

- When you do things that please God, your parents, teachers, and friends will know you love God
- The words of these young people were wrong; they were mocking God
- Today we do not have prophets like Elisha to tell us God's message
- We have the Bible, God's own words;
- When we do not show respect to the Bible, we mock God
- How did Elisha and the people know that the mockers in our lesson did not love God?
- These young men were known by what they said and what they did
- The Bible doesn't say if any of these young men ever believed in God, but I hope they did
- I wonder if you have ever made that decision to believe in Jesus and trust Him as your Saviour
- Perhaps you are ready to make that decision today

INVITATION

Acts 16:31 *“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ (trust Jesus to be your Saviour from sin), and thou shalt be saved (Jesus will save you from your sin).”*

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G - Go over MT
THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVES IN YOU TO TEACH YOU HOW TO LIVE PLEASING TO GOD

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Proverbs 20:21 *“Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.”*

O - Overview PAS examples

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W - Will you do it?

ELISHA, Lesson #1 II Kings 2:19-25

- Is it possible to know what we are like without being able to see our hearts? Yes, it is
- Only God knows what is in our heart, but people can tell a lot about us; if we're good or bad
- Our Bible lesson tells us about someone who loved God and someone who did not love Him
- How did the people around them *KNOW* what kind of person they were? Listen & see

(Cut out letters P-R-O-P-H-E-T; place letters on board in this order T-H-O-P-P-E-R)

- There is an important word you need to know to understand our Bible lesson today
- Can you unscramble this word by exchanging two letters at a time?
- When a letter is in right position, I will place it above the row of letters; it will stay there
- You may only guess the word if it is your turn to move two letters
(Kids take turns until someone guesses: “prophet”)

- What is a prophet? *(A person chosen by God to tell His message to the people)*
- Do you remember how the prophet Elijah was taken up into heaven? *(A whirlwind)*
- Who was watching him go up? *(His friend Elisha)*
- After that exciting event, Elisha turned back toward the River Jordan
- God opened the river for Elisha when he struck the water with Elijah's robe
- This proved to the people that God was with Elisha! God chose Elisha to be His prophet

- After Elisha crossed over the Jordan River, he went toward the city of Jericho
(Place fig. 1)
- Jericho was known as the city of palms for its beautiful trees; but something was wrong

ELISHA, LSN #1, SCENE #1 *(Add fig. 2)*

- Men of Jericho came to tell Elisha of a great problem they had; Elisha wanted to help

- He loved these people, just like God loves us

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- The men explained, “There is one thing wrong with our city. The water is no good . . .

. . . and there is too little of it”; That was a big problem, wasn’t it?

- You and I have a big problem, too! Our problem is sin

S, PAU - Romans 3:12 “...*There is none that doeth good, no, not one.*”

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- I’m sure the people in Jericho sensed that God was with Elisha

- They knew God was the only One who could help them with their problem

- Only God can take care of our sin problem; God’s plan was for His Son to come and do that

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- When Elisha learned about the problem of Jericho’s water he told men to do a strange thing

- Elisha; “Bring me a bowl and put salt in it”; the men obeyed

ELISHA, LSN #1, SCENE #2
(Add figs. 3, 3a)

- Then Elisha went to the water spring and threw the salt in

- He told the men God healed the water and there would be no more death because of the water

- From that moment pure fresh water flowed from the spring!

- In time, the land became a beautiful carpet of grass; the flowers bloomed

- People and cattle had all the fresh water they wanted to drink

- Only God could have healed the waters, not Elisha; only Jesus can take care of our sin

P, E - I Corinthians 15:3, 4 “...*Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scripturex.*”

- Elisha had listened to God, and God used him to do a great thing for the people
(Remove figs. 2, 3, 3a)

- Next, Elisha started toward the city of Bethel

ELISHA, LSN #1, SCENE #3
(Add fig. 4)

- Suddenly as he came near Bethel, a gang of more than 40 boys came toward him

- They mocked and made fun of God’s prophet; what they did was not pleasing to God

MT - THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVES IN YOU TO TEACH YOU HOW TO LIVE PLEASING TO GOD

- “Go up, you bald head; go up, you bald head,” they jeered

- Perhaps they had heard how Elisha’s teacher, Elijah, had been taken up in a whirlwind

- So they were shouting, “Why don’t you go up too? If you are a prophet of God, go up!”

