

God Answers Elisha's Prayer for Woman's Son to be Raised

Performance Objectives:

1. Children will pray for things that please God.
2. Children will receive answers to their prayers.
3. Children will tell others about answered prayers.

Materials Needed:

Verse visual for Lamentations 3:23b
Song visuals for "Whisper a Prayer" and "God Answers Prayer"
Story of missionary's prayer
A few props and costumes for re-enactment of story
Evaluation sheet

Opening Activities:

Quote theme verse "Lamentations 3:23b
Sing "Whisper a Prayer"
Tell short story of when God answered prayer in a missionary's life.

Sequence of Activities: (Instructional procedures)

- A. Focusing event-Sing "God Answers Prayer"
- B. Instruction (content of the lesson)-on separate sheet
- C. Tying the net-on separate sheet
- D. Teaching the memory verse (guided practice)-Matthew 21:22-Go over verse using hand motions to aid memory.
- E. Independent activity (worksheet, review)-have children help to re-enact story for review

Evaluation

- A. Of the students
 1. Are the students praying for things that please God?
 2. Are the students receiving answers to their prayers?
 3. Are the students telling others about their answered prayers?
- B. Of the teaching session
 1. Do students understand that the character in the Bible story prayed for something that pleased God?
 2. Do students realize that the character received the answer to their prayer?
 3. Do students recognize that the character told specific people about their answered prayer?
 4. Are the students able to quote verse using hand motions?
 5. Are students able to successfully re-enact the Bible story?

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Introduction

God made a promise to give a son to a woman. She had the son, but then the son died. The lady did not know what to do, but Elisha the prophet remembered that we have a God who answers prayers.

Instruction-Content of the Lesson

One day Elisha went to Shunem. (v8a)

When he went there, a lady invited him to eat at her house. (v8b)

After that, every time he was in town, he ate at her house. (v8c)

The woman and her husband decided to make a little room for Elisha, the man of God, where he could stay whenever he visited. (v9-10)

One day Elisha came to visit and stay in the room. (v11)

While he was there, Elisha called the woman to ask what he could give her for her hospitality. (v12-13b)

She said that she was happy as she was. (v13c)

Elisha found out that the woman's husband was old and she still had no child. (v14)

Elisha told the woman that God would give her a son. (v15-16a)

The woman did not believe Elisha. (v16b)

The woman had a son. (v17)

Suddenly one day the young son died. (v18-20)

The woman laid her son on Elisha's bed and went to find Elisha. (v21-24)

The woman found Elisha. (v25-26)

When the woman came Elisha could tell something was wrong. (v27)

The woman told Elisha what had happened. (v28)

Elisha told his servant, Gehazi, to lay his staff on the boy to heal him. (v29)

The woman refused to leave without Elisha, so Elisha and the woman followed Gehazi back to the house. (v30)

Gehazi could not heal the boy. (v31)

Elisha went into the house and found the boy on his bed. (v32)

Elisha prayed to the Lord to raise the boy from the dead. (v33)

1. Elisha prayed for something that pleased God-that God would raise the son He had promised to give to the woman.

Elisha laid himself on top of the boy and the boy began to get warm again. (v34)

Elisha walked around, then laid back on top of the boy. (v35a)

The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes. (v35b)

The boy had been healed. (v35b)

2. God answered Elisha's prayer for the son to be raised.

Elisha called the woman and told her to take her son. (v36)

3. Elisha showed the woman God's answer to his prayer.

The woman bowed down at Elisha's feet, took her son, and left. (v37)

Conclusion-Tying the Net

What did Elisha pray for? That's right. He asked God to raise the son of the woman from the dead. This pleased God, because He had promised to give the woman a son. Did God answer Elisha's prayer? Yes, God raised the boy back to life and gave him back to his mother. To whom did Elisha show God's answer to prayer? He showed the mother of the little boy that God had answered his prayer in bringing the boy back to life.

Just as Elisha did, everyone who has trusted Jesus to save them can ask God for things that please Him. Can you think of some things that you could ask for that would please God?

If you ask God for things that please Him, should you expect Him to answer your prayers? Yes, Elisha trusted God to answer his prayer, because he knew God would be pleased to raise the woman's son from the dead. God is faithful to answer prayer if we are asking for things that please Him.

What should you do when God answers your prayers? Should you just keep it to yourself? No, you should tell others so that they can see what God has done and that He is able to answer prayer. Can you think of some people you could tell if God answered your prayer?

Remember if you have trusted Jesus you can ask God for things that please Him and expect Him to answer your prayers. You can tell others about God's answers to prayers.

Have you trusted Jesus yet? If you have not, Jesus wants you to trust in Him, so that He can help you and answer your prayers. If you want to trust Jesus today, you can come and talk to me today after the lesson.