

When finished with activities, return all necessary items to bag and place in the hallway for pick-up.

Program C-1

A Room for Elisha

2 Kings 4:8-10

Elijah/Elisha Series: Lesson #6

Bible Verse: Be kind to each other. Ephesians 4:32
Past: Help one another. Galatians 5:13
We will serve the LORD. Joshua 24:15
The LORD — he is God. 1 Kings 18:39
God is good to us. Psalm 73:1
God gives food to us. Psalm 136:25

Bible Story for children:

Focus on: The woman and her husband were kind to Elisha by giving him a place to stay. This is called hospitality.
Prop ideas: Pillow, small table & lamp or candle

SAMPLE STORY

Elisha was God's prophet. He traveled throughout Israel speaking to the people about God. When he came to a town called Shunem, a woman urged him to come to her house to eat. So, whenever he passed through Shunem, Elisha would eat at this woman's home. The woman said to her husband, "Let's build a room on our roof for Elisha. He can stay with us whenever he comes through our town." So, they built a room for him and put in a bed, a table and a lamp.

Elisha was glad to have friends who offered him a place to stay and rest as he traveled. The couple would share meals with Elisha and visit. Then Elisha could go up to his room and be alone to pray, study God's word or rest. By offering hospitality, the woman and her husband were kind to Elisha. Our Bible verse tells us to *"Be kind to each other."* Ephesians 4:32 How can we be kind to others? Who has been kind to you? Let's thank God for those who have shown kindness to us. *Pray.*

FYI

Second Session Classes will be:

Coloring Elisha's Room Page
Making a Lamp Rubbing
Building a Room with Blocks

COLORING PAGE

A Room for Elisha

Materials: Room for Elisha Coloring Pages

Bible Verse Stickers

Crayons/markers

(In room)

Do: Give each child a page to color. Write their names on the pages.

Add a Bible verse sticker when finished.

Talk About: Elisha had friends who made a room for him to stay in whenever he was in town. There was a bed, a table and a lamp. A lamp in Elisha's time did not look like a lamp today. It used oil and burned a wick, like a candle.

BIBLE VERSE MEMORY GAME

Materials: Ball

Do: Have everyone sit in a circle.

Learn the Bible verse together by saying one word and passing the ball to the next child. (You may say the whole verse first and then help everyone repeat their word as they go around the circle).

Continue with today's verse until they have completed it well a few times.

Repeat with past verses.

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- Help one another. Galatians 5:13
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Talk About: Some Bible verses give us rules for living, like today's verse: *Be kind to one another. Ephesians 4:32*

Other verses tell us promises we can believe, like: *God is good to us. Psalm 73:1*

PREPARE FOR VISITORS

Materials: Items in the home-living area. (Chairs, pillows, carpet squares, blankets, cups, plates)

Do: Have the children set up an area for guests. They can either use a table or do it picnic style. You or other children can be the guests. Take turns being the host. Encourage the children to make their guests feel comfortable.

Talk About: God wants us to welcome people into our homes and be kind to them. We can feed them and give them a place to rest and be comfortable.

Extra: At snack time, let the children practice setting the table by placing napkins and cups at each place. They can take turns serving each other water.