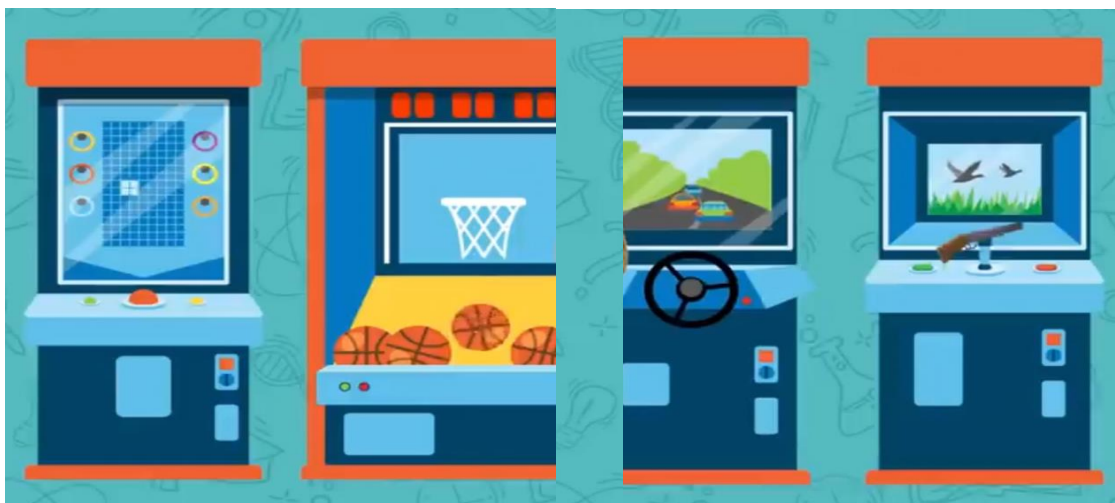


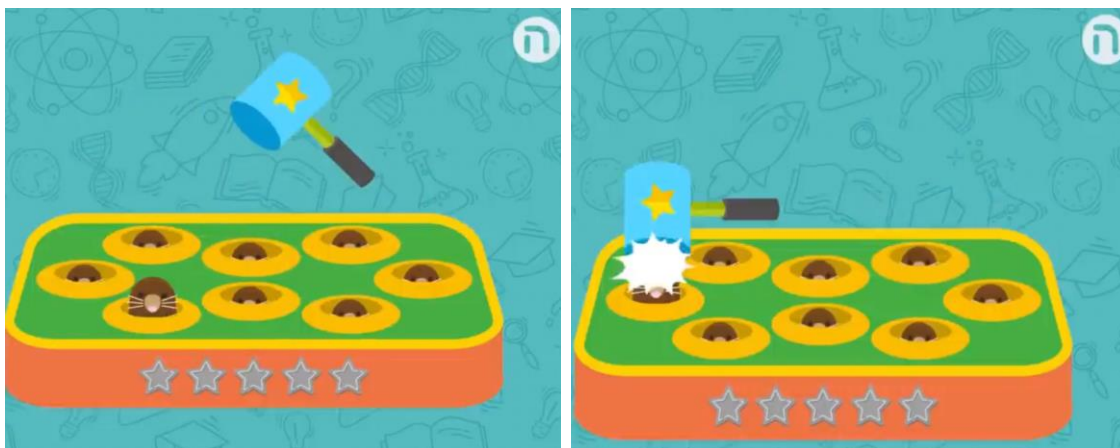
从神处领取所有

亲爱的弟兄，我愿你凡事兴盛，身体健壮，正如你的灵魂兴盛一样。——约翰三书 2

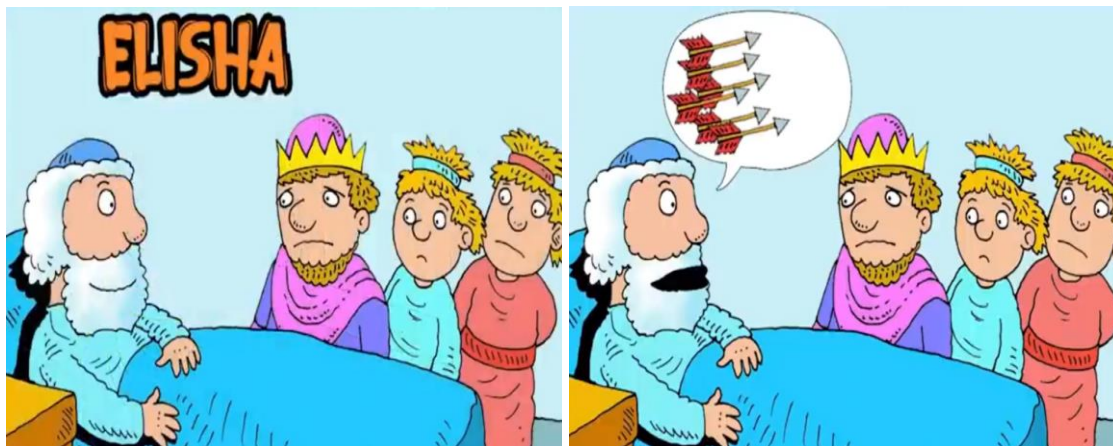
嗨，孩子们，今天我们来谈谈街机游戏。你有没有想过为什么街机游戏如此刺激？我认为这是因为当我们玩街机游戏时，我们是不断去赢。例如，如果我很擅长打篮球的话，我就会想要投进尽可能多的球；赛车也是一样，当我玩的时候，我不会慢吞吞的转方向盘，我会快速且疯狂的转方向盘，我想要以最快的速度冲到终点线。



还有另一个我喜欢玩的游戏——打地鼠。在不到一分钟的时间里，你要尽可能多地击中地鼠。如果有一只地鼠弹出来，你就去击打它；如果两个地鼠同时跳出来，你会尽可能快地同时击中它们。你会在击打一个地鼠，或两个地鼠，或者十个地鼠后，停下来吗？绝对不会，因为你知道你想要赢，你得尽可能多地击打。



