

Religious Education

Growing with Values -Loyalty

Elijah's Last Journey

Name: _____ Teacher: _____



Read the story then answer the questions that follow.

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 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 eh 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 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 don not speak of it."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here the LORD has sent me to **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 Elijah, "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 them no re. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them apart.

He picked up the cloak that had fallen rom 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.

1. What did Elisha want from Elijah?

2. What happened when Elijah's cloak touched the Jordan River?

3. What did Elijah ask Elisha after crossing the Jordan River?

4. Why do you think Elisha would not leave Elijah alone?

5. Use the numbers 1 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