



REFERENCES: 2 KINGS 6:8-17; PROPHETS AND KINGS, PP. 254-257.

Angels All Around

Have you ever been scared of something, like a loud thunderstorm or a big dog? Elisha's servant was afraid. But Elisha knew what to do.

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he king of Aram shook his fist at his army officers. "I want to know who is telling the king of Israel all my secret plans!" he shouted.

"Every time we go to attack Israel, their king knows about it!"

One of the officers took a deep breath and

spoke up. "It is not one of us, sir. The prophet Elisha tells the king of Israel

everything you say, even the words you speak in your bedroom."

"Then find out where Elisha is!" the king shouted.

The officers hurried to send spies to look for Elisha. Soon they knew where Elisha was. "Elisha is in the city of Dothan," they told the king.



Memory Verse

"Pray for each other."

JAMES 5:16, NIV.

The Message

We help others when we pray for them.

“Go capture him!” the king commanded. “Go tonight, and surround the city.”

Early the next morning Elisha’s servant walked down the street. He smiled—until he looked outside the city and saw the army from Aram. The servant’s heart pounded with fear. He turned around and ran back to the house. “Elisha, Elisha!” he cried. “The army of Aram has surrounded the city! What are we going to do?”

“Don’t be afraid,” Elisha said. “Come with me.”

The two men climbed up high so they could look over the city walls. Many horses and chariots, and many, many soldiers surrounded the city.

“Do not be afraid,” Elisha said again. “The army that is on our side is bigger than that army.” Then Elisha prayed, “Lord, open my servant’s eyes. Let him see.”

The Lord did open the servant’s eyes. What an amazing sight! The hills were covered with horses and chariots of fire! God’s army of angels surrounded the enemy.

As the enemy came toward the city, Elisha prayed again. “Strike these men with blindness,” he prayed. Immediately, the enemy soldiers could not see. They fell over one another.

Elisha spoke to the enemy soldiers. “Follow me,” he told them.

“I will lead you.” And he led them away to Samaria. There Elisha prayed again. “Lord, open the eyes of these men and let them see where they are.”

The enemy soldiers were surprised to find themselves facing the king and soldiers of Samaria. The king of Samaria asked Elisha, “What shall I do with these men?”

“Give them food and water, then send them back to their master,” Elisha answered. So the king did.

When the enemy soldiers told their king what had happened, he decided to stop attacking God’s people.

And what about Elisha’s servant? That day he learned that God’s angels are always ready to help His children. God always hears our prayers. And He knows what needs to be done.



Do and Say

SABBATH

Each day this week read the lesson story and use the following to review the memory verse.

Pray Fold hands as if praying.
for each other. . . Point to self, then to others.

James 5:16 Palms together;
then open.

SUNDAY

Read 2 Kings 6:8-17 together.
Ask: Why could Elisha's servant see the angel army?

Blindfold your child and lead him or her around the room. Remove the blindfold. Ask: Why couldn't you see? Can you see now? Why? Help your child understand that just as you removed the blindfold, God helped Elisha's servant to see the angels.



MONDAY

Ask: What did Elisha's servant see before God helped him? After? Whose army was bigger?

Help your child share the praying hands made in Sabbath School. Or write a note to tell someone that God's angels are always with them. Pray a special prayer for them.

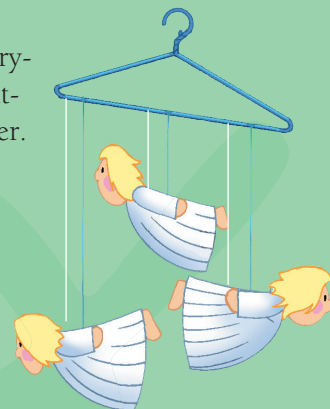
TUESDAY

Make an angel mobile. Draw several angels,

cut them out, and use varying lengths of thread to attach them to a coat hanger. Thank God for angels.

WEDNESDAY

Ask: Is your angel taking care of you today? Why do you think so? Help your child draw a picture of their angel watching over them. Sing songs about angels and thank Jesus for your child's guardian angel.



THURSDAY

Look for things in your home that protect your family (helmet, shoes, raincoat, umbrella, knee pads, smoke alarm). Ask: How do these things protect us? How does God protect us and keep us safe?

Act out the Bible story with your family. Sing about angels before prayer.

FRIDAY

During worship tonight, read about Elisha and his servant in *Prophets and Kings*, pages 256 and 257 (three paragraphs). Ask: Why did Elisha ask God to open his servant's eyes? How did his servant feel when he saw God's army?

Sing "Angels Are Watching Over Me." Use family names instead of the word "me." Thank Jesus for angels that care for your family.