

The Axe Head That Floated

A Bible Story for Kids

Find it in the Bible: 2 Kings 6:1-7

Characters: Elisha, The Company of Prophets

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SOME MEN WHO were learning to be prophets needed a bigger building. They asked Elisha, 'Can we go build a new place by the river?' Elisha said yes and went with them.

The men started cutting down trees to build with. One man was swinging his axe—CHOP! CHOP! CHOP!—when suddenly the metal part flew off the handle and—SPLASH!—it sank into the river!

'Oh no!' the man cried. 'That axe wasn't even mine! I borrowed it!'

This was a big problem. Iron tools were very expensive back then. The man didn't have enough money to buy a new one. He was really worried!

Elisha asked, 'Where did it fall in?'

The man pointed to the spot in the river.

Elisha cut a stick from a tree and threw it into the water right where the axe head had sunk.

And then something IMPOSSIBLE happened—the heavy iron axe head floated up to the top of the water! Iron doesn't float! But this iron did!

'Grab it!' Elisha said.

The man reached out and picked up his axe head. Problem solved!

This story shows us that God cares about even the little things in our lives. The man's lost axe head might seem like a small problem, but it was a big deal to HIM. And God cared about it.

No problem is too small to pray about. God loves to help His children, even with everyday worries!