ELISHA, LSN #1, SCENE #4
(Remove fig. 1, add fig. 6)

- Elisha turned back and looked at the boys

- The Bible says Elisha let them know what a sinful thing they did & he asked God to punish them

ELISHA, LSN #1, SCENE #5
(Add fig. 5)

- Suddenly, two huge mother bears charged out of the woods into the jeering crowd

- The Bible says the bears mauled 42 of the young men!
(Remove figs.)

- What was so wrong about what the young men did? Their words were not pleasing to God

MT, PAS - THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVES IN YOU TO TEACH YOU HOW TO LIVE PLEASING TO GOD

Proverbs 20:21 “*Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.*” (M.V.)

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ELISHA, LSN #2, SCENE #5

(Place figs. 7 & 1)

- Quickly the widow went to see the prophet; she told him all that had taken place
- Widow, “What should I do now?”
- Just as the widow went to Elisha. we can go to God and talk to Him

MT, PAS - THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVES IN YOU TO HELP YOU KNOW HOW TO PRAY

Ephesians 3:20, 21 (MV) “*Now unto Him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory*”

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- Elisha; “Go, sell the oil and pay your debts; you and your sons can live on what is left over”
 - The widow received more than enough to pay all her debts
 - God is able to do exceeding, abundantly above what we ask
 - Have you asked God to take care of your sin problem?

INVITATION

Romans 6:23 “*For the wages of sin* (the result of sin) *is death* (separation from God); *but the gift of God is eternal life* (life to live in heaven) *through Jesus Christ, our Lord* (if you trust Him).”

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ELISHA, Lesson #2

II Kings 4:1-7

- How could they pay the great debt they owed? It seemed there was no way to do it
 - Would Elisha help them? Let’s listen and see
 - In the days that Elijah and Elisha worked together, there were schools for prophets
 - These schools were places where young men studied how to serve God
 - Many of the young men had to earn money for themselves & their families
 - They sold the produce from vineyards or olive groves to pay for food and clothing
 - The Bible tells us about one of these men who was married and had two sons
 - The whole family loved and worshiped the true God
- ## ELISHA, LSN #2, SCENE #1
- (Place figs. 7-9, 11c, 16b)
- One day something sad happened; the father died

- Perhaps he had been sick and the doctors couldn’t help him
 - Without the father to provide for his family, life was difficult for his widow & 2 sons
 - For a while the family did OK, but soon there wasn’t enough money to pay all their bills
 - There was another problem; they had some bills which they could not pay
 - The people they owed money to said, “We will come and take your sons to be our slaves”
 - The widow felt helpless; it seemed there was no way she could pay the debt she owed
 - That reminds me of the great debt you and I owe; the debt to pay for our sins
- ## S, PAU - Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin
- (the result of sin) *is death* (separation from God)...”
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- This widow owed a debt and she knew she needed help

- Since this family knew the true God loved them, I believe they asked God for help

- Did God want to help them?

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- Perhaps it was while they were praying that the mother thought of going to Elisha

- The widow may have said to sons, "I believe Elisha can help us"
(Remove all figs.)

ELISHA, LSN #2, SCENE #2 (Place figs. 1, 7)

- When the boys' mother went to Elisha, she cried out, "My husband is dead . . .

- . . . you know he feared the Lord. Now the ones we owe money to will take my sons"

- Elisha's heart was touched by her great need, "How can I help you?" he asked

- God's heart is touched by your needs, and you can tell God about those needs in prayer

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- The widow brought her problem to Elisha . . .

