

Lesson 3: Loyalty

Today's Bible Story

God had accomplished many amazing things through the prophet Elijah. But now Elijah was coming to the end of his life. He said to his assistant, Elisha, "Please stay here; God has sent me on ahead." But Elisha said, "As God lives and as you also live, I will not leave you."

In the towns they passed through, other prophets came and whispered to Elisha, "Do you know that God is going to take your master Elijah away from you today?" Elisha told them that he knew, but he told them not to speak of it. Elisha was sad, but he promised his master, "As God lives and as you also live, I will not leave you."

So Elijah and Elisha continued on their way until they came to the Jordan River. There, Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and slapped it on the water. The water parted on two sides until there was an opening for Elijah and Elisha to walk through on dry land.

When they reached the other side, Elijah said to Elisha, "Is there anything you would like me to do for you before I am taken away from you?" Elisha said "Please let me receive double the spirit that has been given to you." Elijah said "You have asked a very difficult thing; but if you stay with me until I am taken away, you will get what you have asked."

As they went on, suddenly, chariots and horses covered in fire appeared in the sky and separated Elijah from Elisha. Elijah was taken into heaven by a fiery chariot in a whirlwind. When Elisha saw it he yelled, "My Father, my Father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!"

Though Elisha never saw Elijah again, he picked up Elijah's cloak. He continued to do the work that his master had done with twice his master's faith and spirit.



From 2 Kings 2:1-14

Bible Rhyme

Old Elijah served the LORD.

To everyone he preached God's Word.
Elisha was his loyal helper.

They went everywhere together.

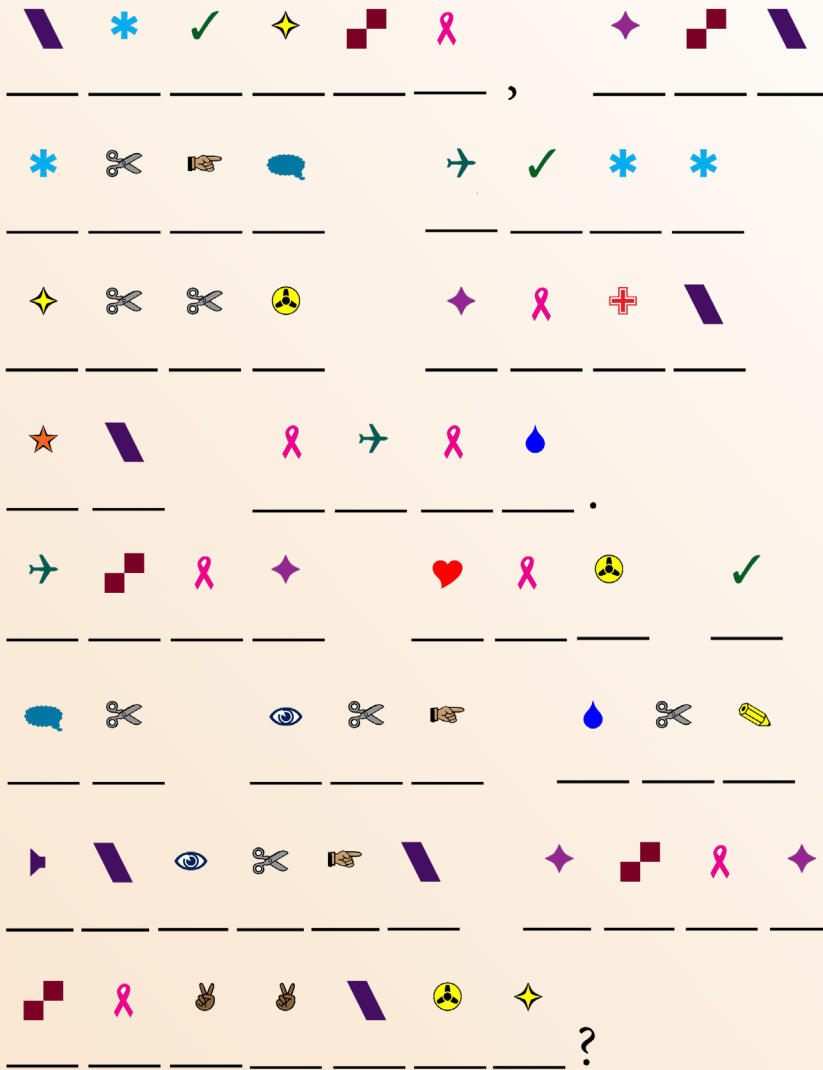
Elijah knew his end was near.

He didn't want his friend to fear.
He gave Elisha his own cloak
to be a prophet to God's folk.

A fiery chariot from the LORD
took the older man aboard.
Elisha watched his old friend fly
Heaven-bound, into the sky!

Elisha was loyal to his master Elijah and stayed with him to the very end.
What did Elijah say to his assistant Elisha?

Decode the message on the scroll to see what Elijah said.



Secret Code Key:

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L	★	Y	💧
K	✚	X	👉
J	✚	W	✈
I	✓	V	🕒
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G	👉	T	◆
F	👁	S	★
E	▬	R	👉
D	💬	Q	🌸
C	❤	P	👉
B	▴	O	✂
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In the space below, write what Elisha asked for.

What is a talent or skill would want God to give you that would allow you to help others?