

A COUPLE HELPED ELISHA

BABIES
UNIT 2
SESSION 4

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

CONTEXT AND COMMENTARY FOR PERSONAL STUDY AND PREPARATION

(For age-appropriate language, use the Bible story statements in the leader guide.)

Followers of Christ are called to love God and love others (Matthew 22:37-39). A good way to love others is by loving your community. Communities are filled with people who come from different backgrounds, speak different languages, and have different faith traditions. Showing God's love to our communities can have a trickle-down effect that reaches far beyond our small sphere of influence. But where to start? Sometimes, loving others begins by simply recognizing and then meeting a need.

The Shunammite woman recognized that Elisha needed food, so she offered him a place to eat. Knowing he was a man of God, the woman convinced her husband to go a step further and build Elisha a room on their house for him to stay in when he traveled through the area.

The Shunammite woman did not just recognize that Elisha had a need, but she also sacrificed her resources to meet that need. Meeting community needs can seem overwhelming. God calls His people to do good to everyone (Galatians 6:10). Serving in this way will often come with personal sacrifice. Maybe that means giving hard-earned money or spending time serving in church or with a community service group. Maybe that means using your unique skills to serve others.

However God calls you to help, serve with a posture of humility and generosity as Scripture directs us (Romans 12:13; 2 Corinthians 9:7; Galatians 5:13-14; Ephesians 6:7-8; Galatians 6:2; Philippians 2:3-4; Hebrews 13:16; 1 Peter 4:10). Take some time to read through each of these verses. Mark them in your Bible and return to them often as a reminder to serve as the Shunammite women did.

As you pray this week, consider the people in your community. Do you have friends from different economic, ethnic, or faith backgrounds? If you do not, ask God to help you build new relationships within your community. Ask Him for new ways to show His love to the people around you.

TEACHER TIP

Provide parents or guardians with a quick recap of how their baby did while in your care. This includes diaper changes, feedings, naps, and so forth.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Families love one another.

LIFE POINT

Families can love and help people in the community.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

2 Kings 4:18-17

BIBLE VERSE

Do good to everyone.
Galatians 6:10

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