- . . . and this reminds me that you should bring your problem of sin to Jesus

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- Elisha; "What do you have in your house?"

- Woman; "I have nothing in the house, except a little olive oil"

- Elisha; "Go and borrow empty jars from all your neighbors . . .

- . . . don't borrow just a few – borrow lots of them"

- What a strange thing for Elisha to tell her
(Remove figs., add figs. 7-9)

- But the woman knew Elisha was a man of God, and she immediately called her 2 sons

- They went out to do what Elisha the prophet said; let's think about how this happened

- Knock! "It's the neighbor boys from around the corner, can we borrow some pots & jars?"

- "Mother didn't tell us why she wants all of them, but when she's done, we will bring them back"

- "I know your mother, and your father was a servant of God; I am glad to loan you pots & jars"

- Something like this must have happened at house after house

ELISHA, LSN #2, SCENE #3

- Can't you just see them, mother and sons trudging home loaded with jars of all sizes and shapes?
(Add figs. 11c & 11e)

- Perhaps they carried some jars on their heads & had their arms full; it probably took more than 1 trip

- Neighbors must have been curious and some may have said, "This widow is very foolish"

- But this was God's way; many people think God's way of taking care of our sins was foolish

P, E - Hebrews 9:22b
"... and without shedding of blood is no remission (forgiveness)."

- That was God's way to pay the debt of our sins

- Elisha; "When you borrow the jars go back home, shut the doors with you & sons inside

- ... then pour oil into all those containers; as each jar is filled set it aside"

ELISHA, LSN #2, SCENE #4 (Replace fig. 7 with fig. 10)

- So the widow and her sons shut door; she picked up pot of oil – in it was *all* she had

- She poured it into an empty jar and set it aside; then she filled another . . . and another

- When all the jars in the room were full, the mother said, "Bring me another jar"

- Son; "There are no more!" Fat jars, thin ones, and tall ones . . . all were filled to brim

- How amazed they must have been to look at all those jars full of precious, valuable oil

- For a moment she had forgotten about the men she owed money to
(Remove all figs.)

- Elisha told Gehazi, “Call the woman”
 - The woman of Shunem came again and Elisha said, “About this time next year . . .
 - . . . you will hold a son in your arms”
 - The woman found it hard to believe that after all these years without a child, she’d be a mother
 - But God promised He was going to do this great thing for her and her husband
 - How good and kind of God to do this; God showed His goodness to this woman with this promise
 - God shows us over and over again that He loves us
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- Because of her kindness to Elisha, God promised her a baby son
 - God’s promise brought peace and joy to her heart
 - God has made a wonderful promise for you, too; He promises to make you one of His children
 - Listen to what the Bible says . . .

INVITATION

John 1:12 “*But as many as received Him* (if you take Jesus to be your Saviour), *to them* (you) *gave He power* (God give you the privilege, the right) *to become the sons* (children) *of God, even to them that believe on His name.*”

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W - Will you do it?

ELISHA, Lesson #3 II Kings 4:8-17

- Can you think of someone that has been really kind to you?
- Some people are always doing kind things for others
- I know some people who are always giving me candy or apples or other gifts
- Sometimes I wonder what I can do to show them how much I appreciate their kindness
- The Bible tells us about some people who were really kind; let’s see what we can learn
- In Shunem lived a certain rich farmer and his wife
- Elisha traveled from city to city to do his work for God; one day he came to the city of Shunem
- As he walked into town, one of the women begged Elisha to come in, rest, and eat with them
- The Bible calls her a “great” woman; not because she was greater than all other women
- She was not perfect, without sin; all have sinned against God

S, PAU - Romans 3:23 “*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*”

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- When Bible says “great,” it probably means she was rich & had great influence in her city

ELISHA, LSN #3, SCENE #1 (Place figs. 12-14, 16)

