

# Elijah's Journey

2 Kings 2:1, 8-13

Old  
Testament  
Story Time

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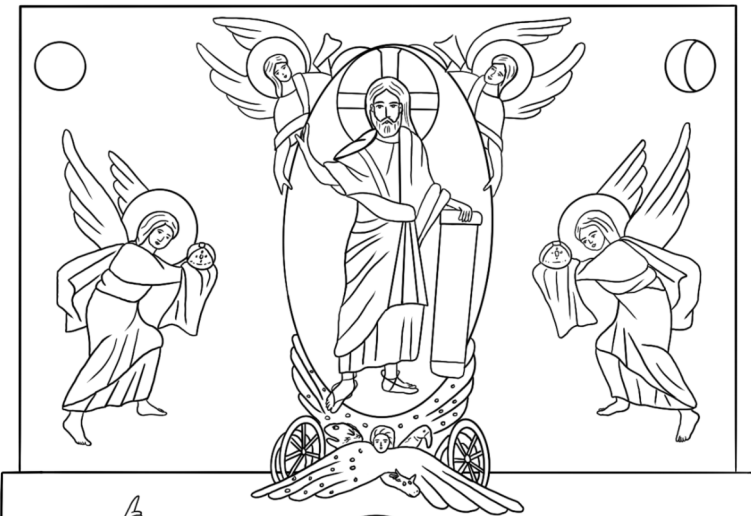
In the land of Northern Israel lived a great prophet named Elijah (some people today also call him Elias). The prophet Elijah did many great acts on behalf of the Lord God, urging the people of Israel to turn from their evil ways and follow the commands of the Lord. When Elijah's ministry was near its end, the Lord instructed Elijah to anoint a man named Elisha to succeed him.

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on a journey from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, please. The Lord has sent me on to Bethel." But Elisha refused to leave the side of Elijah, although he knew the Lord would take Elijah from him that day. Once in Bethel, Elijah again said to Elisha, "Stay here, please. The Lord has sent me to Jericho." Once again Elisha refused to leave his master. This same thing happened again when they reached Jericho and the Lord instructed Elijah to continue to the Jordan River. For a third time Elisha refused to leave the side of Elijah and remained faithful to his master.



When the two reached the Jordan River, Elijah performed a miracle by using his mantle, which was his cloak, rolled up like a staff. When Elijah struck the water with his mantle, the river divided into two and Elijah and Elisha crossed over on dry land - just like when Moses parted the Red Sea for the Israelites. Before Elijah departed, Elisha asked to receive a double amount of the blessing Elijah had received from the Lord.

Shortly after this request, the Lord sent a chariot and horses surrounded by fire to lift Elijah up and carry him to Heaven. Elijah's mantle fell to the ground, and Elisha took the mantle in order to continue doing the Lord's work among the people of Israel as Elijah taught him.



The apostles sang with joy  
when they saw the Lord ascend  
on clouds of resplendent light with majesty  
into heaven's heights.





# Gospel Corner

Mark  
16:15-20



Do you remember what God said after He saw all that He had made?

“It is good.”

He said that when He made the day, the night, the plants, the birds and fish, the land animals, and the people. It was all good.

But there is something that separates the people that God made from everything else that He created. Humans are made in the *image and likeness* of God and He has a plan and a purpose for every person that He has ever created. That includes you!

When Jesus was formed in Mary’s womb, God became human. That means He understands what it’s like to be human, but it also means that during his time on earth, He revealed truths about ourselves through His actions and teachings.



Today we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus. This is the day that Jesus rose up into heaven 40 days after His resurrection. From then to today, Jesus has sat on His throne in Heaven at the right hand of God the Father.

What truth does this tell us about ourselves? It tells us that our human body is good. It also tells us that after we have lived a good and holy life on earth and died, one day our body will be resurrected, made perfect, and joined back to our soul in heaven. What a neat thing to think about!

## Did you know?

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### NOVENA

A Novena is an ancient tradition of praying for nine consecutive days for a specific intention, saint, or feast day.

The tradition comes from the nine days the Apostles and the Blessed Mother spent in prayer in the Upper Room in Jerusalem after Jesus’s Ascension while awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit.

## What you can do



Pray a Novena to the Holy Spirit in preparation for the feast of Pentecost.

Take care of your body - eat healthy food and get enough sleep.

Look up the Old Testament and Gospel readings in a Bible and read them yourself.

## Crack the Code

Beginning with the first letter, circle every third letter to reveal Jesus’ instruction before he ascended. Then write the message on the line below.

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