

# ELISHA LEADS A BLIND ARMY

## *2 Kings 6:8-23*

### **2 Kings 6**

<sup>8</sup>Now the king of Aram was at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, "I will set up my camp in such and such a place."

<sup>9</sup>The man of God sent word to the king of Israel: "Beware of passing that place, because the Arameans are going down there." <sup>10</sup>So the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he was on his guard in such places.

<sup>11</sup>This enraged the king of Aram. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, "Will you not tell me which of us is on the side of the king of Israel?"

<sup>12</sup>"None of us, my lord the king," said one of his officers, "but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom."

<sup>13</sup>"Go, find out where he is," the king ordered, "so I can send men and capture him." The report came back: "He is in Dothan." <sup>14</sup>Then he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They went by night and surrounded the city.

<sup>15</sup>When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh, my lord, what shall we do?" the servant asked.

<sup>16</sup>"Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

<sup>17</sup>And Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes so he may see." Then the LORD

opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

<sup>18</sup>As the enemy came down toward him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, "Strike these people with blindness." So he struck them with blindness, as Elisha had asked.

<sup>19</sup>Elisha told them, "This is not the road and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will lead you to the man you are looking for." And he led them to Samaria.

<sup>20</sup>After they entered the city, Elisha said, "LORD, open the eyes of these men so they can see." Then the LORD opened their eyes and they looked, and there they were, inside Samaria.

<sup>21</sup>When the king of Israel saw them, he asked Elisha, "Shall I kill them, my father? Shall I kill them?"

<sup>22</sup>"Do not kill them," he answered. "Would you kill men you have captured with your own sword or bow? Set food and water before them so that they may eat and drink and then go back to their master."

<sup>23</sup>So he prepared a great feast for them, and after they had finished eating and drinking, he sent them away, and they returned to their master. So the bands from Aram stopped raiding Israel's territory.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) Who kept telling the king of Israel where the enemies were?
5		2.) When the enemies came toward Elisha and his men, what did he pray for?
5		3.) What did the Lord do after Elisha prayed?
5		4.) What did Elisha tell the king of Israel to do with the enemies?

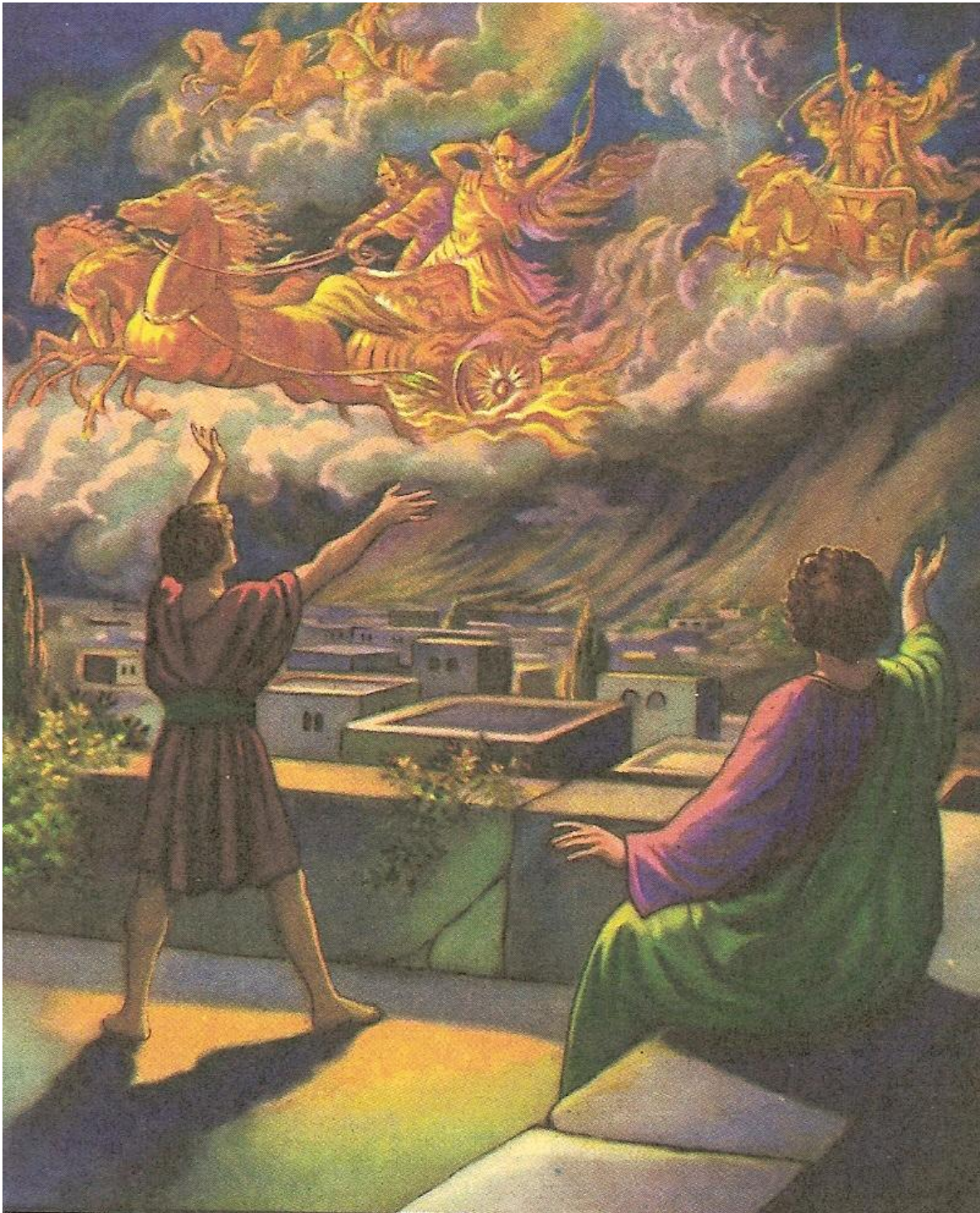
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p><b>“But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.”</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Luke 6:27</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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*Elisha leads the enemy right into the Israelites' hands*