- After that, as often as Elisha traveled through that town, he stopped and rested at this home
- What do you think Elisha, the man & wife talked about when Elisha stayed in their home?
- Surely Elisha told them of God’s promise to send a Saviour

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- The woman of Shunem and her husband would have been glad to hear about the coming Saviour

ELISHA, LSN #3, SCENE #2 (Remove figs. 12-14, add fig. 15)

- Ever so quietly God had been speaking to woman of Shunem

- He was **guiding** her to do something special

MT - THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVES IN YOU TO GUIDE YOU IN MAKING DECISIONS

- One day, this great woman believed she should tell her husband what God wanted of her

ELISHA, LSN #3, SCENE #3
(Add fig. 14)

- Woman; “I know that Elisha is a man of God; why don’t we build an extra room just for him?”

- “Then when he comes this way, he’ll not only be able to eat here but he can study and rest here too”

- God had *guided* this woman in making this important decision

MT, PAS - THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVES IN YOU TO GUIDE YOU IN MAKING DECISIONS
John 16:13 “... when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth....” (M.V.)

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- Do you think this great woman’s husband liked the idea? Was he willing to build the room?

- Yes, I believe he knew God had given this idea to his wife; so they built the room
(Remove all figs.)

- They needed more than just a room to make their guest comfortable in their home

- Woman; “Let us set for him a bed, table, stool, & candlestick”

ELISHA, LSN #3, SCENE #4
(Add figs. 16-16c)

- The furniture made the room special; how good God was to lead the woman to do this

- The woman and her husband loved God; they believed the promise that God made . . .

- . . . to one day send a Saviour for them; God did send a Saviour to die for us

P, E - I Peter 2:24 “... Who His own self bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we ... should live”

- I think I know why God put this woman’s story in the Bible. Do you?

- One reason was because she let God guide her in showing kindness to His servant Elisha

- God uses people like us to help others; God’s servants need your kindness!

- Do you know who I am thinking of? Yes, the missionaries; they gave their lives to work for God

- How can we show kindness to our missionaries? God has told us to give unselfishly to help...

- Give to help missionaries go tell other people of His great love; woman gave to prophet Elisha

- How thankful Elisha must have been for his quiet, restful room; good to stop there on his journeys

- One day Elisha came with his servant Gehazi

ELISHA, LSN #3, SCENE #5
(Add figs 17A, 16)

- Elisha lay down to rest; while he was resting, he thought how nice the woman had been to him

- He tried to think of a way to repay some of the woman’s kindness; what could he do?

ELISHA, LSN #3, SCENE #6
(Remove 17A, 16, add 1, 17, 18)

- The servant went and called the woman; the great woman came and stood in the doorway

- Elisha; “You have been so kind to me in providing this room, now what can I do for you? . . .

- . . . is there something I can talk to the king of Israel about or the captain of the Israelite army?”

- Elisha was saying, “Ask for something great – I will talk to those who will give it to you”

- What was the woman’s answer? She was already rich, she had a husband who loved her . . .

- Her answer was, “I have all that I need; God has blessed me so much – I don’t need anything”

- She returned to the house
(Remove fig. 18)

- Elisha continued to question his servant, “Isn’t there something we can do to show appreciation for all she has done?”

- Gehazi thought of something she may have wanted for a long time -- a child!

- Elisha trusted God for results
- Prophet put his mouth upon the child's mouth; his eyes on child's eyes; his hands on the child's
- He could feel the child begin to get warm; then he got up and walked back & forth across room
- Once again Elisha stretched himself on child; then something unusual happened ... boy sneezed
- He sneezed 7 times!

