

20.2 2 Kings 1-13

Use in conjunction with the Student Manual

Student Name:

Have you ever experienced a time when a Church leader you admire was released from his or her calling?

How did you feel when this person was released?

Read 2 Kings 2:1–6, looking for what Elijah requested of Elisha each time the Lord commanded Elijah to travel to a different location.

1. Write what you think Elisha's responses and his desire to literally follow the prophet Elijah teach us about following the prophet in our day. In what ways can we stand by the prophet and never leave him?

Read 2 Kings 2:7–10, looking for what Elijah asked Elisha after they crossed over the Jordan River.

Read 2 Kings 2:11–14, looking for what happened next.

After Elijah was translated, Elisha called upon God to part the same waters in the same way that Elijah had done earlier. Why do you think Elisha did that? What might that symbolize or represent?

What do you think the passing of Elijah's mantle to Elisha represented?

Read 2 Kings 2:15–18, looking for how the sons of the prophets responded to Elisha's new prophetic role.

Even though the sons of the prophets recognized that the prophetic mantle had fallen upon Elisha, what did they still want to do?

2. a. How might the reaction of the sons of the prophets show a lack of understanding about Elisha's new role?

b. How can understanding the truth that the Lord gives authority and power to those He calls help us when Church leaders are released and new leaders are called?

3. Write how you would use the truth identified above to help someone who was having a difficult time following a new Church leader.

Read 2 Kings 2:24 to learn about what happened to these youths who mocked the prophet.

Read 2 Kings 3:11–12, looking for whom the kings turned to for guidance.

Read 2 Kings 3:16–20, looking for what Elisha said the Lord would do for the army.

Read 2 Kings 4:1, looking for what she needed help with.

If you were in this mother's situation, what emotions do you think you would be experiencing, knowing that because you could not pay your debt, your sons would be forced into slavery to pay it off?

How did the widow demonstrate her faith in the Lord?

Read 2 Kings 4:2–4, looking for the instructions Elisha gave to the widow.

How much oil did the widow have?

How many additional vessels did Elisha tell the widow to gather?

Read 2 Kings 4:5–6, looking for what the widow did. What happened when she poured her one pot of oil into the empty vessels she had borrowed?

Read 2 Kings 4:7, looking for what Elisha said to the woman after this event. Why do you think the widow and her sons received more oil than they needed to pay their debts?

4. Ponder a time when you made an effort to turn to the Lord when you were in need and the Lord in turn blessed you with more than what you needed. Write about this experience.

How did Elisha answer his servant's question?

Why is it important to remember to "fear not" (2 Kings 6:16), even when we are faced with seemingly insurmountable challenges?

5. Additional questions, thoughts, and insights I would like to share with my teacher:
