

Elisha



Introduction

This week we are looking at the first part of the prophet Elisha ministry focusing on 1 Kings 19:19-21 and 2 Kings 4. We will pick up on the rest of his ministry in the following weeks. In this lesson we will learn about:

- Elisha leaves everything to follow Elijah (1 Kings 19:19-21)
- Elijah and Elisha (2 Kings 2)
- Elisha and the widow's oil - (2 Kings 4:1-7)
- The Shunammite women's house (2 Kings 4)

Video playlist



Lesson Guide

Begin by reviewing last week's lesson on Elijah. Remind your child how God told him to anoint Elisha and that Elisha became Elijah's helper. Speak to your child about how we respond to helping others and serving God. Elisha was busy working in the field, but he left everything behind to obey God. Think about the disciple in the New Testament who left things behind to follow Jesus. If your church supports a missionary, you could explain how they left their home to follow Jesus somewhere else. Reflect on how it can be hard to leave things behind, but how Jesus loved us so much, he came from Heaven to Earth to save us.

Explain how Elijah helped Elisha, and Elisha helped Elijah. Thank your child for the ways they help you practically and help you learn new things. Think about some of the people God puts in our lives to help us grow.

Share how before Elijah was taken to heaven, he prayed that Elisha would have a double blessing. (2 Kings 2:2). Pray for your child, thank God for the ways He blesses you and ask Him to bless and be with your child. Thank God for the ways He blessing them already. Think of some of the ways God uses your family.

Read the account on Elisha and the widow's oil from 2 Kings 4:1-7. Place a little olive oil in your child's hand for them to feel and smell. Explain how oil was very precious in Bible times. Collect some containers from around your home and a jug of water. Try to guess how many containers you can fill before the jug is empty. Help your child to fill the containers. Share how God did a miracle by not allowing the widow's oil to run out.

Explain how the widow needed the money to pay a debt. Show how without a miracle, she could not pay the debt. Share how Jesus has paid a debt that we could never pay ourselves.

Continue to read 2 Kings 4 and the account of the Shunammite's women and a room for Elisha. Explain how they saw a need and went out of their way to meet it. Firstly, by providing food for Elisha and then by building a room for him. Think about some practical ways you can support to another Christian. Could you invite someone around for a meal? Care for someone who is unwell?

Think about how Jesus words in John 14:2-3, *"In My Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I am going away to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and welcome you into My presence, so that you also may be where I am."* Explain how the Elisha would stop at the Shunammite's house while passing through, but Jesus has prepared a place for us in Heaven to live with him forever.

Next week, we will continue with Elisha and think about Naaman's leprosy (2 Kings 5:1-14)

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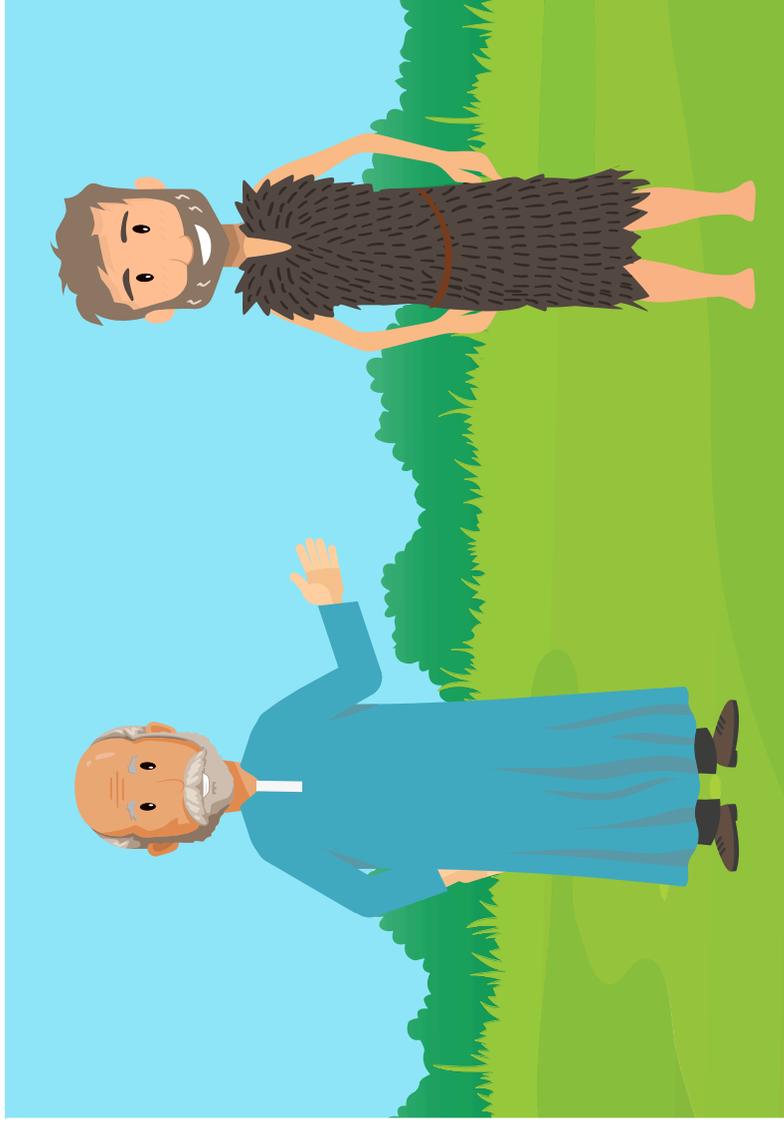
One day, Elisha was in the field busy working.

