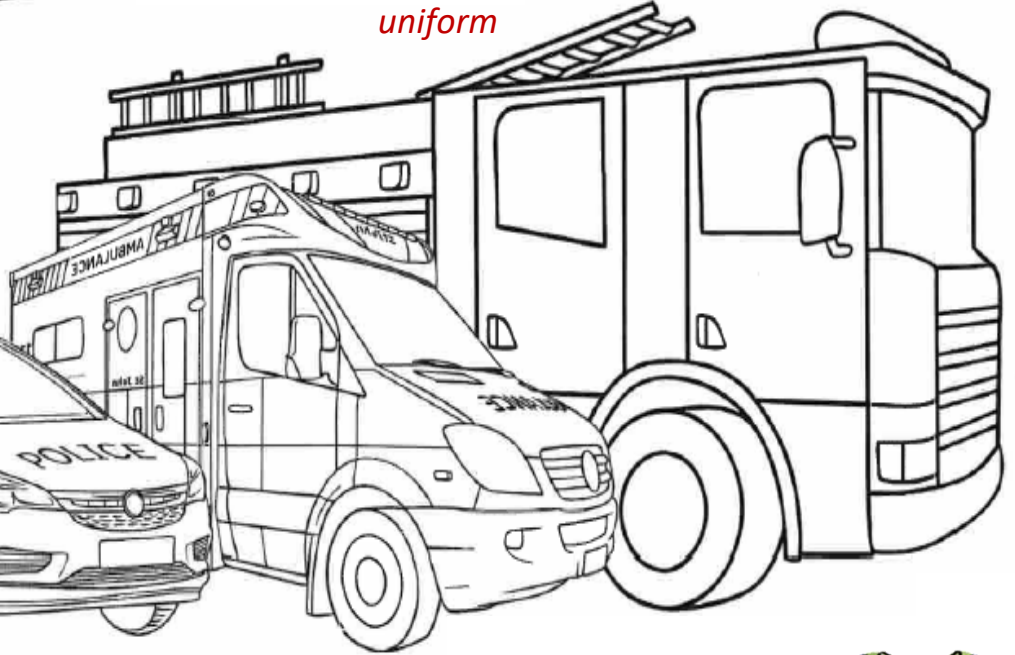


2 Kings 7.¹⁻²⁰

rescued!

Rescue services

Colour in the different rescue services below and draw a line to connect each rescue service with the correct picture and the correct uniform



FIRE SERVICE SEARCH and RESCUE

RESCUE

The message of the Bible is all about God's great rescue mission.

He came in Jesus to rescue us from the mess we've got ourselves into because of ignoring the Lord.

The story of the people of Israel is full of stories of how God again and again rescued His people.

AMBULANCE

POLICE



Read

2 Kings 7. 1-2

Elisha replied, 'Hear the word of the Lord. This is what the Lord says: about this time tomorrow, a seah of the finest flour will sell for a shekel and two seahs of barley for a shekel at the gate of Samaria.'

²The officer on whose arm the king was leaning said to the man of God, 'Look, even if the Lord should open the floodgates of the heavens, could this happen?'

'You will see it with your own eyes,' answered Elisha, 'but you will not eat any of it!'

the Word of the LORD



This particular story really begins with the 'Word' which God spoke through His prophet, Elisha.

(If you look on down to vv.16-20 you'll see that the story really ends with that 'Word' also!)

God's word has an amazing power behind it – which means that whenever God commands or promises something you can be sure it'll happen.

However impossible it may seem!

What was the first 'Word' which God spoke (Gen.1.3)?

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Have a look now at just who the people were whom the Lord used!

the servants of the LORD

Read

2 Kings 7. 3-5

³Now there were four men with leprosy at the entrance of the city gate. They said to each other, 'Why stay here until we die? ⁴If we say, "We'll go into the city" – the famine is there, and we will die. And if we stay here, we will die. So let's go over to the camp of the Arameans and surrender. If they spare us, we live; if they kill us, then we die.'

