her son? (See 1 Kings 17:14–16.) In what ways are we asked to put the things of God first in our lives?

- When the people gathered to hear Elijah at Mount Carmel, he asked, "How long halt ye between two opinions?" (1 Kings 18:21). How do we sometimes halt between two opinions?
- How did God comfort Elijah on Mount Horeb? (See 1 Kings 19:9–13.) What can we learn from this about how God communicates with us? Why do you think God communicates more often through the "still small voice" of the Holy Ghost than through loud and spectacular displays of power? How can we discern the whisperings of the Holy Ghost?

"He Took Up . . . the Mantle of Elijah" 2 Kings 2; 5-6

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Study the following scriptures:

- a. 2 Kings 2:1–18. Elijah prepares Elisha to become the new prophet (2:1–10). Elijah is taken up into heaven. Elisha takes up Elijah's mantle and becomes the prophet (2:11–15). Fifty men search for Elijah for three days despite Elisha's counsel (2:16–18).
- b. 2 Kings 5. Elisha heals Naaman of leprosy (5:1–14). Naaman praises God and offers Elisha a reward, which Elisha declines (5:15–19).
- c. 2 Kings 6:8–18. Elisha guides the king of Israel in a war with Syria (6:8–10). The king of Syria commands his men to capture Elisha, and the army surrounds the city of Dothan (6:11–14). Unafraid, Elisha prays, and the Lord reveals a moun-

tain full of horses and chariots of fire, then smites the Syrian army with blindness (6:15–18).

- What can the story of Naaman teach us about following the counsel of the prophet—even when we may not like or understand it or when it may be about small or simple matters? What are some of the small, simple things we have been asked to do by the prophet or other Church leaders? Why are these things sometimes hard to do? How can we increase our willingness to follow the counsel of Church leaders?
- What did Elisha mean when he told his servant, "They that be with us are more than they that be with them"? (2 Kings 6:16). How have you seen that Elisha's statement is still true today?

"Come to the House of the Lord" 2 Chronicles 29–30; 32; 34

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Study the following scriptures:

a. 2 Chronicles 29–30. Hezekiah, king of Judah, opens the doors of the temple and instructs the priests and Levites to cleanse and sanctify it for worship (29:1–19). When the temple is cleansed, Hezekiah and his people worship together and praise