

# WILLING TO SERVE

Fill in the answer to the math problem in each box. The words in each box should be written on the line that matches the math answer: For example  $2-1=1$ , so the words in that box go on line 1. The completed answers make up the event of Elisha's call to service.

Elisha wanted to say goodbye to  $4+2=$   
 was a helper to him as he served God.  $6+6=$   
 Elijah told him to go. Elisha took  $4+4=$   
 gave the meat to the people. Elisha left  $5+5=$   
 a yoke of oxen and sacrificed them, and  $6+3=$   
 of oxen. Elijah tossed his robe  $1+2=$   
 Elijah went and found Elisha.  $2-1=$   
 Elisha left the oxen and ran after Elijah.  $3+2=$   
 Elisha was plowing with twelve yoke  $1+1=$   
 his home, and went with Elijah, and  $7+4=$   
 his parents before he followed Elijah.  $3+4=$   
 on Elisha as he walked past.  $5-1=$

1. Elijah went and found Elisha.  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. \_\_\_\_\_  
 6. \_\_\_\_\_  
 7. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_  
 10. \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. \_\_\_\_\_

# Willing and Able?

Our service to God should be offered with a willing and uncomplaining spirit. Elisha was a good example of willing service. Below is a list of services that are done around most churches or for members of the church family who need help. Who makes sure these are done? Who does them? Put a check next to any that you would be willing or able to do. Can you think of any other service you can do for the Lord?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome visitors to church     | <input type="checkbox"/> Visit the sick                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invite people to church        | <input type="checkbox"/> Decorate bulletin boards          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usher                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Help in church kitchen            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Play a musical instrument      | <input type="checkbox"/> Serve tables at church gatherings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sing in the choir              | <input type="checkbox"/> Help in church library            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sort church music              | <input type="checkbox"/> Help the church janitor           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help to repair song books      | <input type="checkbox"/> Wash windows                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help in church nursery         | <input type="checkbox"/> Shovel snow                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer in children's church | <input type="checkbox"/> Rake leaves                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help Sunday school bus drivers | <input type="checkbox"/> _____                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Address cards to absentees     | <input type="checkbox"/> _____                             |

This happy face contains a positive slogan and two Scriptures that will help to encourage you and others in the work that you do. You might like to cut it out and post it where it will be a handy reminder.



Lord, if I have to do it anyway,  
Help me do it with a smile!

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men." — Colossians 3:23

"Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them." — Psalm 119:165

# Interview Time

Put yourself into the role of Elisha, and answer the following questions as you think he would have done if he were interviewed today.

1. What were you doing at the time Elijah came to you? (1 Kings 19:19)  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What did Elijah do to let you know you were called to go with him? (1 Kings 19:19) \_\_\_\_\_
3. What did you have to leave behind in order to follow Elijah? (1 Kings 19:20-21) \_\_\_\_\_
4. In the approximate ten years that you ministered to Elijah what was one thing you did for him? (2 Kings 3:11) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Did you know the time when Elijah was going to leave you? (2 Kings 2:3)  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Why do you think Elijah told you to stay behind when he was going to Bethel, and Jericho, and Jordan on that day? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What was it that you wanted from Elijah when he was taken away from you? (2 Kings 2:9) \_\_\_\_\_
8. What did you have to do to receive what you wanted? (2 Kings 2:10)  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. What were the two of you doing when Elijah was taken? (2 Kings 2:11)  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. In what way did God take Elijah? (2 Kings 2:11) \_\_\_\_\_
11. Did you see it happen? (2 Kings 2:12) \_\_\_\_\_
12. What did you do at that moment? (2 Kings 2:12,13)  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. What did you and say when you reached the banks of the Jordan River? (2 Kings 2:14) \_\_\_\_\_
14. What happened? (2 Kings 2:14) \_\_\_\_\_
15. Did anyone recognize that you had received what you had asked for? (2 Kings 2:15) \_\_\_\_\_
16. Do you have any advice for young Christians today? \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Willing to Go

God had told Elijah to make Elisha the prophet in his place. So Elijah went to find him.

## Read I Kings 19:19

1. What was Elisha doing when Elijah came by? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What did Elijah do when he passed by Elisha? \_\_\_\_\_

## Read verse 20

3. When Elisha realized that this was God's call, he:
  - a) finished his plowing and followed Elijah
  - b) left his oxen and ran after Elijah
  - c) waited until he had more time for God

## Read verse 21

4. What did Elisha do with his oxen and farming tools? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What do you think Elisha was trying to prove by doing that? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Why do you think Elisha was willing to go when God called him? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. How does God call someone to serve Him today?
  - a) in reading His Word and praying
  - b) in sermons
  - c) on the telephone

## Read Isaiah 1:19

8. What are the two ways to receive good things from God? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Opener Idea

Bring a **woolen cloak** or **Serape** to illustrate what a Mantle was.

Just as a judge today wears a robe, or a doctor a white coat, Elijah wore a Mantle. It was a symbol of the job he did. Elijah was God's prophet, and one day God told Elijah to make Elisha the prophet in his place. When Elijah laid that Mantle on Elisha's shoulders, *Elisha knew what it meant – that he was called to be the prophet of God.*