

He will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no-one to help.
 He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death.

Psalm 72:12,13

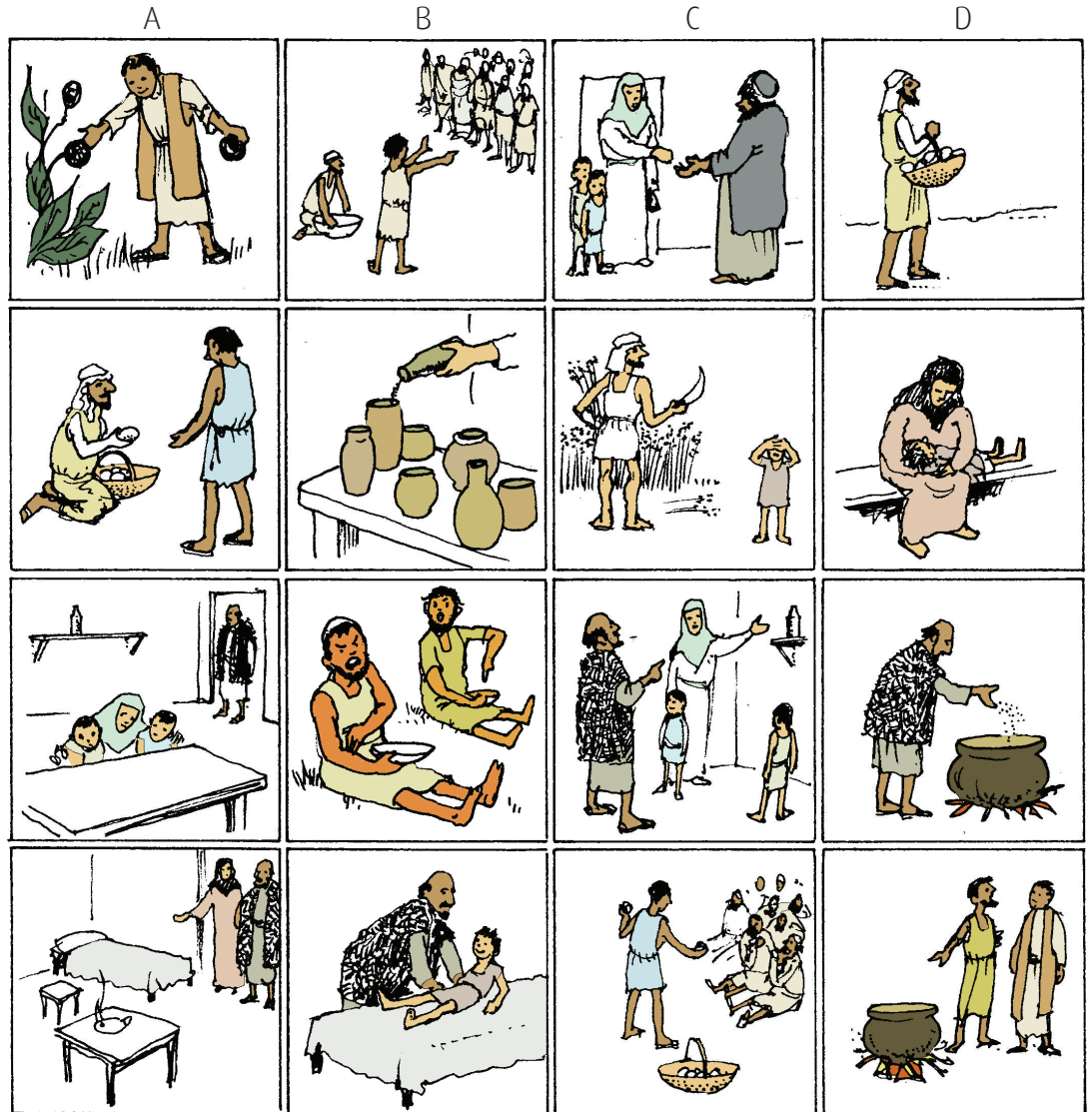
2 Kings 4

2 Kings 4 shows 4 miracles in which Elisha shows concern for the people around him. Read the chapter and then use the grid references to identify 4 pictures for each of the stories. Write down the grid references so that they tell the stories in the correct order.

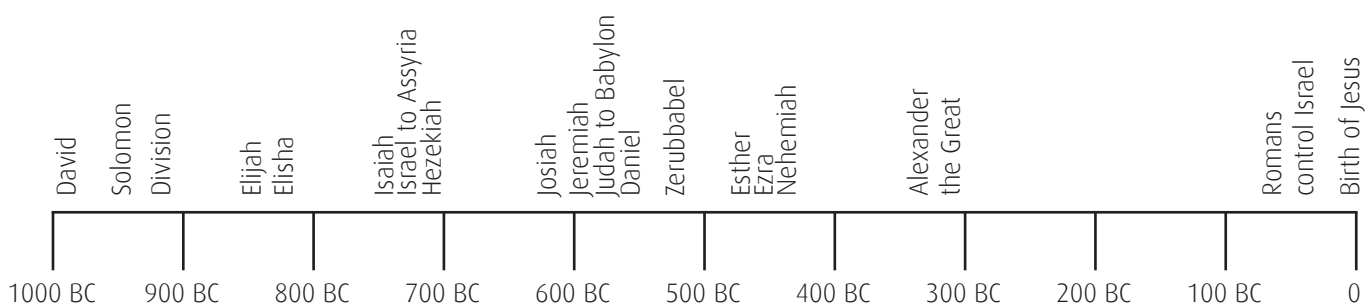
Readings this week:

- S 2 Kings 4:1-7
- M 2 Kings 4:8-17
- T 2 Kings 4:18-37
- W 2 Kings 4:38-41
- Th 2 Kings 4:42-44
- F 2 Kings 8:1-6
- S Colossians 3:12-17

Before Elijah was taken in the whirlwind, Elisha asked Elijah if he could be given a double portion of his spirit. The Bible records Elisha performing twice as many miracles as Elijah.



- Miracle 1: v1-7
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- Miracle 2: v8-37
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- Miracle 3: v38-41
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- Miracle 4: v42-44
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Which miracles of Jesus are you reminded of from this lesson?

What issues do these miracles show that God is concerned with?

Why should it be relevant to you, personally, to know that God is concerned with mundane things as well as significant events?

Kindness doesn't have to be a miracle! Jesus taught us that our attitude to those around us is a way of serving him.

Make a list by yourself of little things which you can make an effort to do to show kindness to others.

How would you feel if you were one of the two boys about to be taken as slaves because of debt?

What difference do you think Elisha made to the way they thought about life?

Digging Deeper

Raised from the dead

In the Old Testament there were two boys who were raised from the dead. Who raised them?

Jesus raised three people from the dead. Can you remember who they were?

In the Acts of the Apostles we are told of two other times when people were raised. Can you name them?

Jesus was also raised. What is the difference between his resurrection and the others?

These passages may help you if you are stuck.

1 Kings 17:17-24; 2 Kings 4; Luke 7:11-15; Luke 8:40-56; John 11:38-44; Acts 9:36-41; Acts 20:7-12;

Revelation 1:18; Romans 4:25; 1 Corinthians 15:20-23.

Thank God that he values you, not because you are important or clever but because he loves you.