

# AMAZED

WEEK 4

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## BIG IDEA

God does amazing things!

## BIBLE

Elijah and the Chariot of Fire: 2 Kings 2;  
(John 14:12)

## LARGE GROUP TIME

### MUSIC | Worship

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Spend some time in worship with your kids with songs like ["This is Amazing Grace"](#) by Bethel Music Kids and ["Amazing"](#) by Shout Praises Kids.

### ACTIVITY | True or False

STAND UP SIT DOW

- Tell me if the following is true or false. Stand up if you think it is true, and stay sitting if you think it is false.
- God sent ten plagues to Egypt. (*True*)
- Jesus fed 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. (*True*)
- God helped Moses to split the Red Sea to help the Israelites get across. (*True*)
- Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. (*True*)
- The walls of Jericho fell after the Israelites marched around the city. (*True*)
- Those are just a few of the amazing things God has done. Today, we'll hear about another.

## **SCRIPTURE | 2 Kings 2**

- So, far, we have been hearing about all the amazing things God did through the prophet, Elijah. God helped him to bring a young boy back to life. He won a challenge against the prophets of Baal, the false god. When Elijah grew so tired and felt so alone that he wanted to give up and end it all, God spoke to him in a whisper on the mountain. And what comes next is amazing, too.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Retell the story from 2 Kings 2, and read from the Bible when prompted.*
- God was going to take Elijah up to heaven. But who would carry on the work Elijah was doing? God told Elijah that he was to train Elisha to be the next prophet.
- **Let's read 2 Kings 2:8-10.** Elisha wanted to do things for God just like Elijah!
- As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this, cried out, and didn't see Elijah anymore.
- Did Elisha get what he asked for? **Let's see in 2 Kings 2:13-14.** Yes! Elisha inherited the blessings of Elijah and God did some amazing things through Elisha after Elijah was taken to heaven.
- Wow! God did some amazing things with Elijah, especially with that final amazing feat when Elijah was taken to heaven. And God planned to do more amazing things through Elisha. Isn't that AMAZING?!

## THE BIG IDEA | God does amazing things!

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *The Big Idea can be presented with these hand motions:*
- **God** [Raise both of your arms, making a V shape.]
- **does amazing things** [Open your hands and make a big circle with spirit fingers.]

**BREAKOUT CREWS**

## ACTIVITY | Fireworks in a Jar

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *In a bowl, pour two to three tablespoons of cooking oil. Add three to five drops of each watercolor paint color. Use a spoon to stir the paint into the oil. The two will not mix, but stirring will help to break the paint apart. Then, carefully pour the oil into a jar of water. The oil will settle at the top of the jar after a minute. The watercolors, however, will actually begin to shoot down, slowly mixing into the water to create a "fireworks" effect! The watercolors will continue to shoot down like fireworks until all of the paint has fallen from the oil.*
  - **SPECIAL NEEDS HACK:** *This works wonders to calm students when they're anxious, overwhelmed, and/or fidgety. Encourage students to keep the jar with them, making sure you secure the lid tightly.*
- Now, we couldn't use real fire like in our story, but this is pretty amazing, too!

## SCRIPTURE | John 14:12

- Jesus said whoever believes will do the works Jesus has been doing and will do even greater things than Jesus.
- God does not just do amazing things in the Bible. God does amazing things right now. God performed miracles back then, and God performs them now.
- Just like God took Elijah to heaven, one day, Jesus will come back for us to take us to heaven. Now, that is something amazing we can look forward to!

## PRAYER

- Thank You, God, for the life of Elijah. Thank You for the amazing things You did for him and thank You for the amazing things you do for me, too.

## GOD IS AMAZING CARD

Construction paper has been provided in their bags.

- All month long we have talked about how amazing our God is!

- God provides - God speaks - God knows what's best - God does amazing things.
- Take a minute to think of someone you know who NEEDS to know how AMAZING God is! Pick one of these BIG IDEAS we have learned and write it on the front (or write several in the card). Draw a picture or share with the person how God is amazing to you. Give or mail it this week!
- For our younger ones :
  - Ask a parent to write "GOD IS AMAZING" or one of the Big Ideas they choose on the front of the card.
  - Have kids draw a picture of their amazing God or how He provides for them on the inside.

## MEMORY VERSE | Megaphone

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Tell the kids to shout or sing the memory verse. Make a megaphone with paper to shout out the memory verse.*
- ***The Lord your God who is present with you is a great and awesome God.***
- Can anyone recite this month's memory verse? Please make a list and share with Erin.

## SMALL GROUP TIME

### EXTRA DISCUSSION

- **Where did God take Elijah?**
- **What did Elijah use to split the water at the Jordan River?**
- **How did God take Elijah to heaven?**
- **Read 2 Kings 2:11. How can you help others to meet Jesus so they, too, can go to heaven?**
- **How can you deliver God's message in your school?**

- **What are some other amazing stories from the Bible you can share with others?**
- **What are some ways you can show others God is amazing?**