Preschool–Grade 5

Elisha and the Shunammite Woman Craft

Elisha's little chamber · 2 Kings 4:8–37 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



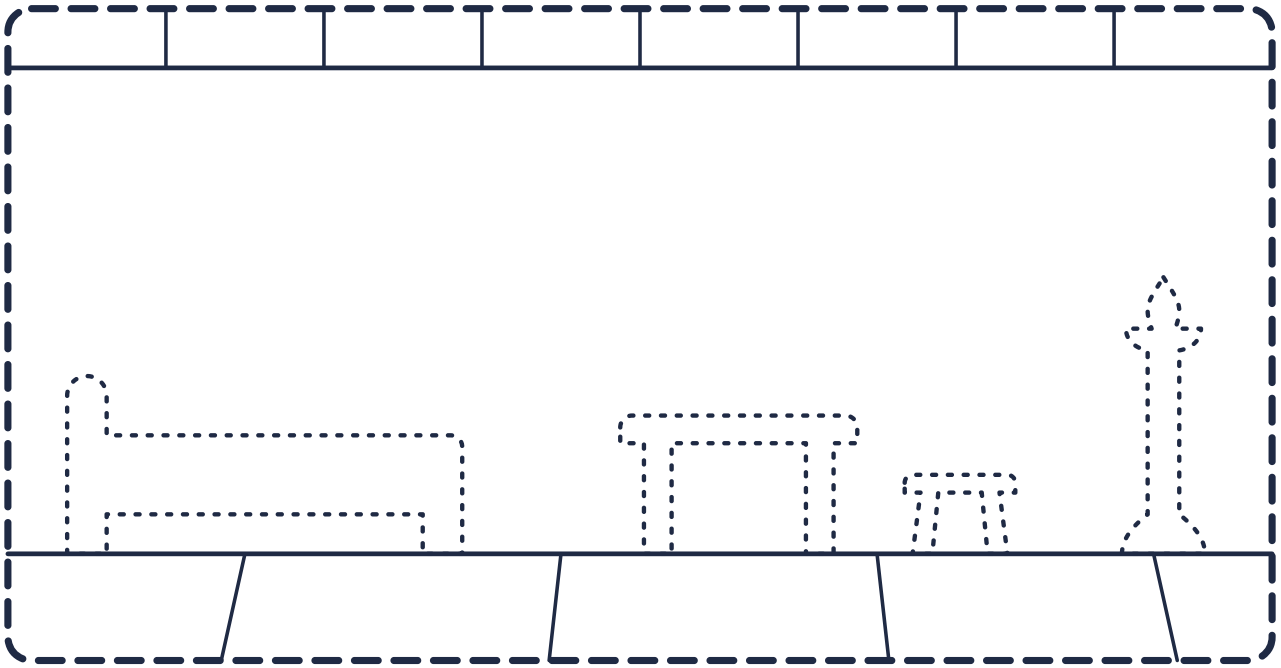
Harder

Both levels are a card showing the inside of Elisha's little chamber: a light yellow wall, brown ceiling beams and a gray floor. On the floor stand the four things the Shunammite woman set there for him: a brown bed with a green blanket and a white pillow, a brown table, a light brown stool and a gray candlestick with a little brown lamp and an orange flame (2 Kings 4:10). Medium (left): the card with its four things. Harder (right): the same, plus a fold-out panel on the right side, mount Carmel, with the Shunammite woman drawn on the way to Elisha (4:25–26).

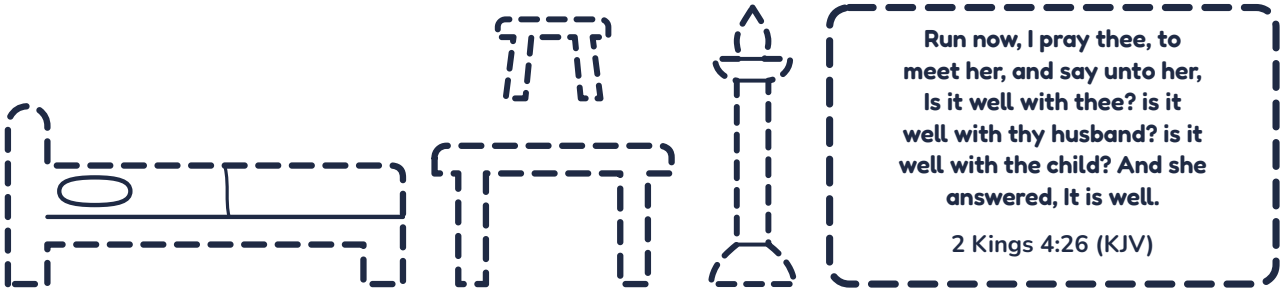
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Name: _____

✂ Cut on the dashed lines



card: wall light yellow, beams brown, floor gray. Glue each piece on its dotted shape.



