

FAMILY TIME WITH JESUS

Elijah and Elisha

Scripture: 2 Kings 2-4

Verse: “Imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.” Hebrews 6:12

Concept: We need to pattern our lives after true men and women of God, not the false heroes of this world. If we truly desire the godly qualities we see in others, and imitate their lifestyle, then the Lord will bless us with a life worthy of being an example to someone else.

Read the Scripture portion or if you have a Bible story book, read about Elijah and Elisha with the children. As you are reading the story, have the children draw a picture of the story. Another idea: Have the children create puppets (you can use old white socks for this) and then act out the story as you read it or have them give their puppet play about the story after they have listened to the story.

Discussion:

1. Was it a good thing that Elisha wanted double God's blessing on his life?
2. How did God let Elisha know that he was granted his wish?
3. Why didn't God bless any of the other would-be prophets?
4. What does it mean to imitate?
5. What kind of people should we be imitating?
6. What happens to us when we imitate people who are not of godly character?
7. Do you think there are kids looking at your life and wanting to be like you?
8. Would they be happy and loving people if they were like you?
9. Name some people you would like to imitate and why.

Family Activity: At dinner one night, talk to your kids about who they would like to imitate and why. Is it really a good idea to imitate other people? Discuss this (pro's and cons). Discuss various people that you and your kids know whose lives are worth imitating. How do you go about imitating someone?

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Look up each of the verses below to find the word that is scrambled. If each word represented a person with just that characteristic, put a star by those you would want to imitate.

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| Proverbs 11:17 | - | DINK | _____ |
| 2 Peter 3:11 | - | LOGDY | _____ |
| Proverbs 26:15 | - | GADGLUSR | _____ |
| Psalms 68:3 | - | YJFOUL | _____ |
| 2 Samuel 8:13 | - | MOFSAU | _____ |
| Proverbs 12:22 | - | TURFHTUL | _____ |
| 2 Samuel 14:25 | - | DAHMOESN | _____ |
| Matthew 5:9 | - | MAKSRPECAEE | _____ |
| Acts 16:1 | - | LEBVERIE | _____ |
| Proverbs 11:25 | - | RGENOSUE | _____ |
| Luke 19:2 | - | ETLAWYH | _____ |
| Genesis 6:9 | - | TUSGRIHEO | _____ |
| Proverbs 14:16 | - | SEWI | _____ |
| 1 Samuel 17:4 | - | HPMIOCAN | _____ |
| Romans 13:8 | - | SEVOL | _____ |

The picture below is incomplete. Can you finish it so it will look like the story you read?