God told Elijah to anoint Elisha and tell him to follow Him.

Elisha obeyed God.

Elisha left everything behind to follow Elijah and obey God.

Elisha knew God was more important than anything.



Elijah helped Elisha and Elisha helped Elijah.

Elijah taught Elisha about God and helped him to grow.

One day, before Elijah went to heaven, he prayed a special prayer for Elisha.

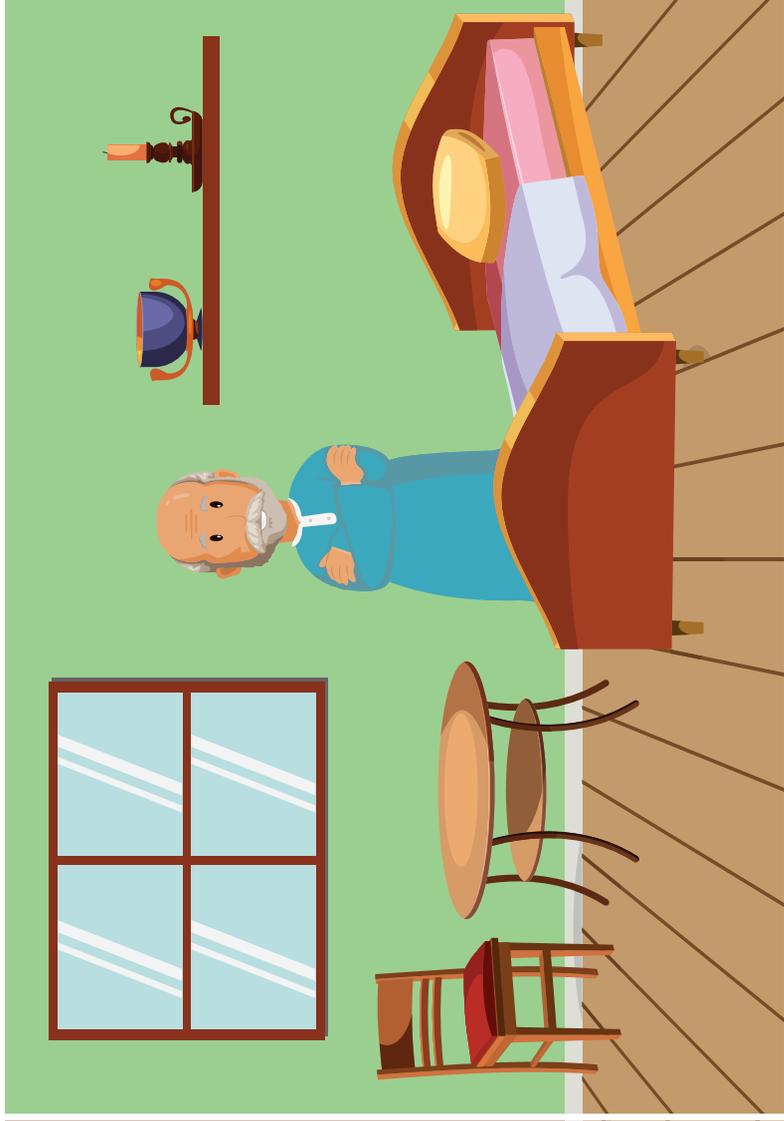
Elijah asked God to bless Elijah twice as much as him.



Once, there was a widow with no money. Some people wanted to take her sons away to pay a debt.

Elisha told her to borrow pots and containers from her friends. She only had a small pot of oil but God did make a miracle, so it filled all the other pots.

The widow sold the pots and saved her sons.



Another time, a family invited Elisha for a meal.

Sometime later, they built a special room for him at their house. Elisha was very happy to have somewhere he could rest.

They wanted to help Elisha. God used Elisha to bless them and reward their kindness.

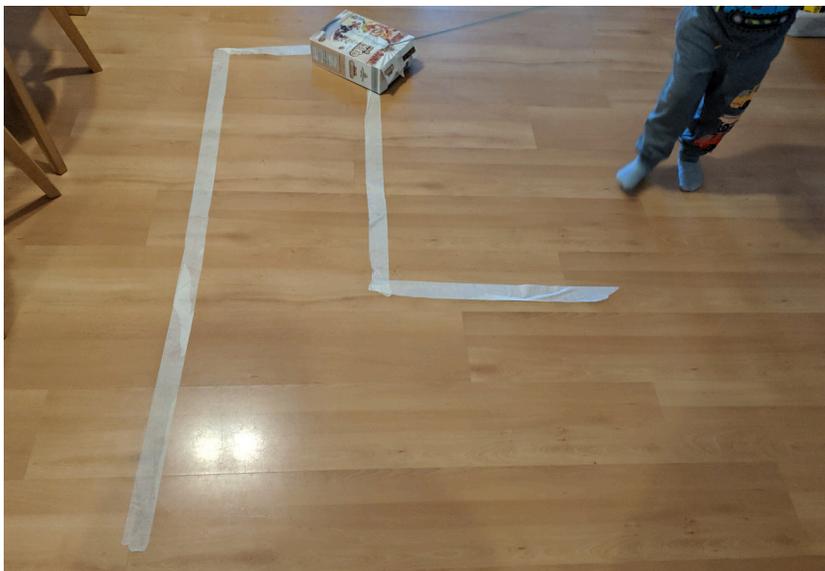
Games and Activities

Plough the Field

Mark some lines on the floor with masking tape. Have your child imagine the space is a field which needs ploughing.

