

Attack of the Two Bears

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Show proper respect to everyone, . . .

1 Peter 2:17 (NIV)

Be Respectful

2 Kings 2:23-24

“Look! There goes Elisha, the new prophet,” said some disrespectful youth. “Let’s make fun of him!”

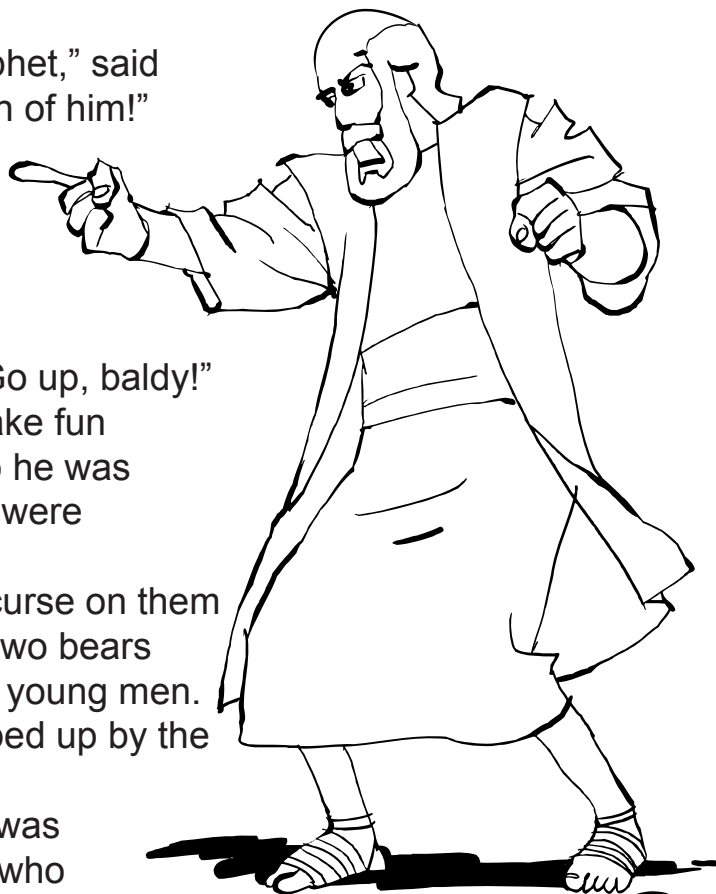
It hadn’t been long since Elijah had miraculously gone to Heaven. Now Elisha was God’s new prophet to Israel, but not all the people treated him as God’s prophet or believed he really was.

“Go up you, baldy!” yelled the youth. “Go up, baldy!”

Maybe they thought it was alright to make fun of Elisha, but they didn’t think about Who he was representing -- the One, True God. They were disrespecting Elisha and God too.

Elisha turned around and called out a curse on them in the name of the Lord. In that moment two bears rushed out of the forest and attacked the young men. There were 42 young men who were ripped up by the bears.

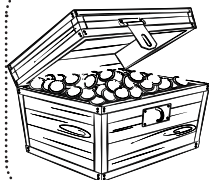
That day everyone learned that Elisha was God’s new prophet in Israel. The people who survived learned that it is a serious thing to make fun of God’s leaders.



What did we discover?

- 1) Elisha was God’s new _____.
CAPTAIN PROPHET PASTOR
- 2) The youth _____ Elisha the prophet.
RESPECTED COMPLAINED TO MOCKED
- 3) It was _____ to mock Elisha.
DISRESPECTFUL FINE INNOCENT
- 4) To mock God and His prophets _____.
IS OK IS WRONG IS RIGHT

How should I treat God and His representatives?



I will be respectful.
We shouldn’t disrespect
God’s leaders.



**God,
Help me be
respectful.**