今天的圣经故事是关于一个国王，他没有尽可能地去击打。在开始故事之前，你可能会很疑惑，想发问：“什么？圣经里也有街机游戏？”答案是否定的。这个故事是发生在列王记下第13章，以色列王约阿施不是在玩游戏，他在和他的敌人打仗。他很害怕，他知道他有麻烦了，所以他去见先知以利沙。那时以利沙正患病，他呼叫先知说：“我父啊！我的父啊！以色列的战车马兵啊！”现在，你要弄清楚的第一件事就是——以利沙不是王的父亲，叫他“我的父亲”只是对先知表示尊敬的一种方式；第二件事就是以利沙明白“以色列的战车和马兵”是什么意思——就是王需要帮助，来对抗他的敌人。



下面是接下来发生的事情：以利沙吩咐王去取弓箭来；以利沙说：“你用手拿着弓，打开朝东的窗户，射箭吧。”王射这箭的时候，以利沙说：“这是耶和华的得胜之箭。你必打败他们，直到将他们灭尽。”想象一下，当王听到这个消息时他是多么的如释重负。“耶和华的得胜之箭！”神要使他战胜敌人，这正是他想听的好消息。以利沙说：“你取弓箭来，将箭射在地上。”于是王拿起箭，朝地上射了三次——噗，噗，噗！接着，最意想不到的事情发生了，以利沙对王大发雷霆：“什么？！”以利沙咆哮道，“你应该击打五六次，这样你才能将你的敌人全部灭尽。但现在你只能打败他们三次。”



