

▶ LESSON 3.2: KINGS OF ISRAEL

STUDENTS STUDIED:

- » 1 Kings 11:29–39;
12:16–13:3; 13:33–14:20;
2 Kings 17:6–23
- » 1 Kings 18
- » 1 Kings 19
- » 2 Kings 2; Hebrews 11:32–40

STUDENTS MEMORIZED AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING VERSES:

- » 1 Kings 18:21*
- » Joshua 1:8
- » Hebrews 11:34–35

Students Learned the Following Definitions:

ALTAR: commonly understood as a place to encounter God

ELIJAH: (Hebrew *‘Eliyahu*) “Yahweh is my God”⁹

ELISHA: (Hebrew *‘Elisa*) “My God saves”¹⁰

LESSON 1	LESSON 2	LESSON 3	LESSON 4
Students studied the evil kings of Israel.	Students read about the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal.	Students considered Elijah’s humanity in the wilderness and on Mount Horeb.	Students learned about the prophetic succession from Elijah to Elisha.
They learned about the sin of Jeroboam that was continued by all 19 kings of Israel and their nine dynasties, and how the consequence of Israel’s sin was exile to Assyria.	They discovered God’s mercy extended to Israel through a famine, a fiery prophet and a miraculous encounter with the living God.	They observed God’s tender care for the weary prophet and read His plan for the next season of ministry in Israel.	They studied the significance of Elijah’s cloak and considered the spiritual heirlooms they have received and are in the process of leaving behind.

IDENTITY INSIGHT:

Anything that takes God's place in my life is an idol that can harden my heart and distort my identity. God is merciful to remind me who I am by interrupting my life with His power and presence, even turning my failure into something good for His glory.

Students circled which verse they chose to memorize.

1 KINGS 18:21*

JOSHUA 1:8

HEBREWS 11:34-35

DISCUSSION

► SHARE

Read 2 Chronicles 24:19 as a group. Share your experience with personal/spiritual accountability, and answer the following question: "How has this accountability deepened your faith?"

► ASK

Explain that God's Word is the best place to turn for answers when we face tough questions in our culture. The kingdom of Israel learned this the hard way. Invite students to share when the Lord revealed something through His Word that affected their view on a cultural issue and helped them form a God-honoring conviction.

► ACT

Identify the cultural issues students are dealing with. Encourage students to set aside time this week to search the Scriptures for God's truth on the matter and report to the group next week about what He revealed to them through His Word.

TEACHING NOTES:
