



Making an Iron Axe Float

(2 Kings 6:1–7)

One time, a group of younger prophets said to Elisha, “The place where we live is too small for us. We would like to go to the Jordan River and cut down trees for wood to build a bigger place.”

Elisha answered, “All right.”

“Come with us,” said one man.

So Elisha went with them. And when they arrived at the Jordan, they cut down wood. But as one was cutting down a tree, the axe head fell into the water, and he cried, and said, “Alas, master! It was a borrowed axe.”

The man of God asked, “Where did it fall?” And the younger prophet showed him the place.

Elisha cut off a stick and threw it into the water, and the iron axe head floated to the surface. Elisha said, “Take it out.” And the man reached out and picked up the axe head.

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