

THE STORY FOR CHILDREN

The Story For Children devotionals are broken up into three days. Each day has something to read together, do together, think about together, and pray together with your children. These times together with your family will help your children understand and live out The Story of God's Word!

Chapter 15 – God's Messengers Day One – Running Scared

Today's reading: Pages 136-137

This reading covers: 1 Kings 17-19

Summary: God takes care of Elijah as he is running away from his enemies.

Do together: Have everyone go around the table and list their favorite food. If you want to lengthen this activity you can have the children use paper and crayons to create a menu of their favorite foods.

Think about: When Elijah went on a long journey, how did God take care of him? If you were on a long journey, what would you want God to do for you? God keeps us safe all the time. Sometimes he keeps us safe when we are not even thinking about it. Name one thing today that you know God did for you that you didn't even think about at the time.

Also read: Nahum 1:7

Prayer: God, thank you that you show us in your Bible how you take care of those who love you. Thank you that you take care of us too. So many times you do things for us that we do not even know. Help us to remember you in those times and to remember to thank you for all you do. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Day Two – Pass It On

Today’s reading: Pages 138-140

This reading covers: 2 Kings 2

Summary: Doing God’s work was passed on from Elijah to Elisha.

Do together: Make a human chain from the dining table to the kitchen sink and pass the plates and glasses from one to another assembly-line fashion, until the table is clear.

Think about: Clearing the table was an easy job, but the job that Elijah had in our story was much bigger. He was trying to get the people of his land to remember God and to obey God. After he had worked very hard he knew that it was almost time for him to go to heaven. So he found a helper who could do the work after he was gone.

What would have happened if Elisha had decided he did not want to be a helper and he refused to take over the job for Elijah when he was gone?

Also read: 2 Thessalonians 3:10

Prayer: God, Thank you for the jobs you have given each one of us. We know that when we work together we do our best work. And we know when we do our work with a good attitude then the work goes faster and is more fun. Help us to be good workers. Help us to be workers who are happy to help and eager to please each other and especially to please you. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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Day Three – Please Come Back

Today’s reading: Pages 141-143

This reading covers: Amos 3-5, 9

Summary: God uses his prophet Amos to call his people to return to him.

Do together: Talk about a time when someone or something in your family was lost. Maybe the family pet or even one of the children has been lost. Talk about how everybody felt when the person or thing was gone and how it felt when everyone was finally reunited.

Think about: God wanted his people to come back to him. He used several men called prophets to send his message to the people, but they would not listen. How do you think God felt when that happened?

Sometimes we do not listen to our Mom and Dad. God has given them to us as leaders in our family. How do you think God feels when we do not listen to Mom and Dad?

God still loves us very much, but he wants his children to live the life he wants to give them. So when we obey our parents and the people God gave to help us in life, we are really obeying him too. How do you think that makes God feel?

Also read: Mark 10:13-15

Prayer: Father God, we are happy to be a family who loves you. Please help us always to listen to you and the people you give us. Help us to please you. In Jesus’ name, Amen.