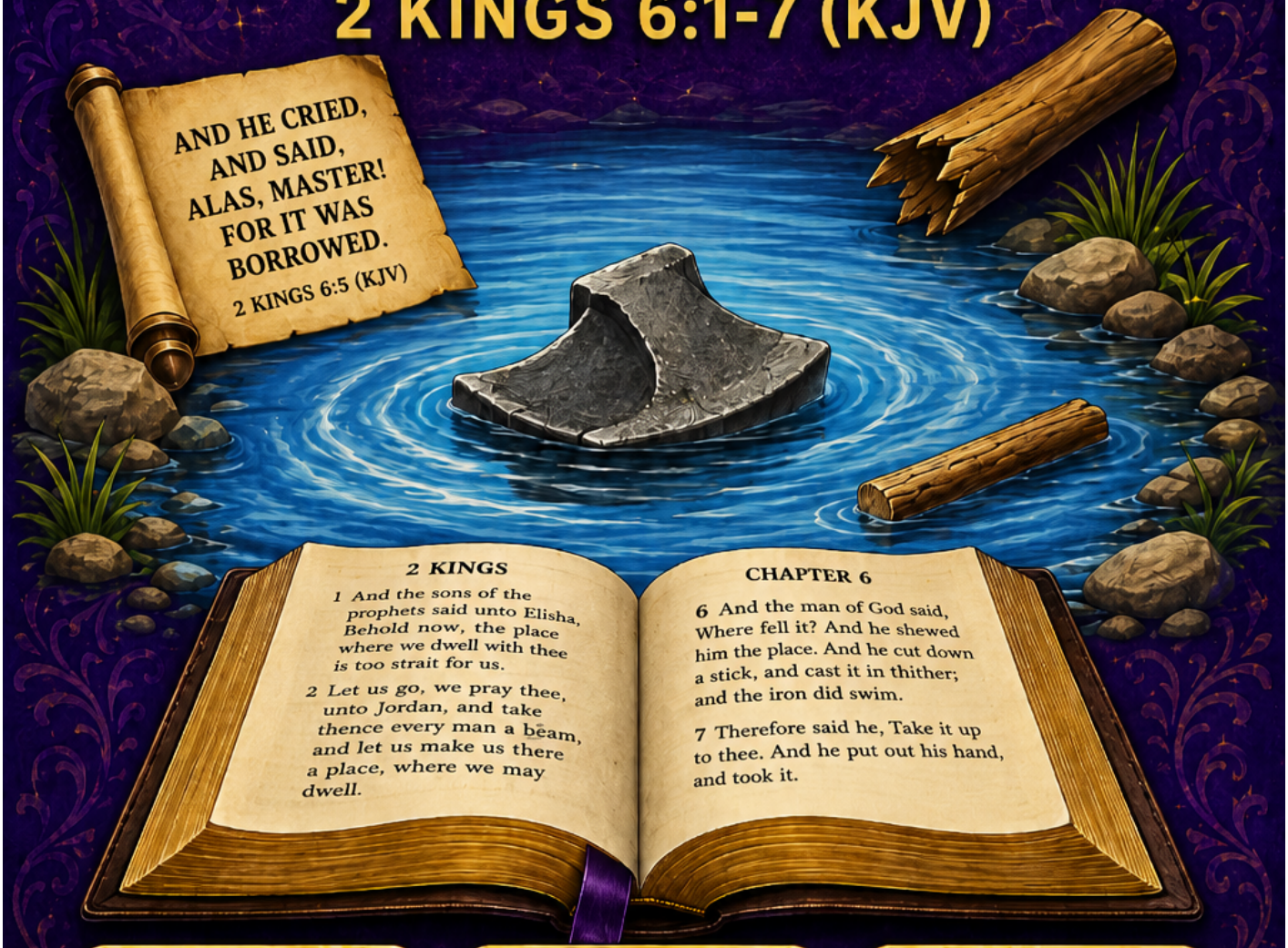
FREE LESSON

KING JAMES VERSION

THE FLOATING AXE HEAD

2 KINGS 6:1-7 (KJV)



LESSON | WORKSHEET | VERSE CARD

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1 YOUNG PROPHETS NEEDED MORE ROOM



A group of young prophets asked Elisha to help them build a bigger place.

