

1 – LESSON #66: God raised 2 men from death to life through contact with Elisha.

Last week, we heard about 2 letter-E guys who never died.

QUESTION: Who were they?

ANSWER: Elijah and Enoch

We will now hear some miracle **Bible** tales where **God** allowed somebody to be raised from the dead.

Several weeks back, we had already heard the story where Prophet Elijah brought a widow's son back to life. [1 Kings 17:17-24]

RINGLEADER: Hooray for the widow! Hooray for Elijah!

[Group repeats]

QUESTION: After Elijah went to Heaven by way of a whirlwind in a Chariot of Fire, who was the special prophet who took his place?
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ANSWER: Elisha

That's right. Elisha. **God** also gave Prophet Elisha the ability to raise somebody from the dead.

RINGLEADER: Who did Elisha bring back to life?

[Group repeats]

I'm glad you asked. You see, during the 50-plus years Elisha served **God** as His special prophet, he had to travel a lot.

When he came to this one special town, he always stayed at the home of an older couple with no kids.

One day, God allowed Elisha to work a miracle so that the older couple had a baby boy. Many happy years went by. That baby boy grew, and grew, and grew, until he was grown.

But, ..., one sad day, he died in his mother's arms. Determined that this would not be the end of her son's story, she ran and ran, looking for the **man of God** called Elisha. When she finally found him, she told him what had happened.

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Elisha went to her home and prayed to **Almighty God**. Soon, her son sneezed 7 times and came back to life. [2 Kings 4:18-37]

RINGLEADER: Hooray for God! Hooray for Elisha! Repeat]

As I mentioned before, Elisha served **God** as His special prophet for over 50 years. We'll hear about some of his other miracles another time. But right now, I'm going to tell you the strange story of what happened with Elisha's bones after he was dead.

RINGLEADER: Huh??? Tell us that story. [Group repeats]

Okay. After serving **God** as a prophet for over 50 years, Elisha eventually died. They placed his body in a tomb.

A long enough time had passed that his body now looked like a skeleton.

One day, a man died. His buddies took his dead body and decided to bury him near the location of Elisha's tomb.

But, ..., uh-oh! Before they were able to bury him, they looked up. Yikes! They saw a bunch of raiders from the town of Moab heading in their direction.

Quickly, they looked around. They needed to find a place to dump his body before they ran away to safety.

RINGLEADER: Did they dump him in Elisha's tomb?
[Group repeats]

They sure did. They threw his dead body into Elisha's tomb and then ran for their lives.

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Picture this. The **Bible** states that when his body touched Elisha's bones, the man came back to life. And he stood up on his feet.

Can you imagine how puzzled he would have been?! He probably didn't know those bones belonged to Elisha. All he would have realized was that he had been dead, and now he was alive again.

[2 Kings 13:21 B (NIV)]

Can you picture the surprised looks on his buddies' faces when he managed to track them down to say, "**Hey, I'm alive again.**"

RINGLEADER: That's freaky but cool!

I agree. It sure was!

By the way, you might recall that before Elijah boarded the **Chariot of Fire**, he gave Elisha two wishes. The first wish came true for sure as Elisha served **God** as His special prophet for over 50 years.

Let's get Elisha to remind you of his second wish.

ELISHA: Elijah, please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.

That wish also came true because Elisha performed twice as many miracles as Prophet Elijah did. One example was that Elijah brought 1 person back to life. As for Elisha, during his lifetime, he brought 1 person back to life. After he died, somehow, that dead man miraculously came back to life by coming into contact with Elisha's bones.

QUESTION: As a bit of a review, who were the 3 letter-e guys who either never died or had the God-given ability to raise a person back to life?
ANSWER: Elijah, Enoch, and Elisha.
QUESTION: Any questions or comments?