

Questions about Elisha

(Teacher Resource)

Notes to the talk show host: Elisha has recently died, and all week on your show, *Good Morning Israel*, you are hosting people who came in contact with him. These types of questions should get the conversation going:

Segment 1: The widow and her two sons (2 Kings 4:1–7)

Welcome to the show.

Introductions.

- Now if you don't mind my asking, how is it that your husband died? Is there a connection between your husband's death and his debts?
- Do you mind explaining to our audience exactly what was going to happen to your sons if you could not get the money?
- (To the sons) How were you feeling about that? How old are you?
- Did you really think that Elisha would be able to help you? or was this a last resort?
- People say that Elisha was a sensitive man. Was that your experience? (Address first the mother and then the sons.)

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Segment 2: The rich woman; her husband, Gehazi; and the son before he takes ill (2 Kings 4:8–17)

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Introductions.

- (To the rich woman and her husband) What was your first impression of Elisha? How is it that you came to build a room for him on top of your house?
- Gehazi, can you tell our audience how Elisha was able to thank this woman for her kindness? What role did you play?
- (To the rich woman and then to her husband) What did you think when Elisha told you that you would have a son?

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Segment 3: The rich woman; her husband, Gehazi; and the son (2 Kings 4:28–37)

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Introductions.

Thanks to the visitors for returning for a second show.

- (To the husband) How did you first know that your son was in trouble?
- (To the woman) What did you do immediately when you realized that your son was dead?
- Gehazi, what happened when this woman came to Elisha? Were you able to help?
- (To the woman) Was Elisha able to do something for your son? What was it?

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Segment 4: Naaman, the Israelite girl servant, two servants of Naaman, the king of Israel, and Gehazi (2 Kings 5:1–27)

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Introductions.

- (To the Israelite serving girl) How is it that Commander Naaman came to know of Elisha in the first place?
- Commander Naaman, what role did the Syrian king play in your effort to be healed?
- King, what did you think when you received this letter from the king of Syria? Did you think you could help his commander?
- (To the servants) What happened when the commander arrived at the house of Elisha the prophet? What role did you play in the commander's healing?
- Naaman, what was your impression of Elisha's God? Did your experience of bathing in the river and being healed change your own beliefs?
- Gehazi, what made you turn away from your master, Elisha? What type of condition are you dealing with now?

Summary and signing off.

