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## 2 Kings 2:1-15

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### Think About It!

What did we learn?

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What does it mean?

### Do It!

What are we going to do?

### Think About It!

When things have been tough for a while, following the Lord can start to feel like we're just trudging through life. It's tempting to take matters into our own hands in these moments. If we're set on being faithful and obedient, we might feel like God has only our duty—and not our delight—in mind. The beautiful thing about God is his best plans for us, although not always easy, always result in joy for his children. As we wrap up our journey alongside Elijah, we'll see God's unique and inspiring conclusion to Elijah's story.

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### Talk About It!

#### 1. Get raised up

- **2 Kings 2:1-7**
- **Leader Notes**
  - **Has God ever asked you to make a hard choice?** Every day, God lets us make choices. We can always choose to do what he asks us to do. We can always choose to say that we're sorry for our mistakes. We can always choose God's best!
  - **Did you know that God has a special mission for you?** It's true! He has a special mission for all of us. Our job while we're on this earth is to learn what that mission is and go do it. Elisha's mission was to follow in Elijah's footsteps and to be a prophet.
  - **Who has God put in your life to train you for your special mission?** God brought Elijah to train Elisha for his special mission. He can use all kinds of people to train us! Our parents, siblings, Sunday school teachers, and friends! God brought us these people to help us follow him on our special mission.
  - **What do you think your special mission is?** It's okay if you don't know yet! We get to spend our whole life discovering our special mission from God. Ephesians

2:10 says that God prepared good things for us to do (like clues in our life!) so that we could find them and walk in them. What good things can you do for God today? Those are clues that will lead you on the special mission that God has for you.

## 2. Ask for God's best

- **2 Kings 2:8-11**
- **Leader Notes**
  - **Do you and God always have the same plans?** One of the things that distracts us from our special mission is that we don't always want God's best. Sometimes we want our own way more than we want to follow God. That's when we start to sin and get ourselves into trouble. Elijah and Elisha both wanted God's best more than anything else. That's why God used them so powerfully!
  - **How can we start wanting God's best for our lives?** We can learn how to want God's best by talking to him. That's called prayer! Prayer is a funny thing. Jesus teaches us in Matthew 7:7-11 that God wants to give us good things. This doesn't mean God he will always give us what we want, but when we learn how to ask for God's best, he is happy to give it to us.
  - **What do you think "God's best" looks like in your life? How can you ask him for it?** As we look for the special mission that God has for us, we sometimes get distracted by what we think is best. If you're not sure what God's best is, you can just ask him. You can pray, "God, what is the best thing you have for my life?" He has good things for you, and he wants to help you find them.

## 3. Pick up the mantle

- **2 Kings 2:12-15**
- **Leader Notes**
  - **Has "God's best" for you ever been something painful?** That happens sometimes. It happened to Elisha. He lost his closest friend. He could have let his sadness keep him from going on his special mission from God. Instead, he got up and did what God was asking him to do. Sometimes, God's best is hard.
  - **What is something that God is asking you to do in your life right now?** Instead of getting distracted by what was happening around him, Elisha got back up, and started looking for God's best in his life. No matter what is going on in our lives, we can do that right now, today.
  - **Why do you think God sends us on special missions?** God doesn't send us on special missions because he needs our help. He has one mission: to tell everyone in the world how much he loves them. Because he loves us, he invites us to join him on this special mission in all kinds of ways!

## Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?

- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?
- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?
- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?