⁵At dusk they got up and went to the camp of the Arameans. When they reached the edge of the camp, no one was there.

Lepers were regarded as 'unclean'.

They weren't allowed to come into the city. When they got to the camp of the enemy, what did they find?

It's exactly what the women found, years later, when they went to the tomb of Jesus!



God loves to use ordinary people in His work!

And He loves to do **extraordinary things!**

the activity of the LORD



Read

2 Kings 7.5-8

When they reached the edge of the camp, no one was there, ⁶for the Lord had caused the Arameans to hear the sound of chariots and horses and a great army, so that they said to one another, 'Look, the king of Israel has hired the Hittite and Egyptian kings to attack us!' ⁷So they got up and fled in the dusk and abandoned their tents and their horses and donkeys. They left the camp as it was and ran for their lives.

⁸The men who had leprosy reached the edge of the camp, entered one of the tents and ate and drank. Then they took silver, gold and clothes, and went off and hid them. They returned and entered another tent and took some things from it and hid them also.

Here's what the situation was.

The capital city of Israel (Samaria) had been surrounded by the powerful army of the king of Aram (Syria) for a long time.

The food in the city had pretty much run out and they were slowly starving to death.

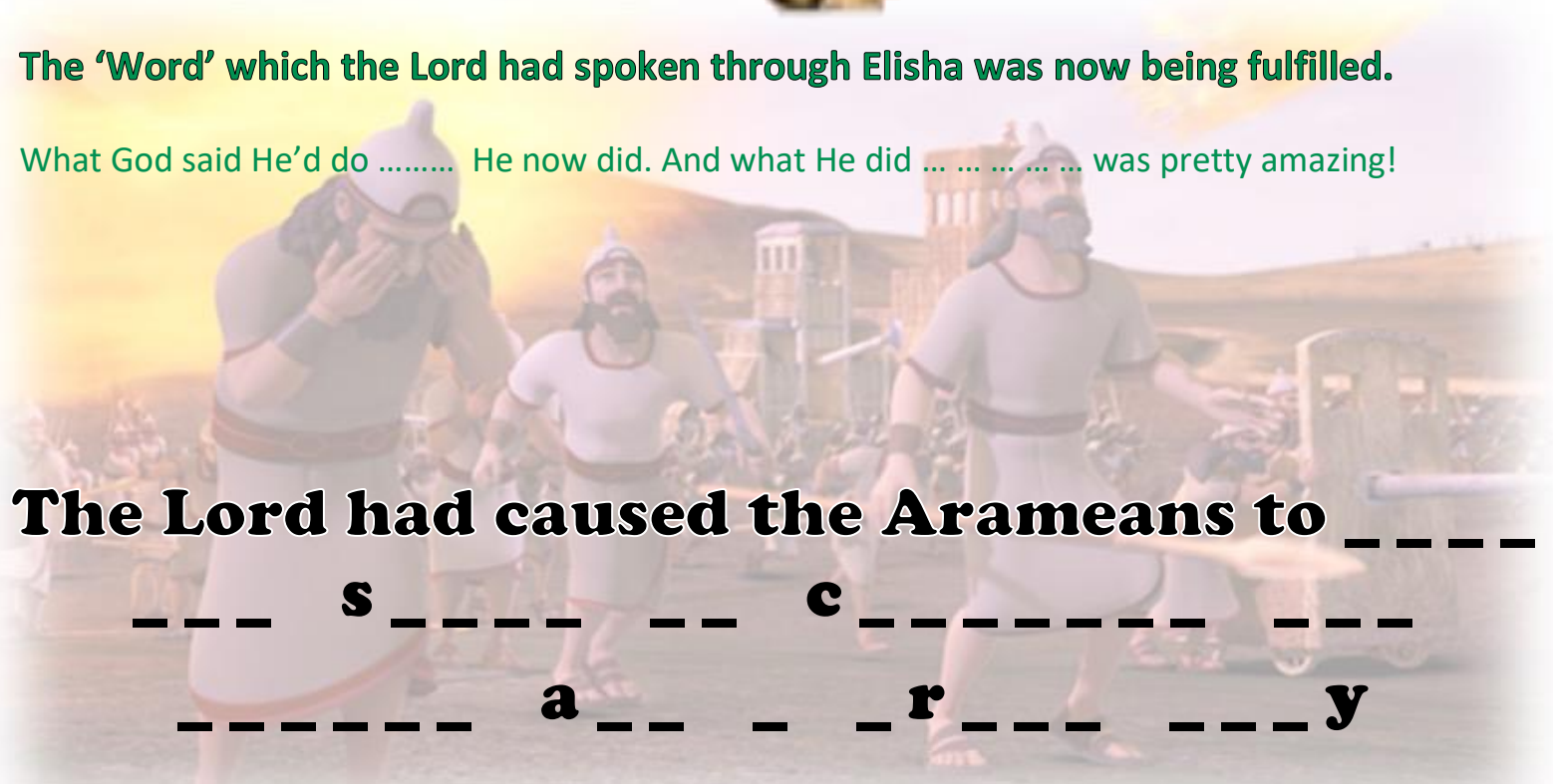
It was a completely hopeless situation!

