

# WEEKLY DISCUSSION GUIDE

WAYSIDE KIDS | SEPTEMBER 25 | 2 KINGS 4-6



## BACKGROUND INFO:

### BIBLE SKILLS

Help your child find 2 Kings in his or her Bible. Talk about where it is located.

- Is 1 Kings in the Old Testament or New Testament?
- Which section is 1 Kings in?
- Whose history is it?

Elisha was a prophet sent by God. A prophet is someone who receives words from God and shares God's words with the people. Elisha also had the Spirit of the Lord and was able to perform miracles with God's power in him. One day, Elisha took 20 loaves of bread and fed 100 people. Elisha also healed Naaman and made a heavy iron ax float on the water. Only God has that kind of power. Each time Elisha performed a miracle, the people could see God at work in him. Elisha was an ordinary man whom God used to do great things. Each miracle Elisha performed pointed people to God and showed that He is the one, true God.

**Bible Skills Answers:** Old Testament | History | God's people, the Israelites





## PRAYER:

Before moving on to the next section, pray for the Holy Spirit to teach you as you read and discuss the scriptures. Model prayer for your child, and encourage him or her to pray as well. Your prayer can be as simple as the following:

Dear God, thank You for giving us Your Word in the Bible. Be with us now as we read and talk about Your Word. Help us to understand and to learn more about You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

## BIBLE READING & DISCUSSION:

Over the next week, spend time each day reading and discussing parts of 2 Kings 4-6. If your child can read, encourage him or her to read aloud as well. If your child is young, read only parts of the chapter or consider reading from a storybook Bible.

## DAY ONE

**READ:** 2 Kings 4

**DISCUSS:**

- **What miracle did Elisha perform for the widowed woman so that she could pay her debts?** Elisha caused her oil to be multiplied so that she would have enough to sell and pay her debts.
- **How did the Shunammite woman show kindness to Elisha?** She prepared a room for him so that he had a place to sleep and food to eat whenever he was in town.
- **How can we show kindness to others?**
- **What happened when the Shunammite woman's son died?** Through God's power, Elisha restored the son's life.
- **How does Elisha's miracle of feeding 100 men with 20 loaves of bread point us to Jesus?** Discuss how Jesus fed a crowd of 5000 with five loaves of bread and two fishes. Jesus' miracles showed that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus also called Himself the Bread of Life because through Him we can live forever.

**ACTIVITY:** Choose one or two worship songs to sing as a family, worshiping God because He is the one, true God. For ideas, see the [Family Worship](#) link in the For Parents section of the Wayside Kids page.

## NEED HELP? HAVE QUESTIONS?

The Wayside Kids Team is available to walk alongside you through this process. If you have any questions, please let us know!

You can email us at  
[Kids@waysidechapel.org](mailto:Kids@waysidechapel.org).

We'd love to hear about your family's spiritual journey and would love to offer encouragement and guidance as needed.



## DAY TWO

**READ:** Read 2 Kings 5

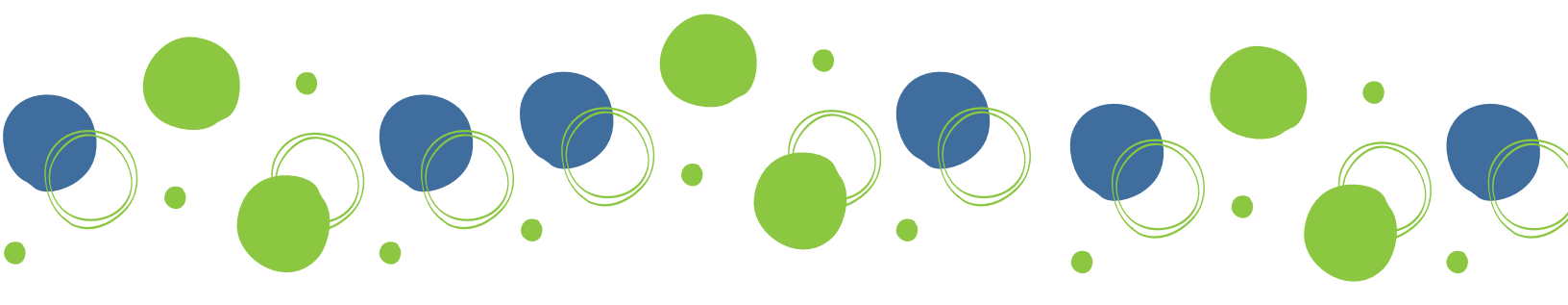
**DISCUSS:**

- **What was wrong with Naaman?** Naaman had a skin disease.
- **Why couldn't the King of Israel heal Naaman?** Kings are powerful and have authority, but every king has limitations. Kings cannot heal diseases or save us from our sins or give us eternal life. Only God has the power to heal and save.
- **Why was Naaman angry with Elisha's directions on how to heal his disease?** Naaman was a powerful man and didn't want to do something so simple. He did not believe it would work.
- **What did Naaman learn from the healing of his skin disease?** Naaman learned that there is only one true God.

## DAY THREE

**READ:** Read 2 Kings 6

**DISCUSS:**

- **What happened to cause the servant to be upset while they were cutting down trees near the Jordan River?** The head of his borrowed ax came off and fell into the water.
  - **What would happen to a heavy iron ax head if it fell in the water?** It would sink to the bottom and never be found.
  - **What miracle did Elisha perform?** Elisha caused the ax head to float so the servant could retrieve it.
  - **How did Elisha have the power to perform miracles?** Elisha was an ordinary man that God used to do extraordinary things. It was through the power of God's Spirit that Elisha was able to perform miracles.
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## DAY FOUR

**REVIEW:** 2 Kings 4-6

**ACTIVITY:**

Give your child a pencil and paper. Show him or her various objects and have your child predict whether the object will sink or float. Fill a bowl or pan with water. Test the predictions.

**DISCUSS:**

Some objects float in the water and some sink. Discuss what properties helped the objects float and what caused them to sink. In our lesson this week, we read how Elisha performed a miracle by making a heavy iron ax float in the water. Elisha's miracles demonstrated God's power and showed the people that God is the one true God and the only one worthy of our worship. How does God show us that He is the one true God? God reveals Himself to us through His Word, in creation, and through Jesus.

## DAY FIVE

**BIBLE MEMORY**

**"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might." Deuteronomy 6:4-5**

God proved His power through the miracles He performed through Elisha. God also proved how much He loves us by sending Jesus to die for our sins. Only God is worthy of all of our love.

**ACTIVITY:**

Use the hand motions you created earlier this month to practice saying the verse. If you have not created hand motions, consider using the following:

- place hand over ear for "Listen, Israel"
- point above head for "The Lord"
- place hand on heart for "with all your heart"
- rub hand on chest for "all your soul"
- flex arm for "with all your strength"

## WE'D LOVE TO HEAR YOUR STORIES!

The Wayside Kids Team would love to hear how you have been able to utilize this guide with your family. Share your stories, pictures, or videos of your kids doing the activities, reciting the Bible verse, or discussing the lesson with us on [Facebook @wayside.kids](https://www.facebook.com/wayside.kids)