



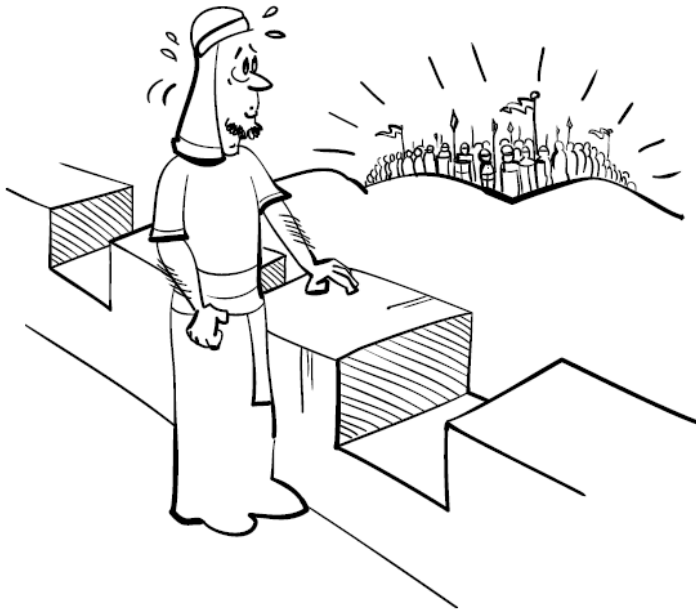
Benjas (0-5 years)

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Lesson: ELISHA AND THE ARAMEANS

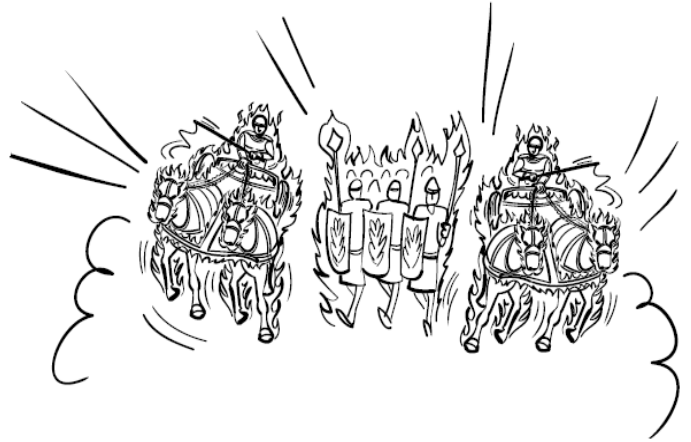
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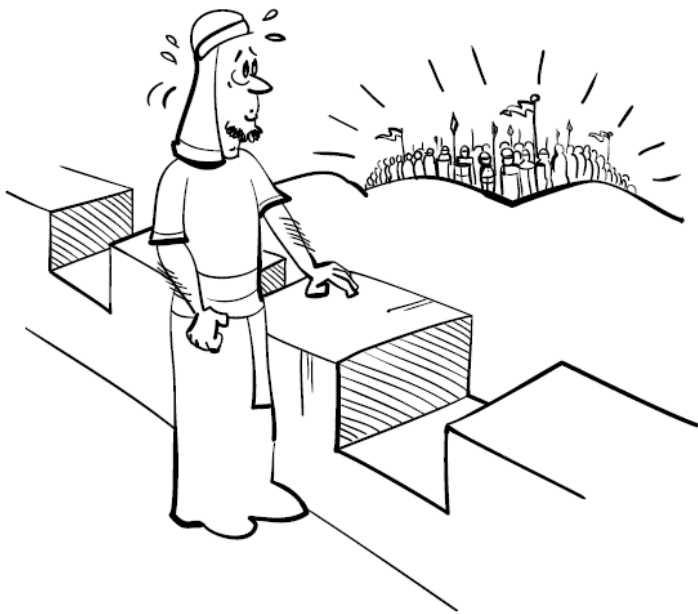
Judges (6-7 years)

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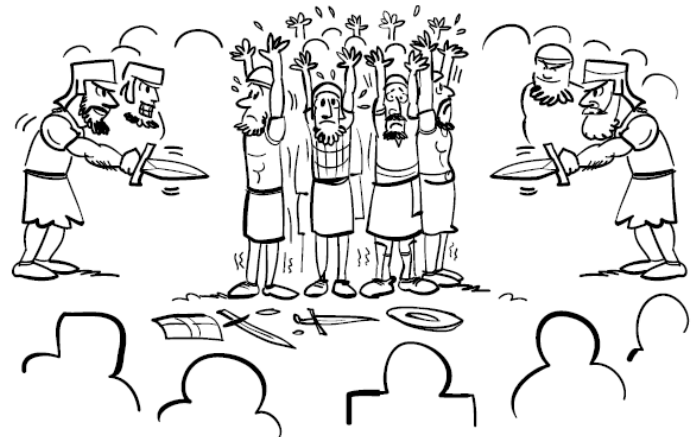
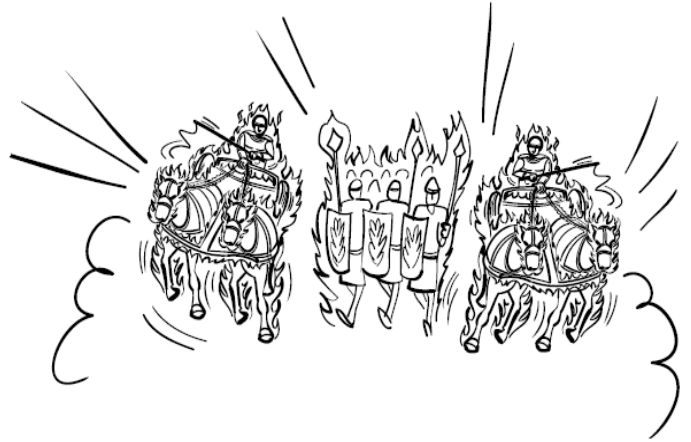
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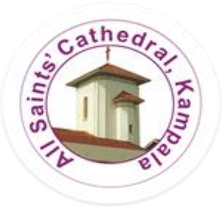
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Read the full story from 2Kings 6:8-23

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Instead of fighting the army, Elisha had the king of Israel prepare a meal for them and send them back home. Elisha treated the Aramean army with kindness (grace) instead of war. Because of this, there was a time of peace between Israel and Aram. Elisha's response to his enemies was a response of faith – faith that God was with him and was more powerful than his enemies.

God is always with his people and his forces far outnumber those who oppose them. Sometimes it does not look like or feel like God is with his people (the way Elisha's servant could have felt), but he always is. This should encourage God's people to face their enemies with confidence and surprising kindness, the way Elisha did. It takes faith to trust God and no fight back.

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Bible reading for the week: 2Kings chapter 9 and 10



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Think: Why do you think Elisha was able to show mercy towards his enemies? Can you do the same?

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