Attach a small cardboard box to a piece of string and have them try to pull the box around following the masking tape.

To turn into a competition. Take goes to see who can make the furthest without coming off the line or who can complete the whole line the quickest.



Pouring activities

Pouring skills are a popular preschool learning activity, as well as a fun for children enjoy.

Pouring develops several skills.

Critical thinking, Spatial Awareness, Eye-Hand Coordination, natural consequences to name a few.

There many fun activities that can practise pouring and you don't have to use water (think sand). Use whatever works best for your setting..

Help someone

The Shunammite women helped Elisha in a practical way. She saw a practical need and meet it.

Wouldn't it be great if your child responded to the need they saw around them? If they saw something that needs tidying up, they just did it.

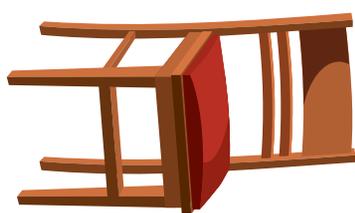
The best way to develop this skill is to be an example. Look for opportunities that you can meet the needs of others as a family and involve your child the process.

(Feed someone, put the chairs away at church, clean the church car park, buy new pencils for Sunday School)



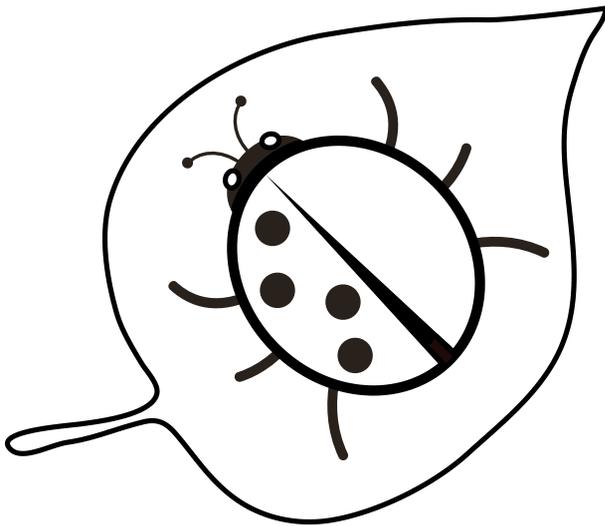
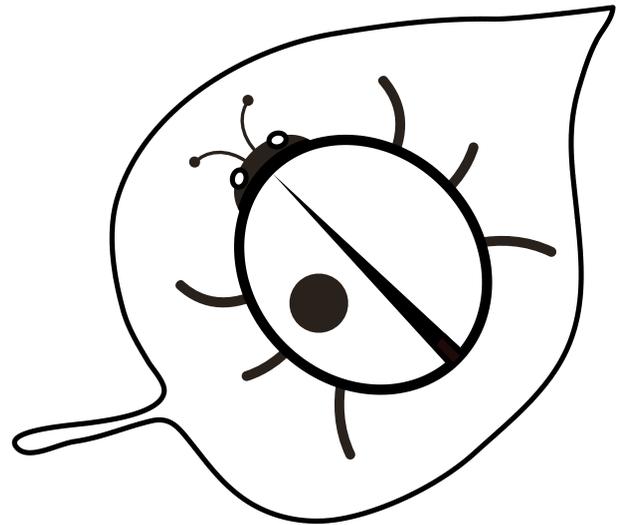
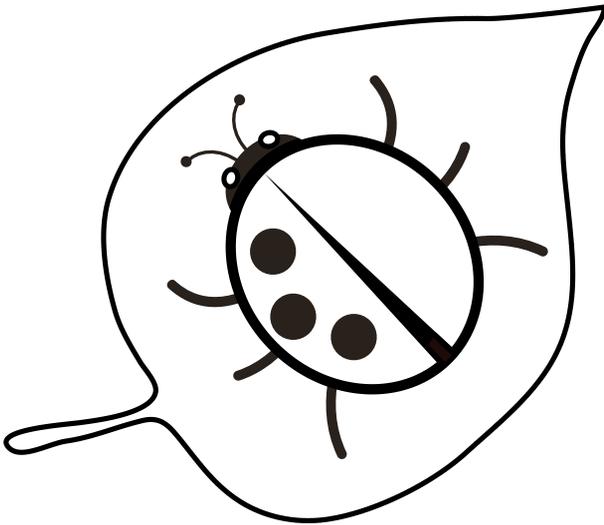
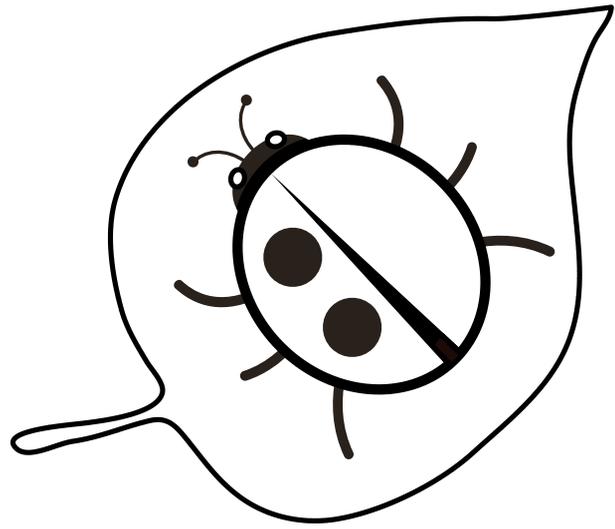
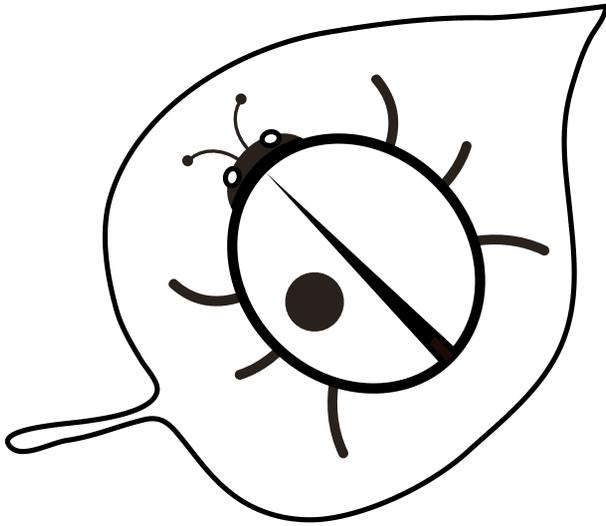