ELISHA, LSN #4, SCENE #7
(Remove fig. 25; add fig. 27)

- At last boy opened his eyes! How happy Elisha was to see him; he knew God had returned this son

ELISHA, LSN #4, SCENE #8
(Exchange 26 for 1, add 17, 18)

- Elisha called his servant, "Go get the woman; to the woman he said, "Take your son"
- But before she would take her son, the woman bowed at Elisha's feet
- She must have thanked God for this extra special gift of allowing her son to be alive again

- This story reminds me of God's great love for you and me

INVITATION

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world (you and me), that He gave His only begotten Son (Jesus), that whosoever (you) believeth in Him (trusts in Jesus) should not perish (won't go to place of punishment), but have everlasting life."

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made known unto God."**

O - Overview PAS examples
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W - Will you do it?

**ELISHA, Lesson #4
II Kings 4:18-37**

- How many of you like gifts? Some gifts are special aren't they?
- God promised a special gift to the great woman and her husband; know what it was?
- Yes, a son . . . can anything be more special than this? Well, let's listen and see
- Elisha wanted to do something special for the woman at Shunem and her husband
- After all, they had been so kind to him; but what did they need? Nothing
- But there was one thing that they really wanted that they didn't have . . . a son
- They prayed; but now they were older, and it didn't seem God would answer their prayer
- This was the special announcement Elisha made to the woman and her husband
- "God will give you and your husband a son!" Their prayer would finally be answered

- At last that special day came when their son arrived; reminds me of another special Son

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- I am sure Elisha must have stopped in his travels and played with the little boy as he grew

- How happy these parents must have been! Elisha was glad God had rewarded them this way

- This boy was very special to them and they loved him

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ELISHA, LSN #4, SCENE #1
(Add figs. 19-22a)

- One day when boy had grown to be about your size he went with his father into the fields at harvest
- It must have been fun in fields; there were lots of things he could do ... go get water, etc
- But suddenly; "Oh, father, my head, my head!" ... he told one of the workers to carry boy home
(Remove figs.)
- His mother held him on lap; she did everything she knew to do. Nothing helped; at noon he died

- What do you think mother did? didn't cry; she must have thought about God; He would help.

- His mother carried her son up to Elisha's room, laid him on the bed & went back down the stairs

- Perhaps she prayed as she walked, asking God what to do next

- She ran to her husband; "Please give me a donkey so that I might go to the man of God and return"

ELISHA, LSN #4, SCENE #2
(Place figs. 19, 23)

- Her husband said, "Why do you want to go today?" It was a day for work

- "Everything will be alright," she said; she wasn't weeping but just quietly trusting the Lord

- She knew that only God could comfort her and help her now

MT - THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVES IN YOU TO COMFORT YOU IN TIMES OF TROUBLE
(Remove fig. 19)

- The woman & servant began long journey to Mt. Carmel to find Elisha

- As she traveled long miles to find Elisha, I'm sure she prayed

- She probably reminded herself, *God gave me this son; He is able to bring him back to life again*

- God is the only One who can raise someone from the dead, like He did with His own Son

P, E - I Peter 3:18 "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins."

- The journey seemed long; but she was thankful for the comfort God gave her in her heart

- At last she came near enough so Elisha could see them coming

ELISHA, LSN #4, SCENE #3
(Place figs. 1, 17)

- Elisha said to his servant, "Look there is the woman from Shunem, run ... see if she's okay.

- Even though the woman was very sad over the death of her son, she said, "It is all right"

- How could she be so calm? There is really only one person who can encourage her in her heart

- Only God could cause unhappy pain her heart to go away

MT, PAS - THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVES IN YOU TO COMFORT YOU IN TIMES OF TROUBLE
Philippians 4:6 "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer ... let your requests be made known unto God." (M.V.)

