by a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha cries out and took his clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle that had fallen from Elijah and smote the waters that they parted for him to cross.



When the sons of the prophets saw him cross the Jordan with Elijah's mantel, they said the spirit of Elijah does rest on Elisha and they bowed themselves to the ground before him.

Elisha's example is such a strong one for us today. He left his family and everything he knew to become a servant of God. Shouldn't we serve God and put Him above all else that is in our lives, even today?

# Thought Questions

Elisha left his family so he could become a prophet. He showed great faith in doing this and set an example for us to follow even today!

1. Elisha understood what was happening when Elijah placed his mantle on Elisha. What do we need to do so we understand what God expects of us today?
2. Read Deuteronomy 6:5. How are we to love God?
3. Read Matthew 22:37. How are we to love God?
4. Read Proverbs 3:5-6. How much are we to trust God?
5. Think of 1 elderly person that you can be a good example to. Say a prayer for them then write them a note to let them know they are in your prayers. Ask your parent to send the note or give the note to them in person.

## Fill in the Blanks

1. Before Elisha was a \_\_\_\_\_ of God, he worked plowing with \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Elijah cast his \_\_\_\_\_ on Elisha to anoint him as a prophet.
3. Elijah asked Elisha to stay in \_\_\_\_\_ while Elijah traveled on to \_\_\_\_\_.

## True/False

1. Elijah smote the waters of the Jordan river with his staff and the waters were divided so that Elijah and Elisha could pass over dry land. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Immediately after eating with his family, Elisha goes after Elijah and ministered unto him. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Elijah finds Elisha plowing with 10 yoke of oxen. \_\_\_\_\_
4. When the sons of the prophets saw Elisha cross the Jordan with Elijah's mantle, they said the spirit of Elijah does rest on Elisha and they bowed themselves to the ground before him. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Elisha saw Elijah taken up by a whirlwind into heaven. \_\_\_\_\_

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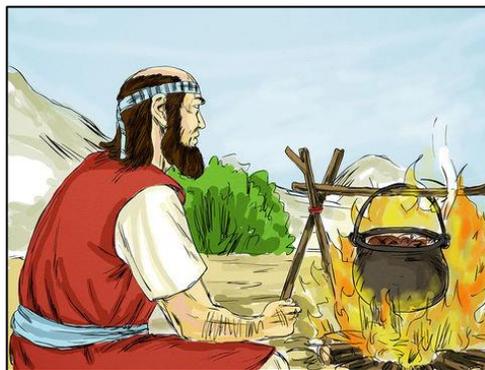
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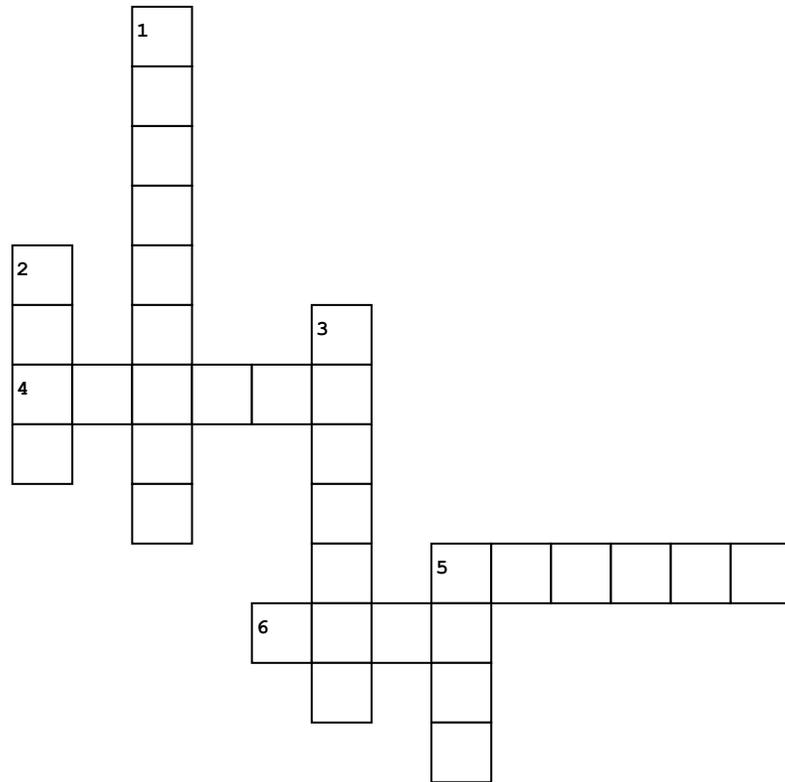
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# Elisha



## Across

4. Prophet that anointed Elisha
5. what Elijah cast on Elisha in verse 19
6. Where Elijah was at the beginning of the lesson

## Down

1. Elijah was taken up to Heaven by this
2. Elisha was plowing with these
3. Elisha's Father
5. what Elisha shared with his family before leaving