



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:
Elijah's Fiery Ride

Take Home Point:
God gives us an earthly mission and a heavenly home.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: Today what did you learn about the mission that God has given you?

Select questions and adapt for your family.

God Time at Home

FOR STARTERS: Discuss: "What is your favorite ride at the amusement park? Why?" After this discussion, say, "Today we will read about Elijah taking a fiery chariot ride. Is that a ride you would like to take? Why or why not? Even if we won't take a fiery chariot ride, we have an exciting journey in front of us. That is the mission that God gives each one of us. Let's discover what that is!"

READ THE BIBLE: 2 Kings 2:1-18

KEY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 5:9, "*Whether we live in the body or move out of it, our goal is to be pleasing to him.*"

TALK ABOUT IT: Before God took Elijah home, he sent him on a journey. Where did God send Elijah? (2 Kings 2:1,2,4,6. *God sent him from Gilgal to Bethel, to Jericho, and to the Jordan River.*) At each place Elijah asked Elisha to stay there, how did Elisha answer him each time? (2 Kings 2:2,4,6. *"I solemnly swear, as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not abandon you."*) What did this demonstrate about Elisha's character? (*His faithfulness and courage to follow no matter where God led.*) What did Elisha ask from Elijah before he left him? (2 Kings 2:9. *A double share of his spirit.*) Why did Elisha ask for Elijah's spirit? (*Elisha hoped to follow in the footsteps of the great prophet, Elijah. His goal was to complete the ministry that Elijah had begun.*) What sign or proof did he receive from God that he would receive Elijah's spirit? (2 Kings 2: 12-14. *Elisha picked up Elijah's coat or mantle, left behind, and took it and struck the water with it. As he struck the water, calling out to the Lord, it divided to his left and his right and he walked across the on dry land just as Elijah had done.*)

Elisha began a journey following God for the rest of his life. He did what God wanted him to do until God called him home. How can we be like Elisha? (*Have faith and courage to follow wherever God leads us in our mission here on earth.*) Just like Elijah passed on his mantle to Elisha, Jesus gives us the robe of his righteousness through his death and resurrection. We pick up that robe of righteousness when we believe through faith that Jesus is our Savior. We can trust Jesus and be filled with his power to love, know and follow God. Then someday we will go to be with him in our heavenly home. How can we walk in the footsteps of Jesus and continue the ministry he began? (*Be a servant like Jesus, love others and tell them the good news of salvation.*) He made each of us for a purpose. What do you think God is calling you to do? How can you serve him in your life right now?

PRAYER POWER: Thank God that Jesus passed us his mantle, the robe of his righteousness through his death and resurrection. Ask God to help us use Jesus' power to complete our mission here on earth until we can be with him in our heavenly home.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

FAMILY TIME OPTIONS: As a family come up with a family mission statement. Post it on your refrigerator and use it to remind you what is important in your family!

"Discovery Digs" Lesson 7