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ELISHA, LSN #4, SCENE #4
(Remove fig. 23; add 24, 17)

- When she met Elisha she knelt at his feet; Gehazi would have pushed her away from Elisha

- Elisha, "Let her alone, she is very sad ... the Lord has hid from me what is wrong"

- Then the woman told Elisha her son was dead

- Elisha told Gehazi to take his staff and hurry to the room where the child lay

- "Put my staff on the child's face," said Elisha

- Gehazi hurried away but the woman refused to leave until Elisha agreed to come with her

ELISHA, LSN #4, SCENE #5
(Remove figs.; add 16a-c, 17, 25)

- Elisha hurried to the room where the boy was laying

- The prophet of God was sad when he saw the boy was dead

- That makes me think of how sad God is today when he looks as us

S, PAU - Ezek. 18:4 "...the soul that sinneth, it shall die."

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ELISHA, LSN #4, SCENE #6
(Remove 17; add fig. 26)

- Elisha came into the room and shut the door behind him; what do you think he did first?

- What would you do? Bible says, "Call unto me..." (Jer. 33:3)

- That is what Elisha did; Bible says, "He prayed unto the Lord"

- I believe it was when he prayed that God showed Elisha He would raise boy from the dead

- Elisha had no power, but God wanted to work through him

1. What He can do for you

2. **INVITATION**

3. **John 14:6** “... *I am the way* (the One who made possible the way to heaven), *the truth* (the One who tells you what is right), *and the life* (the One who gives eternal life): *no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me* (Jesus is the only way to get to heaven).”

ELISHA, LSN#5, SCENE #5
(Place fig. 1)

- Captain stood before the prophet; he told Elisha something special

- “Now I know there is no God in all the earth except in Israel”

- Through being healed of leprosy, Naaman saw the power of God; he knew God loved him

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- He no longer believed in his idols

ELISHA, LSN#5, SCENE #6
(Remove all figs.)

- But it was the young girl who was captured and taken to Syria who had the courage to tell about God

- The reason we have Good News Club is to tell you about Jesus ... -

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YOU TO GIVE YOU
COURAGE TO TELL OTHERS
ABOUT JESUS**

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Isaiah 41:10 “Fear thou not; for I
am with thee ... I will strengthen
thee; yea, I will help thee”**

O - Overview PAS examples

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W - Will you do it?

**ELISHA, Lesson #5
II Kings 5:1-27**

- Can you remember where you were two years ago? I can't

- Can you remember where you went on favorite vacation?

- In today's lesson a very special event happened, and I am sure he will never forget it

- As lesson begins, there is a war in Israel; Syrian army invaded land

- I am sure they were scared; prisoners were being taken

- Many Israelites had turned to worshiping idols; God allowed the Syrians to fight Israel

- One day Syrian soldiers captured a young girl who worshiped the one true God

- She must have been scared at first, but she thought about the Lord being her strength

- Someone must have taught this little girl about God and the promised Saviour

- She may not have known all the details, but I am sure she believed He would come one day

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- Soon she learned she was to be a servant girl in home of Naaman, Captain of the Syrian Army!

- She would work for wife of the Captain; even in Syria, she trusted God and did her work well

- The Bible tells us Naaman was a great man in eyes of his master; a man of honor and full of courage

ELISHA, LSN #5, SCENE #1
(Place figs. 28-30)

- The young servant girl soon learned the Captain had a terrible skin disease called leprosy!

- Throughout the Bible this disease is a picture to us of sin

**S, PAU - Isaiah 53:6 “All we like
sheep have gone astray; we have
turned everyone to his own
way....”**

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- The servant girl wanted to help the captain, but what could she do?

- She remembered in her country lived a prophet of God--Elisha

- She knew God worked miracles through Elisha; she was sure God could use him to heal Naaman

- Would she have the courage to tell Mrs. Naaman about her God?

- Well, she couldn't let Naaman die when she *knew* there was cure; the Lord gave her the courage

MT - THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVES IN YOU TO GIVE YOU COURAGE TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS

- As the girl was serving mistress, she may have said . . .

- "I wish Captain Naaman could go to Elisha; I know that God would make the captain well"
(Remove all figs.)

