

17th May - Elisha

Hi #selfiewithGod group!

We hope you are all well and that you have had a good week. We are missing seeing you all and looking forward to a time when we can all be back together. We hope you enjoy this week's activity about Elisha.

Movie Tag Lines Quiz

15 mins

Download the "Movie Tag Lines Quiz" PDF. Have a go at the movie tag lines quiz by yourself or with your family. If this is too difficult then the second page gives a list of film names that you can match with the tag lines. The answers are on the third page (but don't look at these until you've had a go at the quiz!)

What's Your Superpower?

15 mins

Have a copy of the 2002 Spiderman film ready or alternatively watch this YouTube clip:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zlwaUJzGqns>

Peter Parker is bitten by a mutant spider, and wakes up the next morning and makes a pretty surprising discovery – he has super spider-powers!

If using a DVD/digital version of the film you want to watch a clip starting with Peter waking up on the floor of his bedroom, and ends after the fight in the corridor.

Start time: 0:17:06

End time: 0:24:09

Length of clip: around seven minutes.

If you don't have a copy of the film Spiderman then watch the YouTube clip

Think about your answers to the following questions:

- If you could have any super power, what would it be? Why?
- What would you use it to do?
- What temptations would it present?
- How could you use it to help people?

In the Old Testament, Elijah's successor was a prophet called Elisha. Most of what we know about Elisha has to do with the miracles that God used him to perform – miracles that showed God's love by helping people. Elisha wasn't a superhero; he didn't have any special powers. He was just a man who followed God, and who God used to do great things.

Elisha Traps Blinded Arameans

15 mins

Equipment

Bible and a device that you can watch a YouTube clip on.

Read 2 Kings 6 verses 8-23 in your Bible then watch the Youtube clip:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D8LN1py7XxQ>

This passage in 2 Kings 6 is all about seeing: An aggressive invading foreign king (The king of Aram) keeps getting his plans prevented because Elisha keeps seeing his plans and tipping off Israel. That king then goes after Elisha and surrounds him with any army to try to capture him. Elisha's servant is worried so Elisha prays for the servant's eyes to see the hosts of heavens armies that were protecting them. He then prays for the invading army to be temporarily blinded, he leads them to the heart of Samaria and then prays for them to see again. They open their eyes and see their impending doom, but instead receive mercy and a feast! They see a God who deals with them in grace and get so transformed that the conflict completely stops.

The story teaches us about a God who sees everything and who also shows his love and mercy through opening our eyes to see as well.

Questions to reflect or discuss:

- 1) God sees. We tend to default to a view that God isn't very interested in the details of our lives. Do you agree? How does this story show us he is?
- 2) God answers in his own way and time: "Yes", "Not yet", or "I have something better in mind". This story would have been much simpler if God had sorted the enemy king out at the start! What does this story teach us about God's methods in answering our prayers?
- 3) The enemy in the story tried to silence the prophetic voice of Elisha. How does the enemy do that in the church at large today? How can we ensure we encourage and nurture the gift of prophecy?
- 4) Seeing the unseen. Elisha lived not just by what his five senses informed him, but by what God showed him. How does God show us things?
- 5) Seeing grace. The enemy ultimately received grace in the story. How does knowing God's grace give us confidence in our relationship with him?

Pray It Forward

5 mins

I want you to think of up to 3 people who you don't have a 'right' relationship with – possibly someone in your family, people at school or someone in any groups (e.g. associated with hobbies) you attend. Jesus said we should not only pray for our friends, but we should also pray for our “enemies”. Think about “Praying It Forward” i.e. pray for God to bless and help the people you have problems with. Jesus said we should do for others what we'd like them to do for us, what better way to start doing this than praying for them? Feel free to play some quiet background music as you pray if this helps.
