

Sense of the Sacred

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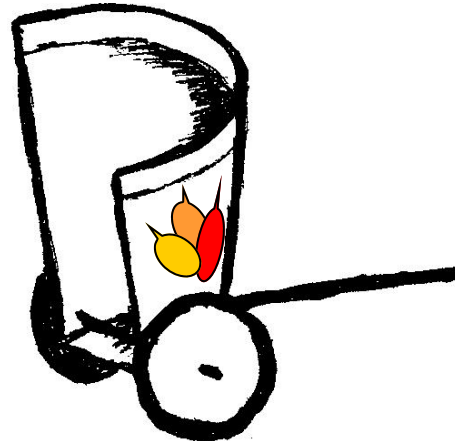
Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Elijah's Chariot of Fire

Transfiguration and other sacred moments

What you will need:

- polystyrene foam cups
- straws
- cardboard for wheels
- red, yellow & orange paper for flames
- masking tape
- scissors, sharp knife, skewer or compass point
- PVA glue
- flat tops of 300ml cream cartons



Preparation:

- Adults should cut foam cups in half vertically with a sharp knife or scissors before the session.
- You may also want to punch holes in the sides of cup for the axle beforehand, especially for younger children.
- Cut straws in half.
- Use the flat cream carton lids as templates for the cardboard circles for the wheels.
- **Optional:** photocopy flame shapes onto red, yellow or orange paper

What to do:

- Use half a cup.
- Punch holes in sides where the wheels go.
- Poke half a straw through the holes (see illustration).
- Cut two cardboard wheels using the flat cream carton lids as templates.
- Poke a hole through the centre of each wheel.
- Fit the wheels onto each end of the straw axle.
- Tape half a straw to the front of the chariot (under the bottom of the cup) for the shaft to which the horses would be yoked.
- Cut out flames of different colours and paste onto the chariot.

Year B: 2 Kings 2:1-12
Year C: 2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14
or 1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-21

Optional extra:

Elijah figure

What you will need:

- Cardboard tube
- textas scraps of material
- rubber bands
- craft hair, cotton wool or wool for hair/beard
- chenille sticks for arms

What to do:

- Draw face on top of tube.
- Cut a piece of material to fit around tube for robe.
- Glue in place.
- Paste on wool or hair or cotton wool for hair & beard.
- Cut a smaller piece of material for headdress.
- Fix in place with rubber band.



- Cut 2 short lengths of chenille stick for arms
- Roll one end of each stick piece into a circle for the hand
- Glue the other end to the body for arms.
- Stand Elijah figure in chariot.
- Cut another piece of material for Elijah's cloak, which he lets drop for Elisha.
- Drape cloak over the front of the chariot.

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