Cut out and glue the objects for Elisha's Room



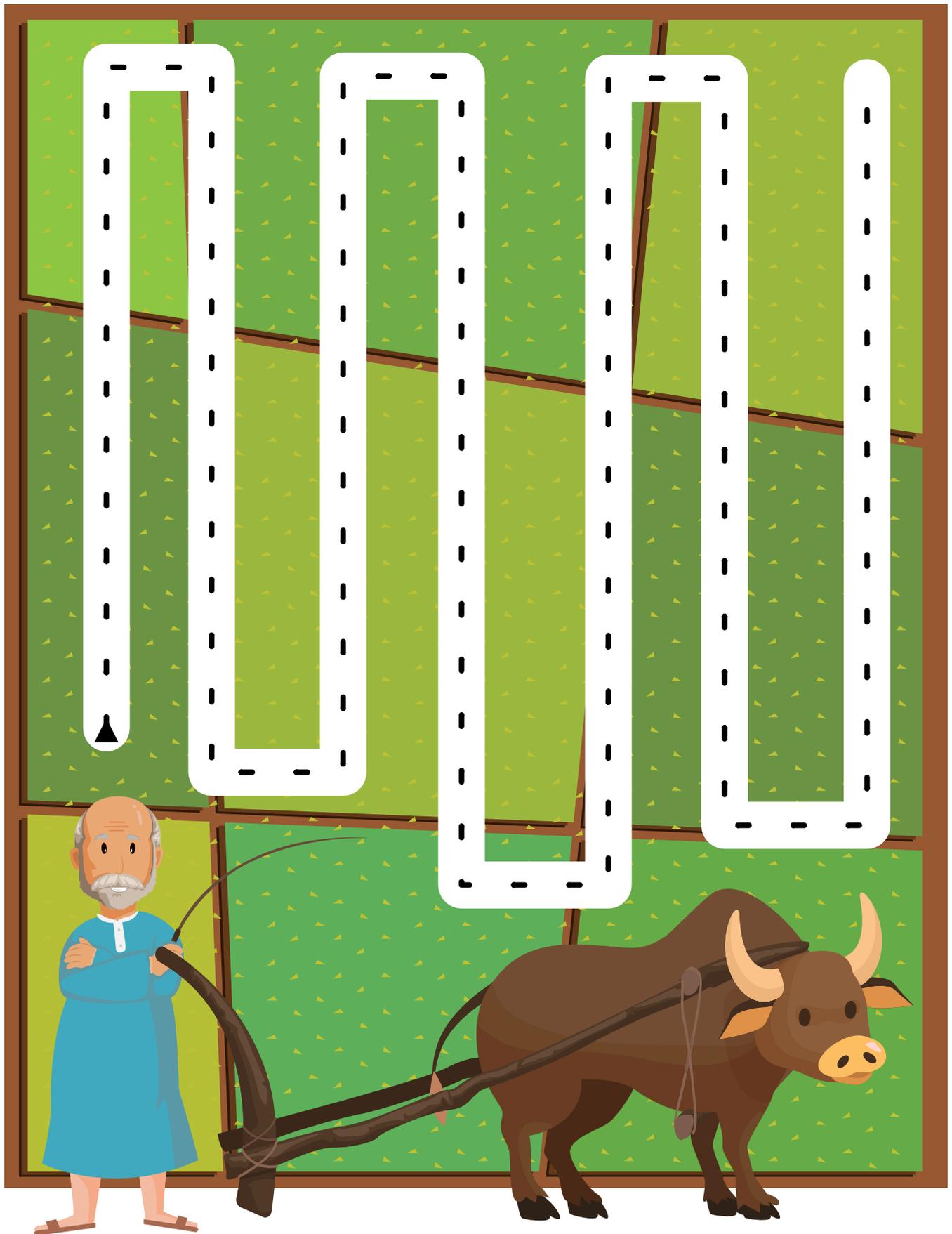
Let us make a small room on the roof with walls and put there for him a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp, so that whenever he comes to us, he can go in there.”
2 Kings 4:10

Double the spots



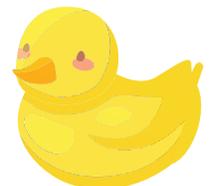
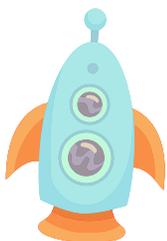
If you have so extra
time colour the picture
and count the spots