2 THEY WENT TO THE JORDAN RIVER



Elisha agreed to go with them to cut down trees by the river.

3 HE BORROWED AN AXE



One young prophet borrowed an iron axe because he did not own one.

4 THE AXE HEAD FLEW INTO THE WATER!



While he was chopping, the heavy iron axe head fell into the deep river.

5 HE CRIED OUT – IT WAS BORROWED!



He told Elisha, "Alas master! It was borrowed and now it's gone."

6 ELISHA THREW A STICK – IT FLOATED!



Elisha tossed a stick into the river and the iron axe head rose to the top.

WHAT WE CAN LEARN



GOD CARES ABOUT SMALL THINGS

Even a lost tool matters to God. No problem is too small to bring to Him in prayer.



ASK GOD FOR HELP

When something goes wrong, talk to God right away. He hears you and wants to help.



BE HONEST WHEN YOU MESS UP

The young prophet told the truth about losing the axe. Honesty pleases God.



CARE FOR BORROWED THINGS

When someone lets you use their things, treat them with respect and return them safely.



TRUST GOD FOR MIRACLES

God can do impossible things — even make heavy iron float. Nothing is too hard for Him.



KEY VERSE

"And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither; and the iron did swim."

2 KINGS 6:6 (KJV)

REMEMBER!

GOD CARES ABOUT EVERY LITTLE PROBLEM!



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LESSON SCRIPT — THE FLOATING AXE HEAD

2 Kings 6:1-7 (KJV) — Ages 5–12 — 30–35 Minutes

MATERIALS NEEDED: Bible (KJV) · Printed teaching poster · Kid worksheets · Memory verse cards

SECTION 1 — HOOK / INTRO (3 minutes)

Say to the class:

"Boys and girls, I want to ask you a question. Has anyone here ever lost something that didn't belong to you? Maybe you borrowed a pencil from a friend and lost it? Or borrowed a toy from your brother or sister and couldn't find it?"

(Pause for hands. Let 2–3 kids share briefly.)

"How did you feel when you realized it was gone? That sinking feeling in your stomach — that's exactly how the young man in our Bible story today felt. But God did something amazing to help him. Let's find out what happened."

Optional prop: Bring a small axe or hammer. Hold it up and ask: "Imagine if I borrowed this and the head flew off into a deep river. Could I get it back?"

SECTION 2 — BIBLE STORY (10 minutes)

Open your Bible to 2 Kings 6:1-7 and read aloud:

"And the sons of the prophets said unto Elisha, Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is too strait for us. Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jordan, and take thence every man a beam, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell. And he answered, Go ye. And one said, Be content, I pray thee, and go with thy servants. And he answered, I will go. So he went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they cut down wood. But as one was felling a beam, the axe head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, Alas, master! for it was borrowed. And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither; and the iron did swim. Therefore said he, Take it up to thee. And he put out his hand, and took it."

— 2 Kings 6:1-7 (KJV)

Walk through the 6 poster panels in order:

- **Panel 1** — Young prophets asked Elisha for permission to build a bigger place.
- **Panel 2** — Elisha agreed to go with them — he cared enough to show up personally.
- **Panel 3** — One young prophet didn't own an axe, so he borrowed one. Iron was expensive — like borrowing a parent's most prized tool.
- **Panel 4** — While chopping, the iron axe head flew off the handle and sank into the river.
- **Panel 5** — He ran straight to Elisha and told the truth: "Alas, master! for it was borrowed."
- **Panel 6** — Elisha cut a stick and threw it in. The iron axe head floated. The young man reached in and took it.

SECTION 2 (continued) — Discussion Questions

- Why was the young man so upset? *(It wasn't his axe — he had borrowed it.)*
- What did he do right when he lost it? *(He told the truth immediately.)*
- Iron is heavy and sinks. What does the floating axe head tell us about God? *(He can do impossible things.)*

SECTION 3 — MEMORY VERSE (5 minutes)

Verse:

"And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither, and the iron did swim."

