

## Growing with Values - Loyalty

### Elijah's Last Journey

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a **whirlwind**, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to **Bethel**." But Elisha said,

"As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "but do not speak of it." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho." And he replied,

"As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to **Jericho**. The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," he replied, "but do not speak of it."



Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the **Jordan**." And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on. Fifty men of the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. Elijah took his **cloak**, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what I can do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied.

"You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours, otherwise not."

As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a **chariot of fire** and **horses of fire** appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them apart.

He picked up the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. Then he took the cloak that had fallen from him and struck the water with it. "Where now is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" he asked. When he struck the water, it divided to the right and to the left, and he crossed over.

**Read the story above and then answer all questions below.**

1. What did Elisha want from Elijah?
2. What happened when Elijah's cloak touched the Jordan River?
3. What happened after Elijah and Elisha cross the Jordan River?
4. Why do you think Elisha would not leave Elijah alone?
5. Use the numbers one through 4 to put the events in order.

\_\_\_\_\_ Elisha and Elijah went down to Bethel

\_\_\_\_\_ Elisha struck the water, it divided

\_\_\_\_\_ A chariot of fire took Elijah

\_\_\_\_\_ Elisha and Elijah stopped at Jordan

6. What word would be the synonym for the word '**cloak**'?
  - a. pants
  - b. cape
  - c. dress
  - d. reveal