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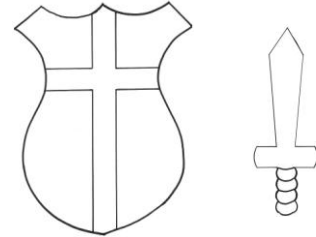
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## CRAFT/ACTIVITY: SWORDS & SHIELDS

Students will make swords and shields to remind them that Elisha lead a blind army.

### MATERIALS

1. Sword & Shield Pattern
2. 67 lb. White Cardstock
3. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
4. Tape
5. Scissors



### DIRECTIONS

1. Make a copy of the “Sword & Shield Pattern” on 67 lb. white cardstock for each student.
2. Have students color the sword and shield with crayons, markers, or colored pencils.
3. Instruct students to cut out the shield, sword, and rectangle (handle for the shield).
4. Tape the rectangle to the back side of the shield as a handle.

### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are coloring their swords and shields, remind them that Elisha could have delivered the enemy into the hands of the Israelites. Instead, he had the king prepare a feast for them. Because of Elisha’s kindness, the enemy stopped raiding Israel’s territory.

### TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

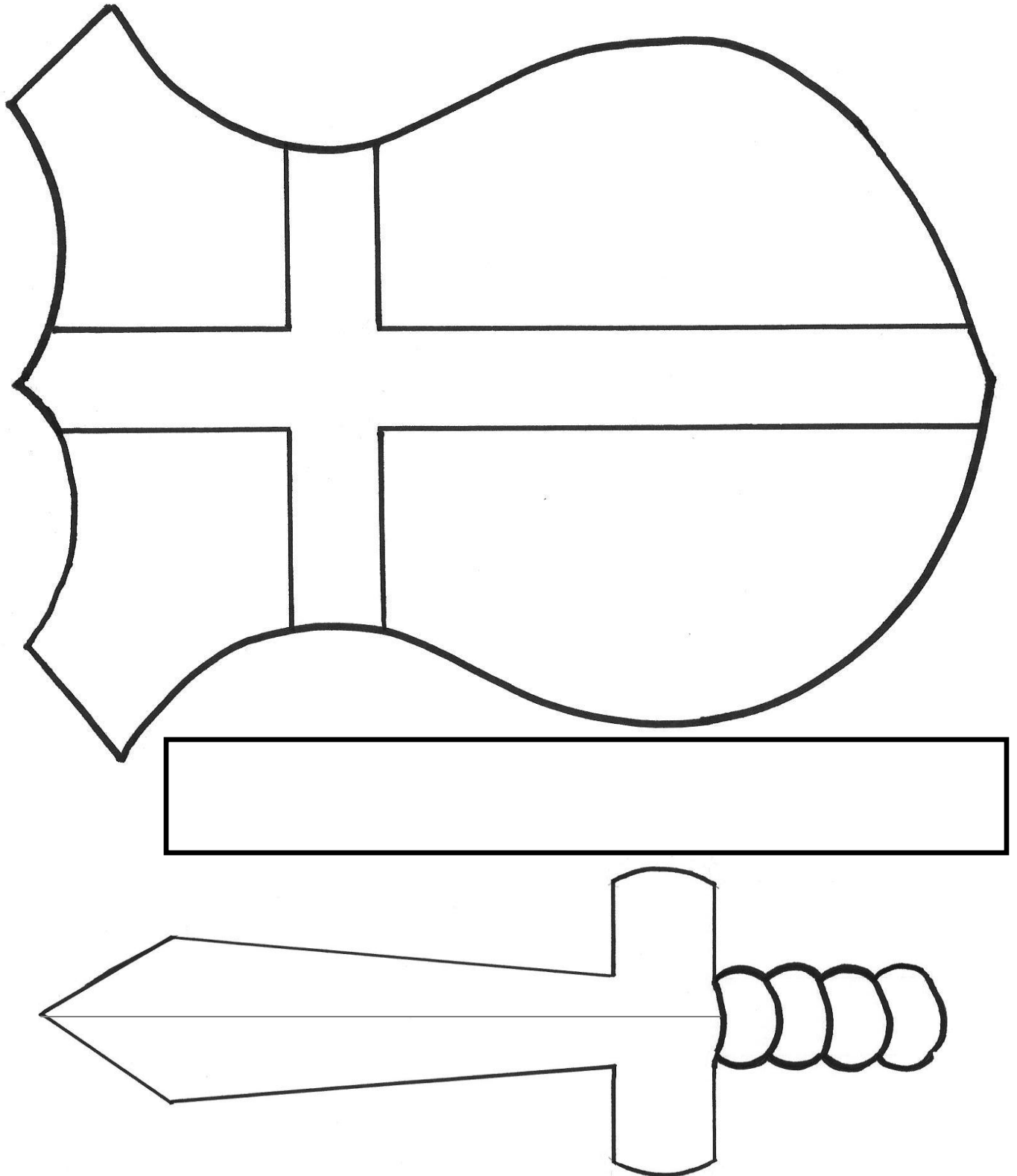
### MEMORY VERSE

*“But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.” Luke 6:27*

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## SWORD & SHIELD PATTERN



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### CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD:

1. "Now the king of Syria was making (**TALK, WAR**) against Israel; and he took counsel with his servants, saying, 'My camp will be in such and such a place.' " **2 KINGS 6:8**

### TRUE OR FALSE:

2. "And the man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, 'Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are coming down there.' " **2 KINGS 6:9**

TRUE OR FALSE

3. But the king of Israel did not listen and did not send anyone to the place of which the man of God had told him. **2 KINGS 6:10**

TRUE OR FALSE

### CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD:

4. "Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was greatly (**TROUBLED, BUBBLED**) by this thing; and he called his servants and said to them, 'Will you not show me which of us is for the king of Israel?' " **2 KINGS 6:11**

### FILL IN THE BLANK:

5. "And one of his servants said, 'None, my lord, O king; but \_\_\_\_\_, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom.' " **2 KINGS 6:12**

### TRUE OR FALSE:

6. "So he said, 'Go and see where he is, that I may send and get him.' And it was told him, saying, 'Surely he is in Dothan.' " **2 KINGS 6:13**

TRUE OR FALSE

7. "Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city." **2 KINGS 6:14**

TRUE OR FALSE

### CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

8. "And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, (**SURROUNDING, LEAVING**) the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, 'Alas, my master! What shall we do?' " **2 KINGS 6:15**

9. "So he answered, 'Do not fear, for those who are with us are (**MORE, LESS**) than those who are with them.' " **2 KINGS 6:16**

10. "And Elisha prayed, and said, 'LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.' Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was (**EMPTY, FULL**) of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha." **2 KINGS 6:17**

11. "So when the Syrians came down to him,, Elisha prayed to the LORD, and said, 'Strike this people, I pray, with (**KINDNESS, BLINDNESS**).' " **2 KINGS 6:18**

12. "Now Elisha said to them, 'This is not the way, nor is this the city. Follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek.' But he led them to (**SAMARIA, SYRIA**). " **2 KINGS 6:19**

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A SPECIAL REPORT ON 2 KINGS 6:8-23

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The king of Aram was at war with Israel. But Elisha warned the king of Israel each time the Arameans thought about attacking. This made the King of Aram angry. So, he sent men to capture Elisha. The king sent horses and chariots at night to surround the city

that Elisha was in.

Elisha's servant went out early the next morning and saw the horses and chariots of the enemy. "What shall we do?" the servant asked Elisha.

"Don't be afraid," Elisha said. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

Elisha prayed and asked the Lord to open the eyes of his servant. The Lord answered Elisha's prayer. When the servant looked out, he saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire protecting him, Elisha, and the people of Israel.

As the enemy came toward Elisha, he prayed, "Lord, strike them with blindness." And that is exactly what happened.

Elisha tricked the blind soldiers. He told them, "This is not the road and the city. Follow me, and I will lead you to the man you are looking for." Elisha led the soldiers right into Israel's hands.

Instead of killing the soldiers, Elisha told the king of Israel to prepare a great feast for them. When they had finished eating and drinking, the soldiers returned to where they came from. After that, the soldiers stopped raiding Israel's territory.

To find out more, read 2 Kings 6:8-23 in your Bible.

## QUESTIONS

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2. When the enemies came toward Elisha and his men, what did he pray for?
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## MEMORY VERSE

"But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you."  
Luke 6:27

## CROSS OFF THE LETTERS

Cross out every other letter. Write the remaining letters on the lines below to reveal the hidden message.

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