



God has great things for us

BIBLE STORY: 2 Kings 2:1-13, Elijah Taken Up To Heaven:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MWeKsN_Y5Zk
<https://youtu.be/E2-OnRIAYQ>

Faithful (Kids Church Instructional Dance Video)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aQrK7_BTVZo

MEMORY VERSE/ACTIVITY

*"His signs are great. His wonders are mighty. His kingdom will last forever. His rule will never end."
Daniel 4:3 (NIRV)*

*Bring in a bed sheet and beach ball. As a family, use the sheet to toss the beach ball in the air. See how long you can keep it flying airborne while reciting the memory verse.

SUMMARY:

The trapeze artist sails through the air with grace and strength. When Elijah had come to the end of his life, instead of experiencing death, God graced him with an amazing chariot ride up to heaven.

QUESTIONS?

Who was Elijah?

Where was Elijah going?

How did Elijah go to Heaven?

Why did Elijah get to see so many amazing signs?

What will happen if we serve God like Elijah and Elisha did?

PRAY IT!

*Dear God, Show us where to serve so we can see You work in us.
In Jesus' name,
Amen*

LESSON (Elijah- The Flying Trapeze 2 Kings 2:1-13)

INTRO: There's a reason circus tents were referred to as the "Big Top." They were huge, towering structures that stretched high into the sky. The big, tall tents certainly caught the attention of the townsfolk who spotted them over the trees and buildings outside of town, but that was only a side benefit to the reason for their great height. Circus tents played host to some spectacular aerial acts. When you think of circus performers, you can't help but think of men and women walking the high wire.

Just as spectacular as the high wire acts are the trapeze artists, the men and women who fly through the air with the greatest of ease, doing death-defying spins and leaps and catches in mid-air. Fans hold their breath every time a trapeze artist lets go of the bar.

Today's Bible story is about a man who vanished from this Earth in an aerial maneuver that would make even the bravest of trapeze artists breathless. The man's name was Elijah, and for many years, he served the Lord faithfully during a time when most of God's children had turned away from Him. The time had come for Elijah to be with the Lord and hand his position over to his successor Elisha. God ended Elijah's ministry the same way it had gone on for years, with a miracle only the Lord could make happen!

MAIN POINT: Imagine what this scene must have looked like to Elisha. One minute, you're walking with the man who has been your mentor, your teacher, and the next, you're waving goodbye as he vanishes into the sky on a heavenly chariot! Elijah had performed many miracles with the help of the Lord, and when his time came, the Lord performed one more miraculous sign to thank His servant - and to challenge Elisha.

This story isn't really about Elijah. It's about Elisha, who picked up Elijah's cloak and went back to carry on Elijah's work. True, God blessed Elijah by taking him to Heaven without having to taste death, but this was also the first sign Elisha himself witnessed, the first of many he would see with his own eyes as he began his career as a prophet of God.

God needs faithful servants like Elisha and Elijah. When we are faithful to God, we will see great things happen.