

**MAIN POINT:**

God Provides Protection

**MEMORY VERSE:**

*"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19*

**BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:**

The king of Aram sent his army after God's prophet Elisha, who kept telling the Israelites where the King was waiting to attack them. When Elisha's servant went outside and saw the army, he was scared. Elisha assured him that they were not outnumbered, and then prayed that God would open the servant's eyes. His servant saw the invisible army that God had surrounded the city with. The king never attacked Israel again.

**WATCH IT**

Find the lesson video on our website: <https://cchurch.ca/childrens-online>

Search: CSC Children's Ministries on YouTube to find our channel.

**DO IT → INVISIBLE ARMY CRAFT**

**SUPPLIES**

- Chariot Craft Template (1 per child, see last page)
- Cotton swab/Q-tip (1 per child)
- Invisible ink solution (1/4 cup water, ½ Tbsp. baking soda)
- Paintbrush (1 per child)
- Reveal Solution (2 Tbsp. rubbing alcohol, 1/8 tsp. turmeric)
- Pencil crayons

**Activity Instructions:**

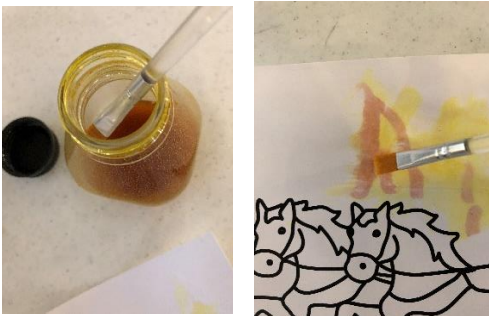
Using the cotton swab and the invisible ink solution have your child draw an outline of some flames coming out from around the horses and chariot. Be careful not to soak the paper too much as it needs to dry before the next step.

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Take this time to go through the discussion questions.

The paper takes a minute to soak up the water so it may not look super wet at first. Using the paintbrush have them dip it into the reveal solution (careful, this is rubbing alcohol and turmeric, so it can stain if spilled!) and paint over the flames.



The reveal solution will paint the paper yellow, but where they drew with the invisible ink solution will show up orange/red. It gets darker as it dries. Again, try not to saturate the paper too much!

Your child can colour the picture as desired.



### **The Point**

Even though we can't see God, we know that He has promised to always be with us. Your craft can remind you of the truth that God is with you no matter what you are going through.

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## TALK ABOUT IT:

Do this section with your child while they are assembling their craft.

1. **We can't always see what God is doing but we can trust that God is always with us. God provides protection for us. And sometimes all we need is the assurance that we're not alone. Have you ever felt alone, but then someone else stood with you? Having another person can make a situation easier.** Encourage your child to share their experiences. Be ready to share some of your own age-appropriate stories. (Standing up to a bully, saying no to peer pressure. Facing a fear and having someone hold your hand.)
2. **Elisha's servant was afraid because he couldn't see how God was on their side until Elisha prayed for God to show him the army that stood with them. Sometimes it can be hard for us to trust God is there because we can't see him. Are there places in your life that are extra hard to trust that God is with you?** (At school when you feel alone, when family members aren't getting along)
3. **Elisha's servant got to see the invisible army that was standing with them. What are ways that God shows you that he is with you?** (Bible verses that come to mind at the right moment, a feeling of peace, people he has obviously placed in your life to offer support. Providing for our needs.)

## FAMILY PRAYER:

Dear God, thank You for promising to be with us always, even when we can't see You. Thank You for Your protection. Help us to remember that we can trust You. We love You and pray in Jesus' name, amen.

## OFFERING:

Our offering project will go to Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child to help with shipping costs of the shoeboxes.

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