But
the Lord then did something quite amazing!

The 'Word' which the Lord had spoken through Elisha was now being fulfilled.

What God said He'd do He now did. And what He did was pretty amazing!

**The Lord had caused the Arameans to _____
_____ s _____ c _____
_____ a _____ r _____ y**



Read

2 Kings 7. 9-18



the word of the LORD

The 'word of the Lord' is to be shared!

The Lord means that the good news of what He has done gets shared with others.

The lepers eventually 'twigged'!

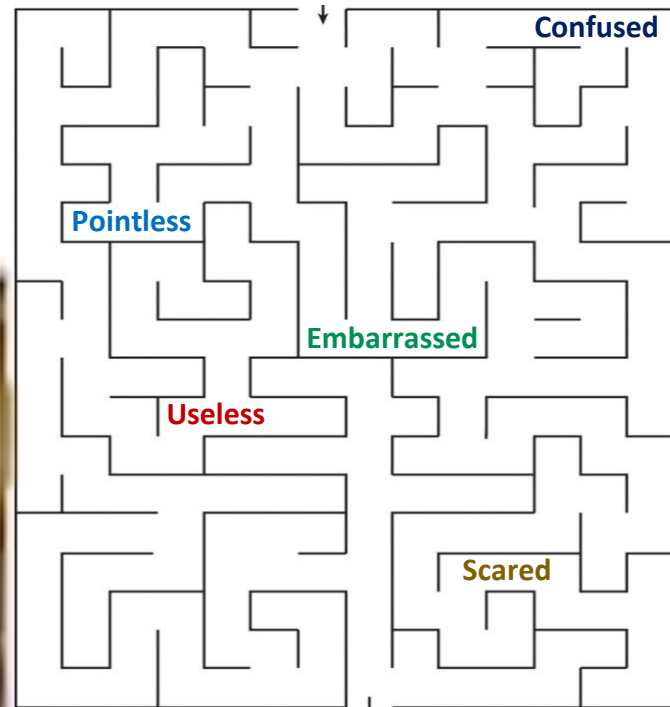
The Lord wants us to share the good news about Jesus with others too!

What makes it difficult for you to share the good news of Jesus with others?

Try this maze!



You've got good news! Can you share it?



The 'Lord's word' is to be believed!

The king's officer hadn't believed the message Elisha had declared.

Check v.2 again – 'You will see it with your own eyes,' answered Elisha, 'but you will not eat any of it!' He did: and he didn't!

⁹Then they said to each other, 'What we're doing is not right. This is **a day of good news** and **we are keeping it to ourselves**. If we wait until daylight, punishment will overtake us. **Let's go at once and report this** to the royal palace.'