Help Elisha plough the field

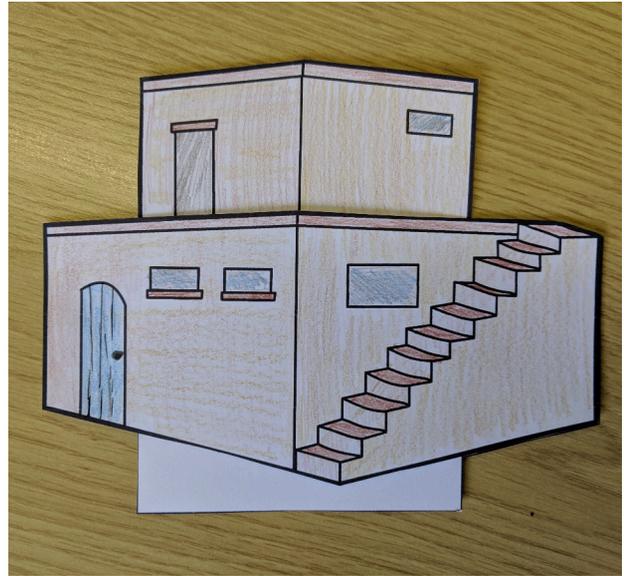
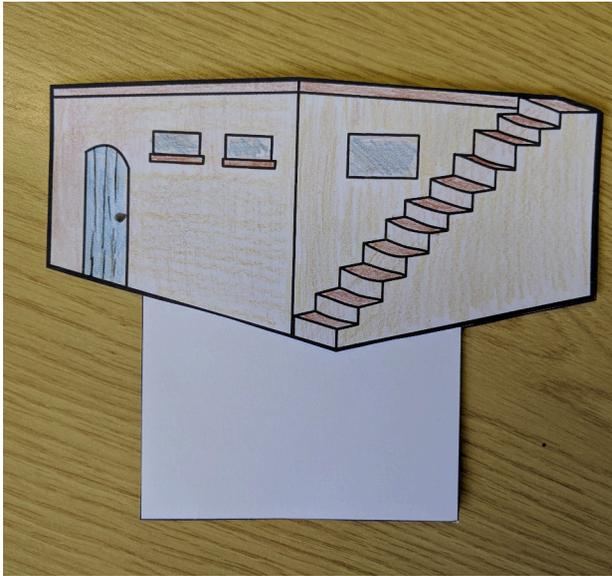




Find the object in the room



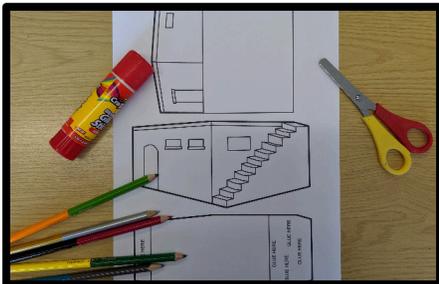
A room for Elisha



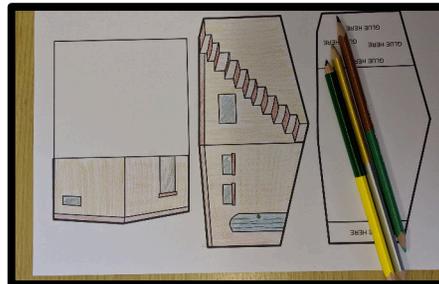
What you need

- Template on white card. (For best results)
- Colouring pencils or crayons
- Scissor
- Glue

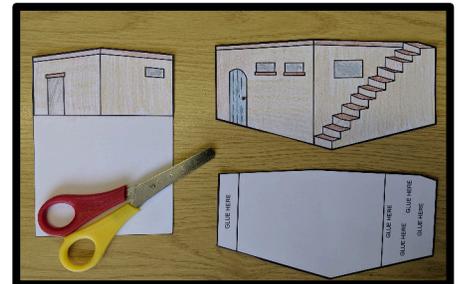
What to do



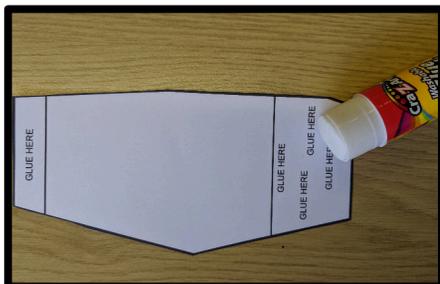
Print the template onto white card and collect supplies



Colour in the pictures

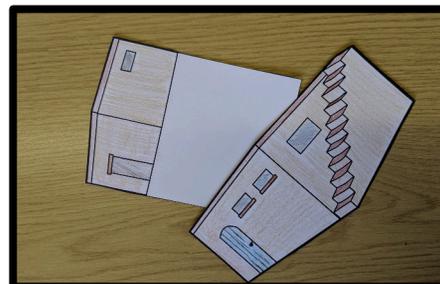


Cut out the template

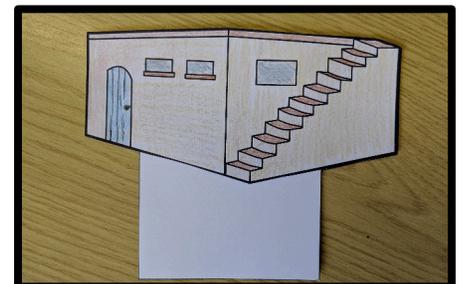


Glue on marked areas.

