# Wonder Ink

### LESSON 4 TODDLER TIME

### LESSON 4 ELISHA AND THE ANGEL ARMY

#### **LESSON AT A GLANCE**

WONDER TRUTH: God Is Powerful
SCRIPTURE: 2 Kings 6
GOD'S BIG STORY: When the King of Aram sends troops to capture Elisha, Elisha's servant is afraid until God opens the servant's eyes. Then he can see hillsides covered with angels, horses, and chariots of fire.

# **Activity: Hidden Toy Soldiers**

# Activity: Time to Eat

Worship

**God's Big Story** 

**Prayer and Blessing** 

**Activity: Power Poses** 

# Wonder@Home

Designed for families to engage in the wonder of God together at home. This resource includes a video, worship playlists, activities, and more!

### **Activity: Hidden Toy Soldiers**

SUPPLIES: large bin, shredded paper, small toy soldiers (5), scooping tools (optional)

Fill a large, shallow bin with shredded paper. Hide five small toy soldiers in the bin for kids to find. You can include scooping tools for kids to play in the bin.

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

# Welcome! I'm so happy you're here. Come see what we have today! See if you can find something hidden in the bin.

Encourage kids to find the hidden toy soldiers and play in the bin. After a kid finds a toy soldier, ask her to hide it in the shredded paper again.

Today we'll hear a story about a time when God showed His power through an angel army.

# Activity: Time to Eat

SUPPLIES: pom-poms or toy food (several per kid), stuffed animals or dolls (several)

# Today we'll talk about how God saved His people from an enemy army and how God's people gave food to that army. Let's pretend to give food to our toy friends.

Place a pile of pom-poms or toy food across the room. Set up stuffed animals in a circle. Have kids pretend to bring the stuffed animals or dolls to the pom-pom food and feed it to them.

#### Our Wonder Truth today is GOD IS POWERFUL.

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

GOD IS—Point up.

POWERFUL.—Kick one leg.

### Worship

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: songs from the Victory Early Childhood Spotify playlist

Today, we're learning that God is powerful.

We'll learn in our part of God's big story how God showed His power. Let's sing and thank God for how powerful He is and how He takes care of us!

Play songs from the <u>Victory Early Childhood Spotify playlist</u> and encourage the kids to sing and dance with you.

### **God's Big Story**

SUPPLIES: Bible, small toy soldiers Wonder Ink RESOURCES: God's Big Story Video

**Our part of God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about a person named Elisha.** Encourage the kids to say, "Elisha." **Let's find out from the Bible what happened to Elisha!** 

Show the kids the God's Big Story Video or read the story from the Bible or use the Script provided.

Elisha was a prophet who spoke God's messages to the Israelites. Israel was fighting in a war against Aram. The king of Aram made secret plans to fight Israel. The king told his army officers where to go and where to sleep. Point to a spot across the room. Encourage the kids to do the same. Move the toy soldiers around the room as you talk.

But God heard all the king's plans! God is everywhere and hears everything. God told Elisha where Aram's army would be. Then Elisha told the king of Israel. Place one hand to the side of your mouth and whisper, "Pssst." Have kids do the same. Continue to move the toy soldiers.

This made the king of Aram upset! He sent an army to where Elisha lived to capture him! Pretend to be grumpy. Have kids do the same. Move the toy soldiers so they surround you and the kids.

The enemy army came to capture Elisha. Elisha's servant saw a big army with soldiers and horses coming for them. He was scared! Pretend to be scared. Have kids do the same. Point to the toy soldiers.

"Don't be afraid!" Elisha said. Elisha prayed for God to open his servant's eyes. The servant looked up and was surprised. Pretend to be surprised. Have kids do the same.

The hills were covered with a huge army of angels and chariots of fire! Aram's army looked small now! When Elisha's servant saw the angel army, he knew God is powerful. Elisha was not defeated by the enemy army! Elisha prayed for God to make them blind, then he led the enemy army to some food, let them eat, and sent them away.

#### **Prayer and Blessing**

Let's talk to God.

Great God, thank You for always being strong! When we're afraid, help us remember You are with us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands were open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

**Blessing:** May our strong God guide and protect you this week. May you walk with Him today and always.

### **Activity: Power Poses**

In today's part of God's big story, we learned God is powerful. Let's say it together: God is powerful! Have kids repeat the phrase with you. Flex your arms! Flex your arms and repeat, "God is powerful," and encourage the kids to mimic you.

Continue to repeat the Wonder Truth, then call out and model different poses each time: hands on hips, arms up like a superhero, march in place.