

**Elisha and the Chariots of Fire**  
(A CedarS Scriptural Skit-- @)

Setting: Dothan, Samaria (in CedarS Camps Bible Lands Park)

Bible: Kings II 6:8-23

Characters:

- Narrator
- King of Syria
- Elisha
- Syrian officer
- Elisha's Servant
- Army of God's angels
- King of Israel

Costumes: Can be found in Antioch (in CedarS Camps Bible Lands Park)

Narrator: A long, long time ago, the Syrians and Israelites were at war. Every time the Syrian king would plan a surprise attack for the Israelites, they would avoid it and saved themselves from battles. This greatly frustrated the Syrian king.

King of Syria: How do they know my every move? Why can't we ever surprise them? One of you must be a spy!?!

Syrian Officer: None of us are spies, we promise! There is a prophet named Elisha who lives in Israel who tells the king of Israel everything you say and plan.

King of Syria: Find this Elisha and capture him at once! Bring him back, dead or alive!

Narrator: A Syrian army of 50,000 men went after Elisha that night. In the morning, one of Elisha's newer servants saw that the city was surrounded. The servant ran to Elisha who was on a nearby mountain.

Elisha's Servant: Elisha! Master! The city is surrounded!

Elisha: Don't be afraid. We have God on our side! There are more of us than there are of them.

[Elisha's servant looks around in fear, seeing only the two of them against an army]

Narrator: Then Elisha prayed to his God asking:

Elisha: Lord, please open the servants' eyes so that he may see that we are protected.

Narrator: When the servant's eyes were opened, he saw horses and chariots of fire surrounding Elisha on the mountain, and his fear disappeared. Then Elisha asked God:

Elisha: Lord, please make the Syrian Army blind.

Narrator: And the Syrian Army became blind. Then Elisha spoke to the Syrian Army saying:

Elisha: You're not going the right way. You won't find the man you are looking for here. Follow me and I will take you to him.

Narrator: The army followed Elisha to Samaria. Then he asked God:

Elisha: Lord, please open their eyes so that they can see.

Narrator: When the army opened their eyes, they saw that they were trapped in Samaria, Israel's capital. When the King of Israel saw them, he asked Elisha:

King of Israel: Should I kill them?

Elisha: No! Would you kill those you caught during a battle? God brought them to you, show them mercy. Give them food and water, then let them go.

Narrator: The king listened to Elisha and did just as he said. The Syrians knew never to attack Israel again.

END SCENE

**Possible follow-up questions on and applications of this Bible Lesson story:**

What kinds of situations make you feel like you are under attack?

How do you handle those that attack you?

What could have happened if the Israelites killed the Syrian Army?

What is mercy?

Why is it so important to show mercy?

What makes mercy spiritual?

Extra:

How was Elisha able to stand up to the Syrian army without fear?

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