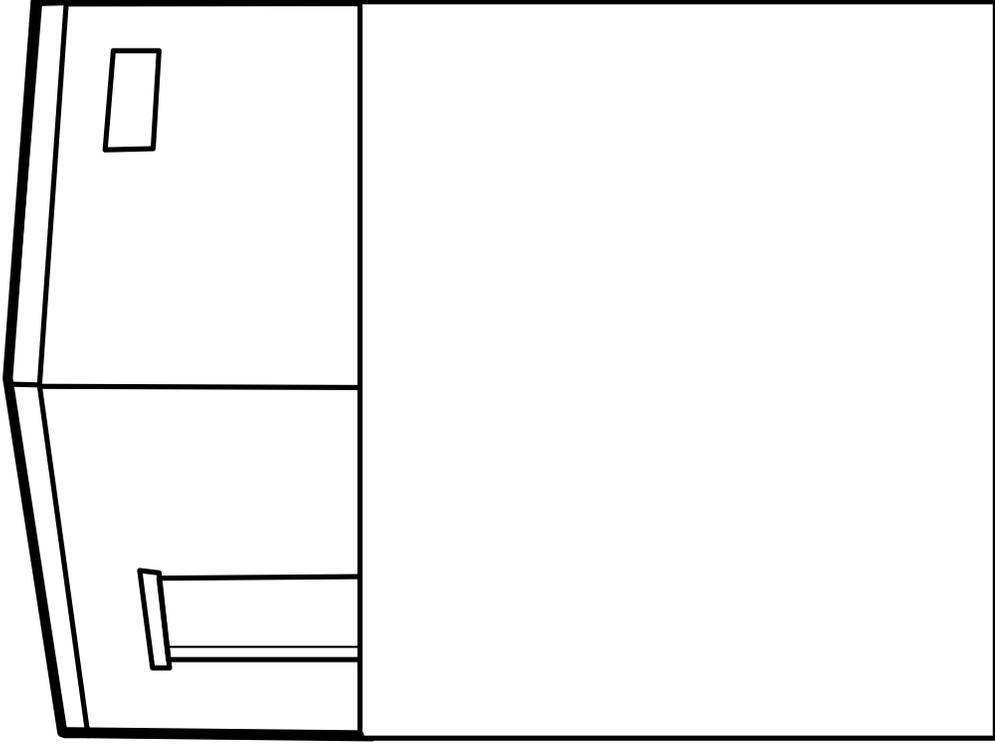
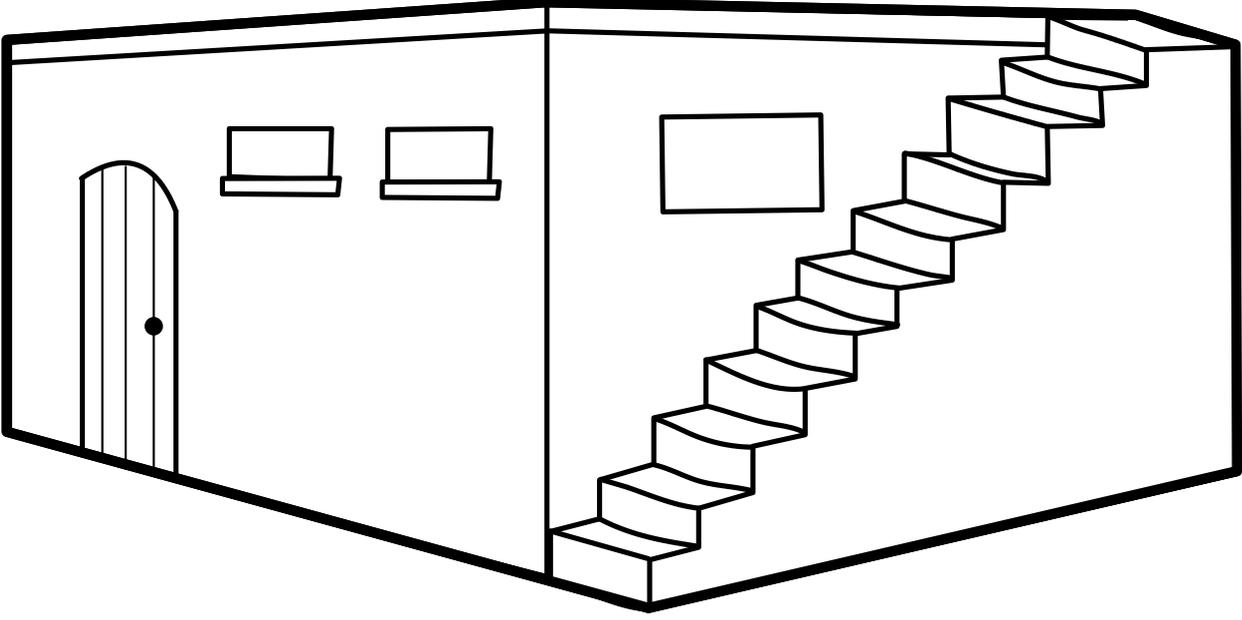
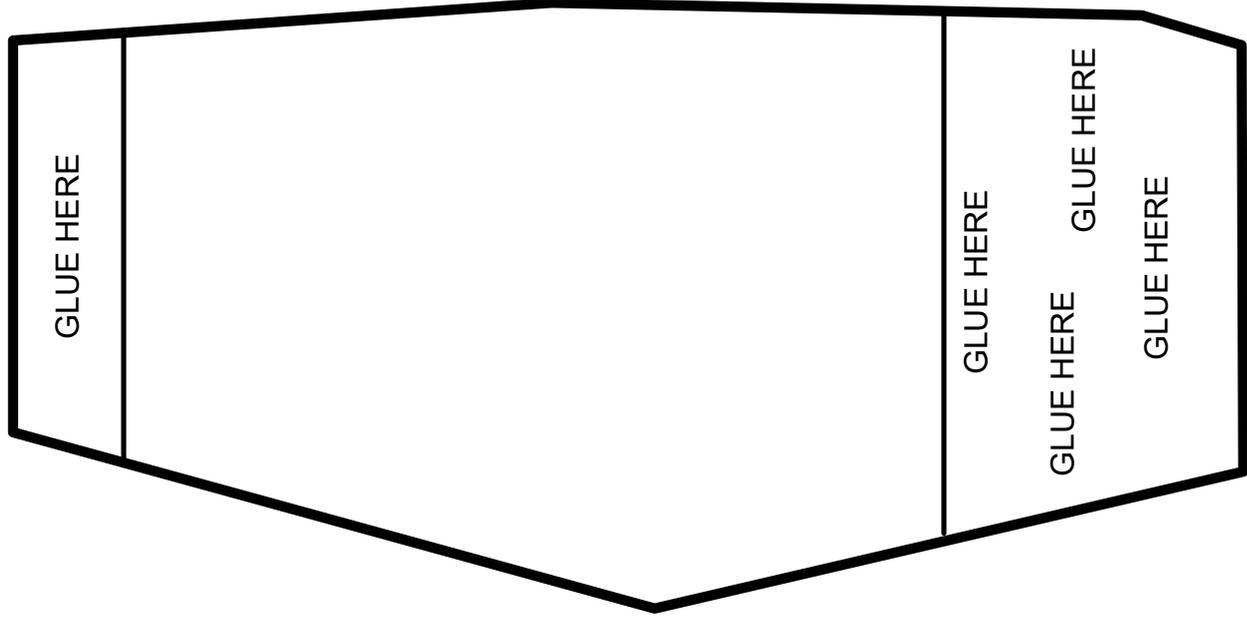
Glue house section on top.



