

Q8

BIBLE STORYLINE

## Elisha

[PursueGODkids.org](http://PursueGODkids.org)**Slide: Welcome***(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)***Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.****Slide: Series Intro****Leader Tip:** Dress up in a robe and wear a long beard and introduce yourself to the kids as Elisha. Tell them that you're a prophet of God. Tell the kids that you took a risk to follow God.**Before we jump into our lesson this week, what's the riskiest thing you've ever done? (allow kids to share). Wow! Those sound pretty crazy. How did you feel right before doing that risky thing? (allow kids to share). Right, maybe you had butterflies or were shaking! But, you were brave and you got through it.****Well in today's lesson, we are going to learn about the prophet Elisha. He took a big risk in his life and he probably had some butterflies, too!****But, before we get into that, let's stand and sing.****Song***Song #1***Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.****Slide: Big Idea***All together:* God loves it when kids take a risk to follow him. **(Repeat)****Video***Play lesson video.***Slide: Recap****So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...**

- Who approached Elisha to ask him to be the next prophet? (Elijah)
- What did Elisha ask to get from Elijah? (his heart and skill as a prophet)
- True or False: It's okay to play it safe with God. (F)

I hope we all realize that playing it safe is really disrespectful to God. Kids, when we understand all that God has done for us, especially sending Jesus to die for us, how can we not respond to following him with bravery and courage?! We should be willing to do whatever it takes to follow God because he risked it all for us!

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

### **Slide: Memory Verse**

"If any of you (point out) wants to be my follower (march in place), you must give up (extend arms out) your own way... and follow me (march in place)." Matthew 16:24 *(Repeat)*

This is Jesus talking in this verse. He was inviting his disciples to give up everything to follow him. This was risky for them, too. They had jobs and families and following Jesus was probably scary. But, Jesus was challenging them to take the risk.

This is the choice Elisha had to make, too. Becoming God's prophet meant leaving the life he knew, and the family he loved, to go where God needed him to go. And, being a prophet wasn't easy. Sometimes, people didn't like the message that prophet shared. But, Elisha was brave and took the risk.

So kids, let's learn from Elisha and be willing to take a risk and follow God. Let's be brave to stand up for a kid being bullied, to share our faith in Jesus with others, and always put God first in our lives. This makes God happy!

Now, let's all stand and sing one last song together.

### **Song**

*Song #2*

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

### **Slide: Big Idea**

God loves it when kids take a risk to follow him. *(Repeat)*

### **Slide: Let's Pray**

Pray and release the kids to small group.