

# Unit 1. Children of the Bible - OT

## Lesson 1.4: Chamad the Long Awaited

### Teacher Preparation and Materials Needed:

**Bible Story:** from 2 Kings 4:8–37

The story is adapted from Hyde, Katherine Bolger. *Brave, Faithful, and True: Children of the Bible*. Ancient Faith Publishing, 2023.

*\* Please note that, although this is a biblical story, the character in this story is named Chamad (means “desire”) by the author and does not appear in the Bible.*

### Activities:

*\*Implement based on available time. Detailed instructions and materials list are provided in the lesson.*

Activity 1: “Nothing Too Hard for God” Faith Stones

Activity 2: Heart-to-Heart Prayer Time

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### Words of the Week:

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### Objective:

Children will understand that God is powerful and loving, and that He hears our prayers and can bring life, hope, and help when we need it most.

### Moral Character Focus:

*Children will learn that Chamad became sick and died, but God heard Elisha’s prayer and gave Chamad life again.*

**Understanding:** Children will recognize that nothing is too hard for God and that He always listens to our prayers, just as He listened to the Shunammite woman and Elisha.

**Application:** Children will identify practical ways to trust God in their own lives—by praying when they are worried, asking God for help, and remembering that He gives them life and every good gift.

**Values:** Children will develop a desire to pray with faith, to rely on God’s power, and to believe that God can do wonderful things because He loves them.

### Memory Verse:

“Nothing is too hard for God.”  
- Jeremiah 32:17b

# Lesson

## Lesson Opening & Creating Interest:

Open with prayer:

**Wisdom of the Father, O Jesus, grant to me the wisdom to think, speak, and do that which is good in Your sight. Save me from all evil and distracting thoughts, words, and deeds. Have mercy upon your creatures and upon me, a great sinner. Amen.**

## Lesson Body: Chamad the Long Awaited

In the town of Shunem lived a woman who was known for her kindness. She loved God very much and wanted to serve Him in every way she could. Whenever the prophet Elisha passed through her town, she invited him in with warm food and a place to rest. She even asked her husband to build a small room on the roof of their house just for Elisha, with a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp. This way the man of God would always have a home in their home.

Elisha was touched by her love and generosity. Wanting to bless her, he prayed to the Lord and said, *“By this time next year, you will hold a son in your arms.”* The woman could hardly believe such wonderful words, but God kept His promise. In time she gave birth to a beautiful boy. They named him Chamad, which means “precious.”

Chamad grew strong and happy. His laughter filled the rooms of the house and his feet ran quickly across the fields. He was his parents’ greatest joy and his mother often held him close, remembering that he was a gift from the Lord.

One morning Chamad went out into the fields with his father. As he played among the workers, he suddenly cried out, *“My head, my head.”* His father carried him home at once and laid him in his mother’s arms. She held him tightly, whispering prayers and begging God to heal her child. Yet as the hours passed, the boy grew weaker until at last he lay still and silent.

The mother’s heart broke, but her faith did not. With steady hands she carried her son into Elisha’s little room and laid him on the prophet’s bed. Then she hurried to find Elisha, tears streaming down her face. When she reached him she fell at his feet and cried, *“Please come, my son needs you.”*

Elisha saw her sorrow and came quickly to the house. He entered the quiet room where the child lay and prayed earnestly to the Lord. Then he stretched himself over the boy, eye to eye, mouth to mouth, hand to hand, heart to heart. Again he prayed, asking God to bring life where there was no life.

And suddenly the child stirred. He sneezed seven times and opened his eyes. Elisha called to the mother, saying, *“Your son lives.”*

She rushed into the room, her tears now full of joy, and gathered Chamad into her arms. Warmth and life had returned to him. She held him close, whispering thanks to the God who gives life.

From that day forward, Chamad’s family never forgot the power and mercy of God. They knew that nothing is too hard for the Lord, who hears the cries of His people and answers with love. Chamad grew up knowing that his very life was a gift, and that God’s love was stronger than death itself.

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# Bible Verse Game to Remember

*“Nothing is too hard for God.”* - Jeremiah 32:17b

*“Nothing”* – shake head and wave hands side to side

*“is too hard”* – flex arms like strong muscles

*“for God”* – point up toward heaven



## Activity 1: “Nothing Too Hard for God” Faith Stones

**Materials:** Smooth stones, acrylic paint or permanent markers, clear sealant spray (optional)

**Instructions:**

1. Give each child a smooth stone.
2. Have them paint or write *“Nothing is too hard for God”* or *“God gives life”* on one side.
3. On the other side, they can write their name or a prayer request.
4. Let them decorate with colorful designs.
5. Encourage them to keep the stone as a reminder that God answers prayer.

**Learning Point:** God has power over life and death; nothing is impossible for Him.

## Activity 2: Heart-to-Heart Prayer Time

**Materials:** Large Paper hearts (optional: cut from construction paper), pens

**Instructions:**

1. Give each child a paper heart.
2. Explain how Elisha prayed “heart to heart” over Chamad.
3. Have children write a prayer request on their heart.
4. Partner children up to pray for each other’s requests “heart to heart”.
5. Display the hearts on a prayer wall and commit to praying for each other during the week.

**Learning Point:** Prayer is intimate communication with God, and we should pray earnestly for one another.

# Review

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## Memory Verse Review:

“Nothing is too hard for God.” (Jeremiah 32:17b)

## Lesson Review:

### Questions:

1. What did Chamad’s mother do when her son became very sick and died?  
*(She went to find Elisha and asked him to pray to God)*
2. Who gave life back to Chamad?  
*(God did — Elisha prayed, but only God is able to bring him back to life)*
3. What does this story show us about God’s power?  
*(That nothing is too hard for God — He can do anything, even bring life from death)*
4. How can we trust God like Chamad’s family did?  
*(By praying when we are scared, asking Him for help, and believing He hears us)*
5. What are some things God gives us every day that show His love?  
*(Family, friends, food, home, life, love, safety, and joy)*

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## Life Application:

### What are we going to do with what we have learned today?

Just like God heard the prayers of Chamad’s mother and answered through Elisha, God hears our prayers too. When we feel scared, sick, or sad, we can talk to God and trust that He is with us. Sometimes He answers right away, and sometimes we have to wait, but we can always believe that God loves us and gives us life every day. So whenever you feel worried, remember: **“Nothing is too hard for God!”**

### Close with prayer:

**O Christ, guardian of all, let Your right hand guard and shelter me, by day and by night, at home and abroad, in sleeping and in waking, that I may never stumble. Have mercy upon Your creatures and upon me, a great sinner. Amen.**