Slide Elisha room inside



Slide room up and down to create a room for Elisha.

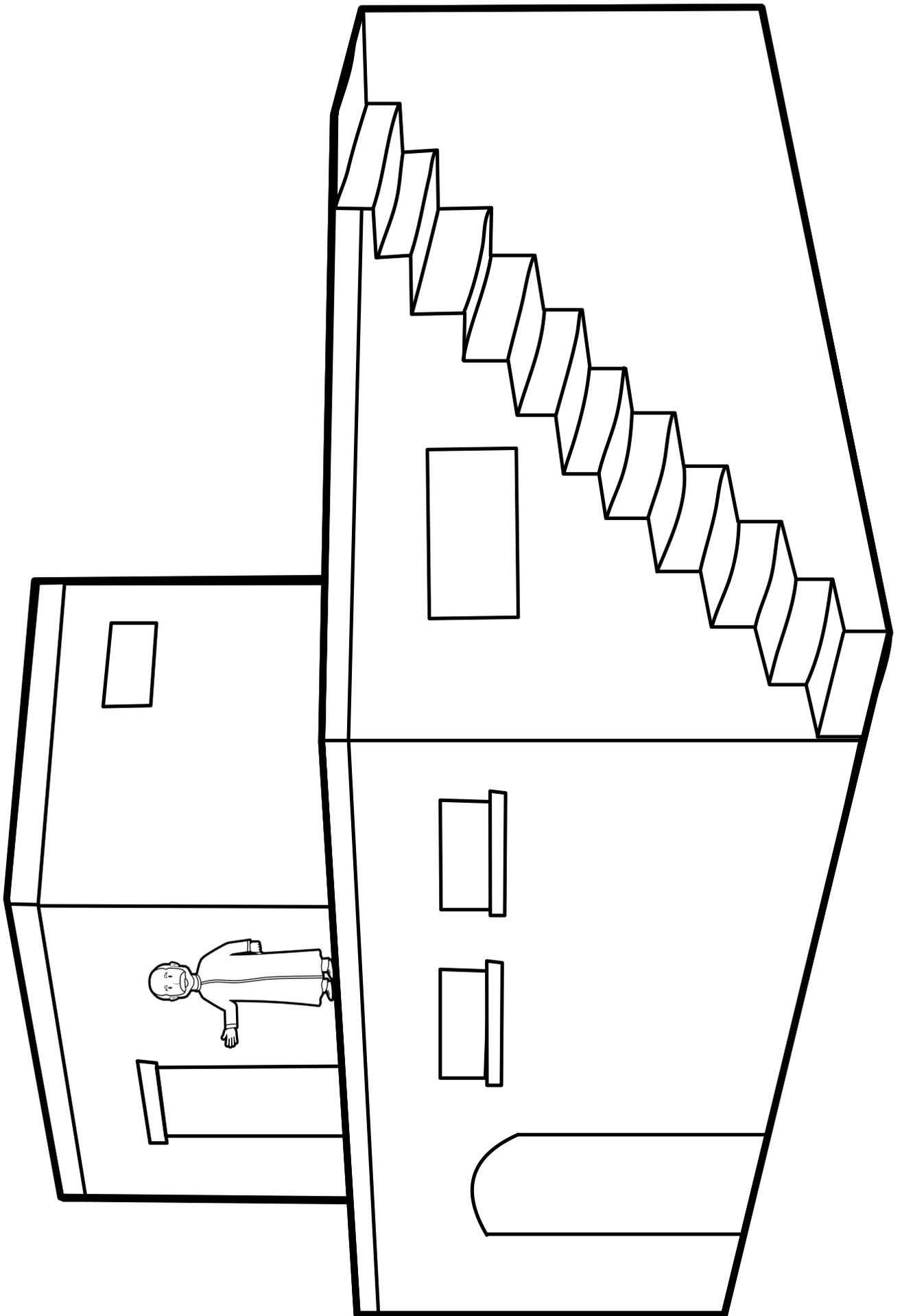


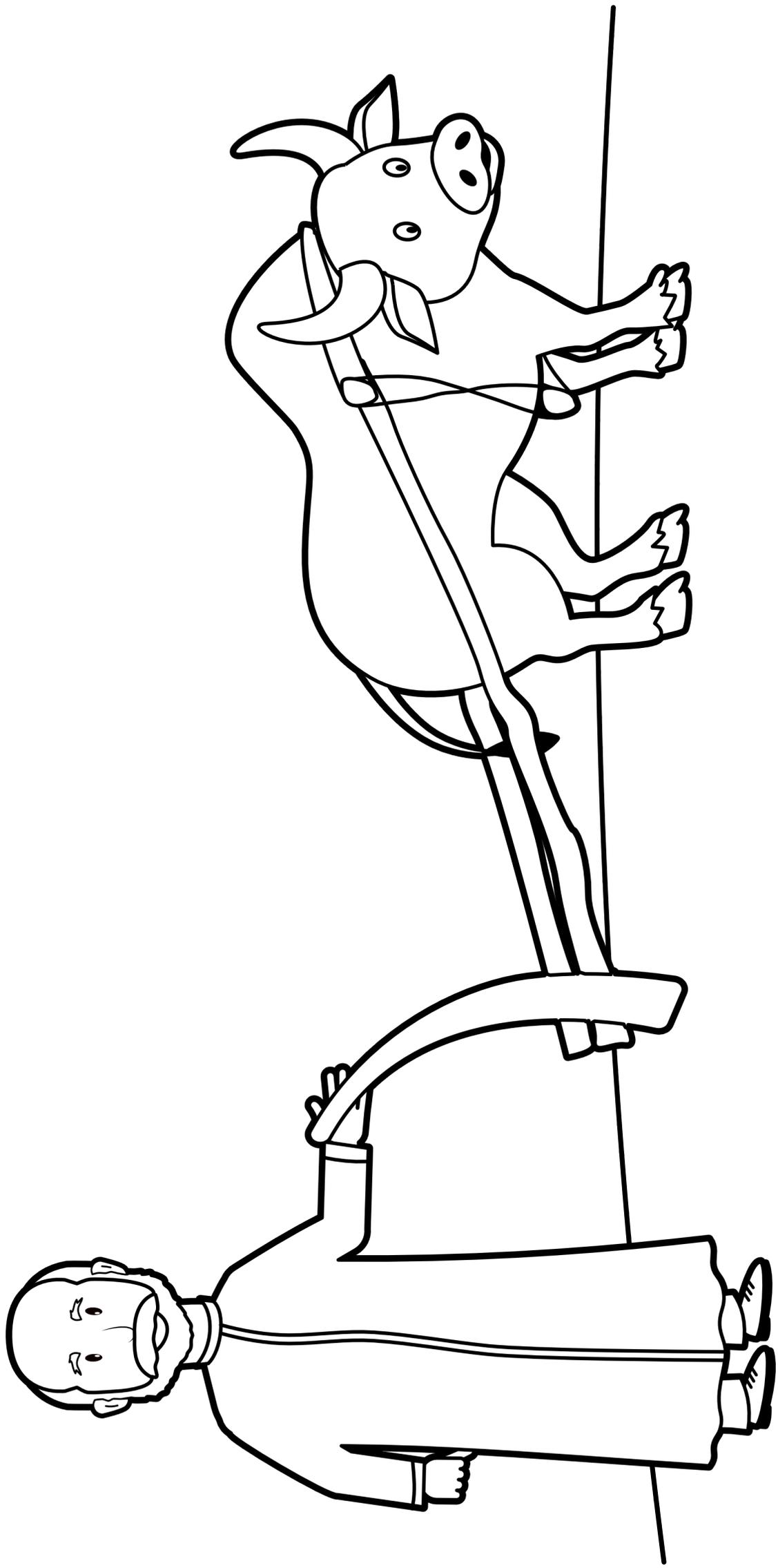
Colour all the jars full of oil



When all the jars were full, she spoke to one of her sons. She said, "Bring me another jar." But he replied, "There aren't any more left." Then the oil stopped flowing.

2 Kings 4:6





Worship Time

Give Me Oil In My Lamp

<https://youtu.be/nBo9BM6QVxs>

Come Follow Me

<https://youtu.be/KhA0mj84Tuw>

Big House

https://youtu.be/hrzG0qyp_rl



Prayer Time

Thank God for the people who help you grow.

Ask God to help you meet the needs of others.

Thank God for preparing a place for you to live with Him.

Next Week

Naaman

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