¹⁰So they went and called out to the city gatekeepers and told them, 'We went into the Aramean camp and no one was there – not a sound of anyone – only tethered horses and donkeys, and the tents left just as they were.' ¹¹The gatekeepers shouted the news, and it was reported within the palace.

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¹⁴.. they selected two chariots with their horses, and the king sent them after the Aramean army. He commanded the drivers, 'Go and find out what has happened.' ¹⁵They followed them as far as the Jordan, and they found the whole road strewn with the clothing and equipment the Arameans had thrown away in their headlong flight. So the messengers returned and reported to the king. ¹⁶Then the people went out and plundered the camp of the Arameans. So a seah of the finest flour sold for a shekel, and two seahs of barley sold for a shekel, as the Lord had said.

¹⁷Now the king had put the officer on whose arm he leaned in charge of the gate, and the people trampled him in the gateway, and he died, just as the man of God had foretold when the king came down to his house. ¹⁸It happened as the man of God had said to the king: 'About this time tomorrow, a seah of the finest flour will sell for a shekel and two seahs of barley for a shekel at the gate of Samaria.'

**'Every word of God proves true' (Prov.30.5).
Make sure you always take God at His word!**



Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet. Speak to God about what you've learned.

You do amazing things, Lord, that's for sure!

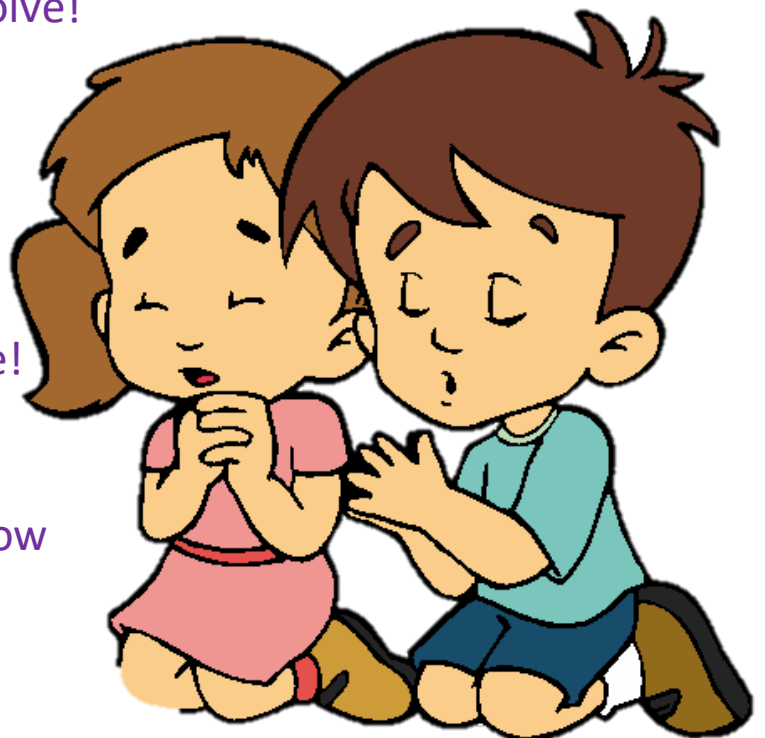
It must have seemed an impossible situation for the people in the city:
completely hopeless.

And yet it was no problem for You!

It's great to know that there's never going to be a situation I face which
You're not able to handle and resolve!

Help me to remember that every
time I face a problem: and help
me to bring the matter to You in
prayer and to trust You to help me!

Help me, too, to let my friends know
how great and amazing You are!



Sometimes I get a bit scared of speaking about You. But You're the best and I
want everyone in the world to know that!

Today's verse for you to try and remember!

"This is a day of good news ..
let's go at once and report this"

2 Kings 7.9



A WORDSEARCH ..

Today's passage begins and ends with 'the Word of the Lord'.
The Bible is God's Word to us. Here's a wordsearch to see how many
of the books of the Old Testament you can find! Happy searching!

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For you to COLOUR IN



The Lord
will do what
he says.

Isaiah 38:7