— 2 Kings 6:6 (KJV)

Break the verse into 4 chunks with motions. Practice 3 times together:

CHUNK	MOTION
"And the man of God said, Where fell it?"	Point outward like asking a question
"And he shewed him the place."	Point downward to the ground
"And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither"	Mime throwing a stick
"and the iron did swim."	Float your hand upward slowly

After 3 run-throughs: "Hide this verse in your heart this week."

SECTION 4 — APPLICATION / DISCUSSION (10 minutes)

1. GOD CARES ABOUT SMALL THINGS

"Some grown-ups think God only cares about big things — like sickness, money, or wars. But this story shows something different. God cared about a lost axe head — because He cared about the young man who lost it. Nothing in your life is too small to bring to Jesus."

■ ***Ask the class: What's something small that happened this week that you didn't think to pray about?***

2. ASK GOD FOR HELP

"The young man didn't try to fix it alone. He went straight to Elisha and asked for help. When something goes wrong, the first thing we do should be to talk to God."

■ ***Ask the class: What do you usually do first when something goes wrong — panic, get mad, hide it, or pray?***

3. BE HONEST WHEN YOU MESS UP

"He could have hidden the broken handle or made up a story. But he told the truth right away. Proverbs 12:22 says: 'Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight.' (KJV)"

■ ***Ask the class: Has anyone ever felt scared to tell the truth? What helped you do it anyway?***

4. CARE FOR BORROWED THINGS

"He was upset because the axe was borrowed. When someone trusts you with their things, you have a responsibility to care for them and return them safely. Treat borrowed things even better than your own."

■ ***Ask the class: Is there anything you've borrowed lately that you need to return or take better care of?***

5. TRUST GOD FOR MIRACLES

"Iron sinks. Everybody knows that. But God made iron float. Nothing is too hard for God. The same God who made iron swim is the same God who hears your prayers today."

■ ***Ask the class: What is something in your life right now that feels impossible? Will you trust God with it this week?***

SECTION 5 — ACTIVITY / CLOSING PRAYER (5 minutes)

Distribute the kid worksheets. Allow 3–4 minutes of quiet work. Walk around and help younger children.

Closing Prayer (read aloud or pray in your own words):

> *"Heavenly Father, thank You for the story of the floating axe head. Thank You that You care about every small thing in our lives. Help us to be honest like the young prophet. Help us to take care of things that belong to others. And help us to trust You for big things and small things this week. In Jesus' name, Amen."*

Send-off: Give each child a memory verse card. Encourage them to recite it with the motions to their parents before next Sunday.

THE FLOATING AXE HEAD

2 Kings 6:1-7 (KJV) — Kid Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

SECTION 1 — FILL IN THE BLANKS

WORD BANK: Jordan · borrowed · stick · iron · hard

1. The young prophets went to the _____ River to cut down trees.
2. The young man cried out because his axe was _____ — it wasn't his.
3. Elisha cut down a _____ and threw it into the water.
4. The heavy _____ axe head floated to the top of the water!
5. This story shows us that nothing is too _____ for God.

SECTION 2 — DRAW IT!

Draw the moment the axe head floated to the top of the water. Include Elisha and the young prophet.

SECTION 3 — TRUE OR FALSE

Circle: T / F — The young man owned his axe.

Circle: T / F — Iron is heavy and usually sinks.

Circle: T / F — The young man hid what happened.

Circle: T / F — God can do impossible things.

SECTION 4 — MEMORY VERSE

Trace: "The iron did swim." — 2 Kings 6:6

Now write the full verse on the lines below:

SECTION 5 — WORD SEARCH

Find these words: ELISHA · JORDAN · AXE · IRON · STICK · BORROW · FLOAT · TRUTH

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D	F	B	Q	V	W	K	O	Y	Z
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"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." — Proverbs 3:5 (KJV)

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