- God gave the servant girl courage to speak and the captain's wife quickly told her husband

- Naaman was so excited he told the king of Syria; the king wrote a letter to king of Israel

- The Syrian king didn't understand; he thought king of Israel would make Naaman well

ELISHA, LSN#5, SCENE #2

(Add figs. 31, 31a)

- Naaman decided to go to Israel right away; he packed all kinds of things to take along

- When he arrived, he presented himself to the king of Israel; then he handed him the letters from the king of Syria

- The king of Israel was shocked; "Syria is just trying to pick a fight with us!"

- King was upset, tore clothes; news that the king was upset reached Elisha

- Elisha; "Bring this man to me and he will know there is a prophet of God in Israel"

- I wish we could have seen the captain arrive at Elisha's; full military uniform ...

- Riding in his chariot drawn by big horses; he brought gold and fine clothes as gifts

- Naaman thought, "I'll make a big impression on Elisha then he will heal me!"

ELISHA, LSN#5, SCENE #3

(Add fig. 17a)

- But what do you suppose happened? Elisha didn't even come out to meet Naaman

- Elisha told the messenger what to say; the captain was angry when he heard the message

- "Go and wash in the Jordan River seven times. If you do this, your leprosy will be gone"

- Naaman, angry, thought Elisha would just call on the name of his God and heal him

- Naaman; "Wash in the dirty Jordan ... there are rivers in Syria far better than this!"

- Naaman left in a rage
(Remove fig. 17a)

- Naaman didn't understand that the important thing was to obey God; just like Jesus did

P, E - I John 1:7 "...the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin."

- God had a plan for Naaman but this important man thought his way was best; he left in anger!

- Servants; "If Naaman told you to do something **great**, wouldn't you do it?"

- Naaman thought it over; he did want to be well ... maybe this was worth a try

- Perhaps he looked again at his leprosy and then he headed for the Jordan River

ELISHA, LSN#5, SCENE #4

(Remove fig. 31; add fig. 30)

- Naaman went into the river; he dipped himself once ... but his leprosy was still there

- He dipped again, no change; he dipped again, again ... 5 , 6 times ... but the leprosy wasn't gone

- The captain dipped the 7th time ... he came out of water & looked at his skin; then looked *again*

- Naaman could hardly believe his eyes; he knew it wasn't muddy Jordan, but God made it happen

- I am sure he was thankful for the little girl who had courage to tell him God could cure his leprosy

MT, PAS - THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVES IN YOU TO GIVE YOU COURAGE TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS

Isaiah 41:10 "Fear thou not; for I am with thee ... I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee" (M.V.)

- He provided oil for the woman (fig. 10) and her two sons

- He sent a son to the woman of Shunem and raised him up again (fig. 27)

- God healed Naaman (fig. 30), and He saved the woman and her family from famine (fig. 18)

- God was faithful to Elisha and Elisha was faithful to God
(Remove all figs.)

- Even when Elisha became very sick and lay dying, he continued to faithfully serve the Lord

- An important person came to see Elisha – Joash, King of Israel

ELISHA, LSN#6, SCENE #5
(Place fig. 16, 37)

- It was hard for the king to say goodbye to Elisha, for he knew Elisha was a man of God

- Elisha talked to the king and tried to help him trust in God for victories in the land

- The time had come to say goodbye, but Elisha had been faithful right to the end

- Elisha went to be with the Lord

- I will go to heaven to be with God when I die because I have trusted Jesus as my Saviour

- Have you ever done that?

INVITATION

Acts 16:31 “...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ (trust Jesus as Saviour), and thou shalt be saved (from sin)...”

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**BOW HEADS
RESPONSE**

CHALLENGE

**G - Go over MT
THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVES IN
YOU TO GIVE YOU POWER
TO SERVE GOD
FAITHFULLY**

**R - Review PAS verse
I Thess. 5:24 “Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it.”**

O - Overview PAS examples
1.

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3.

W - Will you do it?

