



Bible Study

Sent by God: 2 Kings 6:24 to 7:20

Set Up: Cut out the “Sent by God” Bible story visuals from the “Lesson Reproducibles” section: King Joram, four lepers, King Ben-Hadad, bags of gold, and a woman. Let the boys move the visuals around.

Commander Says: The king of Aram wanted to capture the Israelites’ city of Samaria. King Joram and Elisha, the prophet of God, were inside Samaria. King Ben-Hadad decided to starve the city of Samaria into surrender. His army set up camp not far from Samaria. They blocked delivery of food to the city. King Ben-Hadad was patient, and his plan seemed to be working.

King Joram endured the famine with his people, until one day a brokenhearted woman told him the story of how she had been tricked into killing and eating her own son to save herself and another woman from starvation. Distressed, King Joram tore his robes and threatened to kill Elisha. Elisha told the king the famine would end within twenty-four hours. It seemed impossible, but the king waited.

Outside the city lived four lepers who also were hungry. Certain they would die if they stayed near Samaria, they decided to try their luck at the Aramean camp. They might be killed, but at least they would have a chance. When the lepers got to the enemy camp, they found all the soldiers gone. God had caused the Arameans to hear the sound of a great number of men and horses approaching. Terrified, the Aramean troops had fled, leaving everything behind. The lepers took advantage. They ate until they were full, and they took gold and silver to hide—twice!

The lepers began to feel guilty and decided to tell the people in Samaria the good news. Hurrying back to Samaria, the lepers called the good news to the city’s gatekeeper. The gatekeeper sent word to the king, who then sent messengers to check out the story. Finally, all the people in Samaria were saved. The lepers had been where God wanted them, and as a result, they became the heroes of the day.

Review: Let the boys take turns retelling the story and moving the visuals around.

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