



Unit 13, Session 4

Elisha and the Army

2 Kings 6

Story Point: God protected Elisha with an invisible army.

The king of Aram was at war with Israel. Elisha sent messages to the king of Israel, warning him about the army's location.

When the king of Aram found out that his plans had been discovered, he thought one of his own soldiers had told the king of Israel where they were staying. But the soldiers said, "We didn't tell! It was Elisha, the prophet in Israel."

The king of Aram heard that Elisha was in the city of Dothan. That night, he sent horses, chariots, and a large army to surround the city.

Elisha's servant saw the army surrounding them. "What are we going to do?" he asked Elisha.

Elisha said, "Don't be afraid. Our army outnumbers their army." The servant was

confused. Then Elisha prayed, "LORD, open my servant's eyes and let him see."

So God opened the servant's eyes, and he saw horses and chariots of fire—the army of the LORD!—covering the mountain.

Then Elisha prayed for God to close the eyes of the Aramean army. God did, and they were blind. Elisha led them away to Samaria. Then he prayed for God to open their eyes, and the king sent them home. That army did not come into Israel again.

Christ Connection: God opened the eyes of Elisha's servant so he could see God's protection. God is always with us. Jesus came to earth as the visible image of our invisible God. God's protection from sin and death is given to everyone who trusts in Jesus.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Cross out the first letter and every other letter to discover what God used to protect Elisha.

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- What does this story teach us about God?
- How do we know God is with us if we can't see Him?

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APPLY the Story

- Why was Elisha's servant afraid? Why was Elisha not afraid?

- How did God show Himself to the world?

- What can you do when you feel afraid?

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Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| ❑ Isaiah 43:1 | ❑ Psalm 71:6-8 |
| ❑ Colossians 1:15 | ❑ Ephesians 6:10-12 |
| ❑ Philippians 4:6-7 | ❑ Psalm 4:8 |