

Sunday School Family Sheet: Only the Best!

Sunday, May 9, 2021

This sheet is for an adult member of the home to use as a guide for discussing the Sunday School Bible lesson with children.

For this lesson: You will need either:
1) a Bible, or
2) 365 Bible Stories and Prayers
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(Call the church office 9715-848-7286 for help getting one)

1. **Read and Talk.** Read aloud 1 Kings 19:19-21 & 2 Kings 2 or pp. 150-151 in 365 Bible Stories and Prayers. Before reading aloud, share the following: “We all pass on what we know and love to each other. One of the most important things we pass on is our faith in Jesus Christ. As Elijah got older he had to pass on his job as a prophet of God to Elisha. Elijah knew he couldn’t do that job forever! Elisha gladly took on this job after kissing his mother and father goodbye. As children get older, we too must kiss mother and father goodbye so we would be the Christians they made us to be.” Then ask the children to keep these questions in mind as you read. *After reading, go over the answers and guide them towards the answers here:*
 - a. Why did Elijah need to pass on his job as a prophet to Elisha? *(Elijah was getting old and needed help to do the work God wanted him to do. Elisha was specially chosen by God to do the work of a prophet.)*
 - b. What is a prophet? *(A prophet is someone who speaks for God to the people of God. Prophets deliver messages that can sound harsh but the reason they do is because God wants His people to be faithful.)*
 - c. Why did Elisha become sad? *(God took Elijah up into heaven. Elisha missed his teacher, Elijah. Elijah was a good man and helped Elisha understand what it means to be one of God’s prophets.)*
 - d. What did Elisha do to show he was now the main prophet of God? *(He put on the cloak Elijah left behind. This is where the saying, “Take up the mantle...” comes from!)*
2. **Teach.** After you’ve talked a bit, share these or similar thoughts: It is very sad when a family loses a beloved Christian influence, like a grandmother or grandfather, a dad or an uncle, a mother or an aunt, and so on. These people God places in our lives are there for a reason: to help us understand the Bible, to help us see how much God loves His people, to help us grow in wisdom and understanding, to help us see how wonderful Jesus is and how wonderful it is to be a part of His Church.
3. **Pray.** Have the children cross themselves and say, “In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Also, lead them in this prayer: “Heavenly Father, we thank you for all those people who have taught us about Jesus and for all those who continue to take on that mantle. Without them in our lives we could easily be lost and led astray. Keep us in the one true faith through their wisdom. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.”