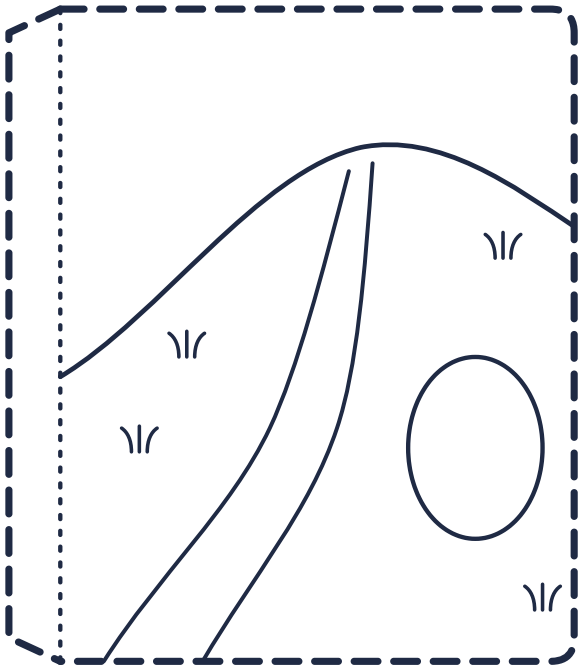
bed: frame brown, blanket green, pillow white. table: brown. stool: light brown.
candlestick: stand gray, little lamp brown, flame orange.
verse strip: glue it on the back of the card.

Color each piece the way its label says. Cut out the card, the bed, the table, the stool, the candlestick and the verse strip. Glue each piece on its dotted shape. You also need a glue stick.

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Name: _____

✂ Harder level



mount Carmel: sky light blue, hill green, path brown. Draw her in the oval.
Fold the glue tab back on the dotted line.

How to make the harder level

1. Make the card, the four pieces and the verse strip from page 2 first.
2. Color the panel: the sky light blue, the hill green and the path brown. In the white oval, draw the Shunammite woman with long hair and a long dress.
3. Cut out the panel with its glue tab. Fold the tab back on the dotted line.
4. Turn the card over. Glue the tab on the back of the card along its right edge, so the panel sticks out to the right. Then glue the verse strip on the back too.
5. Fold the panel closed over the card. Tell it: her son died, and she laid him on the bed of the man of God and shut the door (2 Kings 4:20–21). Open the panel! She rode to Elisha at mount Carmel. Gehazi asked, "Is it well with the child?" and she answered, "It is well" (4:25–26).

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/the-shunammite-woman-craft
Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels
You need: page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), crayons or markers in light yellow, brown, gray, green, light brown and orange, scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child, a light blue crayon and crayons for drawing the Shunammite woman.
Before class: for preschoolers, cut out the card, the bed, the table, the stool, the candlestick and the verse strip ahead of time.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's pieces. Kids color the card and the four things, then glue each one on its dotted shape (help with the glue). Count the four things together. Help them glue the verse strip on the back.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, cut and glue. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the card like the medium level, then add the fold-out mount Carmel panel from page 3, with the Shunammite woman drawn on it (2 Kings 4:25–26). This is the craft in the second photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color the card:** the wall light yellow, the ceiling beams brown and the floor gray. Leave the four dotted shapes white.
2. **Color the pieces:** the bed frame brown, the blanket green and the pillow white; the table brown; the stool light brown; the candlestick stand gray, the little lamp brown and the flame orange.
3. **Cut:** cut out the card, the bed, the table, the stool, the candlestick and the verse strip on the dashed lines.
4. **Glue:** glue each piece on its dotted shape on the card: the bed on the left, the table in the middle, the stool beside the table and the candlestick on the right. Count them: one, two, three, four (2 Kings 4:10).
5. **Verse:** glue the verse strip on the back of the card, and read it together.
6. **Tell it:** the Shunammite woman said, "this is an holy man of God" (2 Kings 4:9), and made Elisha a little chamber with a bed, a table, a stool and a candlestick (4:10). Point to the bed: when her son died, she laid him on the bed of the man of God (4:21). Elisha shut the door and prayed unto the LORD, and the child opened his eyes (4:33, 4:35).

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Questions to ask while kids work

- Why did the woman want to make a room for Elisha? *(She could tell he was an holy man of God, 2 Kings 4:9)*
- Point to each piece. What four things did she set in the little chamber? *(A bed, a table, a stool and a candlestick, 4:10)*
- What was the name of Elisha's servant? *(Gehazi, 4:12)*
- What did Elisha say she would hold in her arms? *(A son, 4:16)*
- Point to the bed. Where did she lay her son when he died? *(On the bed of the man of God, 4:21)*
- Where did she ride to find Elisha? *(Mount Carmel, 4:25)*
- What did she answer when Gehazi asked, "Is it well?" *("It is well," 4:26)*
- What did Elisha do after he shut the door? *(He prayed unto the LORD, 4:33)*
- How many times did the child sneeze? *(Seven times, and then he opened his eyes, 4:35)*

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained: a great woman** means an important woman; **constrained him** means urged him strongly; **an holy man of God** means a man who belonged to God and served Him; **chamber** means a small room; **stool** means a little seat; **candlestick** means a stand that held a little oil lamp; **embrace a son** means hold a son in your arms; **reapers** means workers who cut the grain; **ass** means donkey; **is it well** means is everything all right; **Take up thy son** means pick up your son.
- **What the Bible says:** the Shunammite woman said to her husband, "Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick" (2 Kings 4:10). The Bible doesn't describe the room or what the four things looked like. The beams, the floor, the shapes and the colors are the craft's simple picture of the story.
- **No one is drawn on the template:** on the harder level, each child draws the Shunammite woman in her oval with long hair and a long dress. The boy and Elisha are not drawn.
- **Tell the sad part gently:** the boy died, and the Bible says so plainly (2 Kings 4:20). Keep the focus on what his mother did (she ran to the man of God) and on what God did (the child opened his eyes). If a child has lost someone they love, let them talk, and let their parents know.
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything. Use glue sticks, not liquid glue. Let every child count the four things out loud and say the mother's answer, "It is well!" (2 Kings 4:26)
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Shunammite woman lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/the-shunammite-woman.

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