ELISHA, Lesson #6

II Kings 6:1-7; 8:1-6; 13:14, 19

- Do you remember when we said “Hello” to Elisha?

- Is there a word in our memory verse that describes Elisha?
Faithful

- God could count on Elisha to follow His directions...to give His messages & help when needed

- Will Elisha continue to be faithful? Let’s listen and find out

- Elisha was faithful as he served in schools of prophets; he helped train many men to serve God

- They studied much about God; I’m sure they learned of God’s promise to send a Saviour

O

ELISHA, LSN#6, SCENE #1
(Place figs. 1, 2)

- One day the sons of the prophets came to Elisha; “Master, our school is too small, let’s build a bigger one”

- Elisha thought *that was a good plan*, so he said, “Go”

- One young man pleaded with Elisha, “Go with us”; and Elisha said, “I will go”

ELISHA, LSN#6, SCENE #2
(Remove figs; add 1, 32, 33)

- When they arrived at the Jordan River, they began to cut down trees for their new building

- As one of the men was cutting, the axe head came loose from the handle and fell in the river

- The man called Elisha, “What shall I do? I borrowed the axe!”

- Elisha; “Where did it fall?” The man showed him the place

- Elisha cut a stick & threw it in the river ... then it happened

- That heavy iron axe came to the top of the water and floated; it was a miracle!

- Why did God work this miracle?

- Perhaps because God knew these men were faithfully serving Him

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(Remove all figs.)

- The woman of Shunem and her husband had been faithful

- Faithful in caring for God's servant Elisha

- What did God give them for being so kind & faithful? (*A son*)

- And even though that son died, God, through Elisha, brought him back to life again

- Elisha had trusted in God; God was faithful to do another miracle

- Several years later, woman and her son come into our story again

- ... and they are in danger! Perhaps the husband died and wife and son were alone ...

- But God was faithful... continued to supply what they needed

G

ELISHA, LSN#6, SCENE #3
(*Place fig. 1, 18*)

- God told Elisha to go and give this family special directions

- Elisha spoke kindly but firmly, "There is going to be a famine in the land for 7 years ...

- ... there will not be enough food; you must go to another country ...

- ... this famine was coming because of the sin of the people"

S, PAU - Romans 3:10 "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one."

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- The woman knew God was guiding her and she went to the land of the Philistines
(*Remove all figs.*)

- God was taking care of this woman because of her faithfulness

- After the 7 years of famine the woman returned; but someone else was living in her home

- But God knew her need, and He had a plan; that reminds me of His plan to take care of us

P, E - Ephesians 1:7 "...we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins..."
(*Place figs. 17a, 34, 36*)

- God had a plan for this woman

- Elisha's servant Gehazi was visiting the king that day

- King; "Tell me some of the great things Elisha has done"

- There was a lot to tell but just as Gehazi was telling about the dead boy who came back to life ...

- ... the boy's mother came in to beg for her house and land back

ELISHA, LSN#6, SCENE #4
(*Add figs. 18, 35*)

- Gehazi cried out, "O king, this is the woman and this is the son Elisha restored to life!"

- The king asked the woman of Shunem about it; she told king of the special miracle God did

- King was amazed by her story; surely God worked in his heart because he gave an official order

- "Give this woman everything that belonged to her and all the money that was earned from her field ...

- ... since the day she left land until now!"- would have all she needed

- God has something He wants you to learn about serving faithfully

- He has promised that if you put Him first in your life, He will give you all the things you need

- God rewarded the woman of Shunem's faithfulness; God will do that for you too

(*Remove all figs.*)

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(*Choose one fig. to place on the board as each incident of God's faithfulness is reviewed*)

- Elisha (*fig.1*) was faithful to God and continued to serve Him through all the problems he faced

- Can you name some of the ways God was faithful to Elisha?

- God opened the Jordan River and judged the boys (*fig. 4*) who made fun of Elisha