

# Elisha Reader's Theater Script

## PART 1—2 KINGS 2:6–14

**Characters:** Narrator (teacher), Elijah, Elisha

**Narrator:**<sup>6</sup> Then Elijah said to Elisha,

**Elijah:** “Stay here, please, for the Lord has sent me on to the Jordan.”

**Narrator:** But he said,

**Elisha:** “As the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!”

**Narrator:** So the two of them went on.<sup>7</sup> And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood facing them at a distance, while the two of them stood by the Jordan.<sup>8</sup> Now Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up, and struck the water; and it was divided this way and that, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground.<sup>9</sup> And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha,

**Elijah:** “Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?”

**Narrator:** Elisha said,

**Elisha:** “Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.”

**Elijah:**<sup>10</sup> “You have asked a hard thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so.”

**Narrator:**<sup>11</sup> Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.<sup>12</sup> And Elisha saw it, and he cried out,

**Elisha:** “My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!”

**Narrator:** So Elisha saw Elijah no more. And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces.<sup>13</sup> He also took up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan.<sup>14</sup> Then he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, and said,

**Elisha:** “Where is the Lord God of Elijah?”

**Narrator:** And when he also had struck the water, it was divided this way and that; and Elisha crossed over.

## PART 2—2 KINGS 5:9–16

**Characters:** Narrator (teacher), Elisha, Naaman, Servant #1, Servant #2

**Narrator:** <sup>9</sup> Then Naaman went with his horses and chariot, and he stood at the door of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup> And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying,

**Elisha:** "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean."

**Narrator:** <sup>11</sup> But Naaman became furious, and went away and said,

**Naaman:** "Indeed, I said to myself, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.' <sup>12</sup> Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?"

**Narrator:** So he turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup> And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said,

**Servant #1:** "My father, if the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it?"

**Servant #2:** "How much more then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?"

**Narrator:** <sup>14</sup> So Naaman went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. <sup>15</sup> And he returned to the man of God, he and all his aides, and came and stood before him; and he said,

**Naaman:** "Indeed, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel; now therefore, please take a gift from your servant."

**Narrator:** <sup>16</sup> But he said,

**Elisha:** "As the Lord lives, before whom I stand, I will receive nothing."

**Narrator:** And Naaman urged Elisha to take it, but he refused.