ELIJAH AND ELISHA

Complete the story by filling in the missing words. The words are scrambled but in the right order.

Elijah was a __________ who heard God's voice giving him messages for people. He had an assistant called __________. One day they were walking along the road from a place called Gilgal. Elijah knew that his life was nearly over and he wanted to test Elisha to see how loyal he was. He knew he should _______ God's special gift on to him but he wanted to make sure Elisha was ready.

He tested him by asking him to stay at different _______ while he went somewhere else. Each time Elisha said 'As long as you live I will _______ leave you'.

They went from Gilgal to Bethel to Jericho and then to the _______ River. Each time Elisha insisted he would stay with Elijah.

When they were at the river bank Elisha looked at the water and wondered what was going to happen. Were they going to have to _______ across the river? No, Elijah took off his cloak and twirled it into a rope and hit the water with it. Immediately the water split into two parts with a dry _______ running through. The two men walked across the riverbed.

Elijah said, "I am going to be taken up to Heaven now. What gift would you like me to give you?" Elisha said "Give me a double share of your spirit so I can be just like you". Elijah said "If you see me when I am _______ away, then you will get what you ask for".
Just then a strong wind blew and high in the sky a _________ and horses appeared. They came nearer and nearer and Elisha could see flames coming from the horses and a fire burned round the chariot. The wind blew stronger and the chariot flew between the two men. Suddenly Elijah was lifted right off the ground and carried into Heaven. Elisha saw it all and, although he was sad, he knew that he was _________ to continue Elijah’s good work.

Elisha picked up Elijah’s _________ which had fallen from the sky as he disappeared and he took it to the edge of the Jordan River. He struck the water and called out ‘Where is the God of Elijah?’. Suddenly the water _________ in exactly the same way as it did before and Elisha was able to walk across.

The people who were watching offered to search for Elijah, but Elisha told them not to. He knew they wouldn’t be able to find him because of what he had just seen. They went anyway and searched for _________ days but could not be found. Elijah was now with God in Heaven.

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**Now draw a picture of Elijah being taken up into Heaven.**

Draw a river bank with Elisha standing looking up into the sky

Add some strips of blue tissue paper to show the Jordan River

Draw a chariot being pulled by horses and lifted from the ground in a whirlwind

Draw Elijah in the chariot

Stick flames of red, yellow and orange tissue paper on your picture