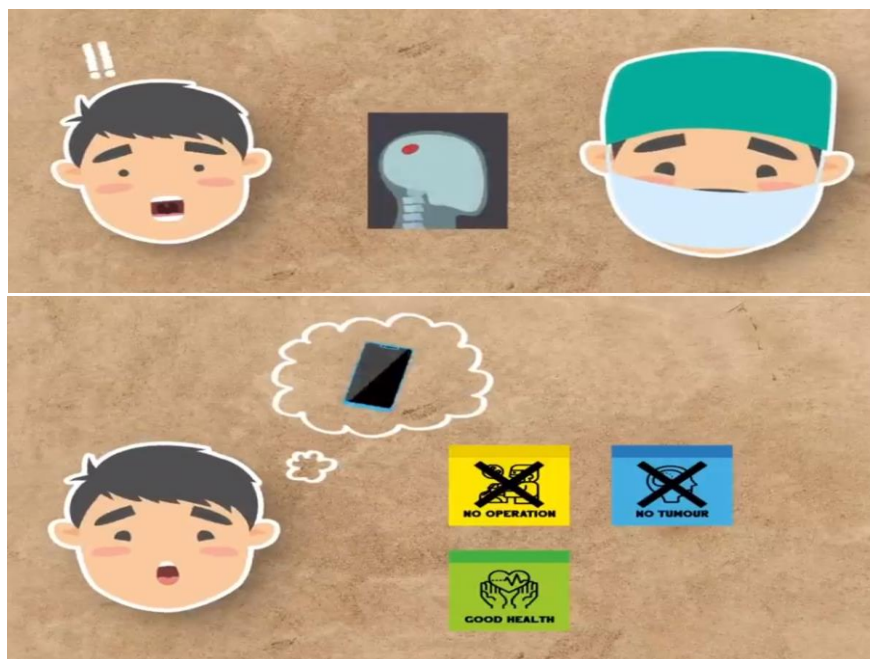
先知为何向王发怒？因为王从耶和华那里索取的还不够多。想一想，如果你知道这箭是胜利的象征，而且你刚才还听说了神会让你彻底战胜仇敌，此时你被告知要用箭射到地面，你会怎么做？答案很简单，你会打，打，打，再打，再打，再打！你会一次又一次不停地击打，直到你赢为止。



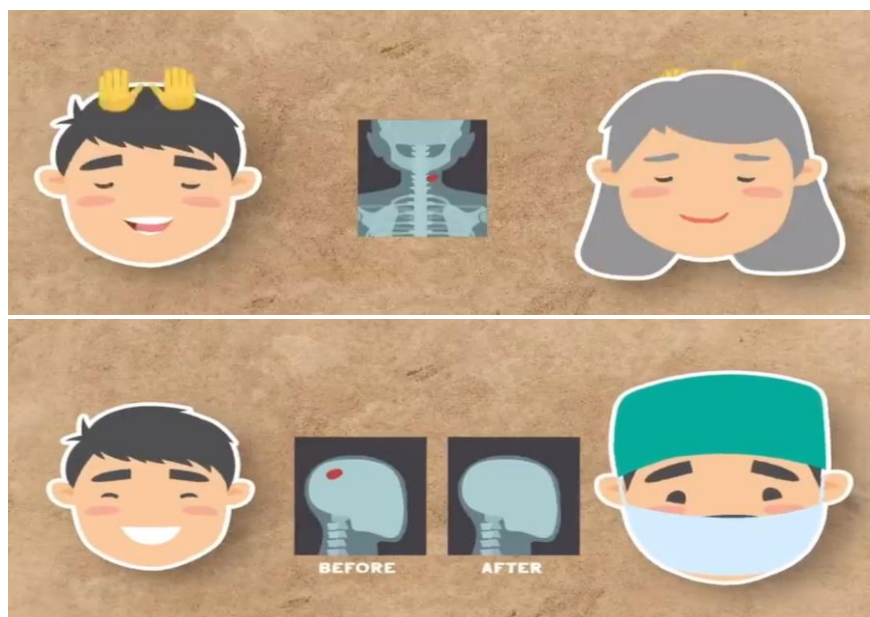
但是，这位王去找以利沙求助，当他的求助得到应允时，他却并没有领取他所需要的所有帮助，他只取走了神要给他的一半而已。你几乎可以听到先知告诉王，**神想要给你完全的胜利，但你只拿了一半，你为什么拿那么少？**你可以大胆地拿走这一切。哇，先知以利沙知道了一些今天我们所有人都想学的东西——**神从不因为我们从祂那里索取太多而生气！**事实是，我们的神喜欢给予，当祂给予的时候，祂就给予，慷慨地给予，毫无保留。圣经里充满了神想要给我们的一个又一个应许。所以与其说你怎么敢拿这么多？我们良善而奇妙的神是这样对我们说的：“你需要多少就从我这里领取多少。”



接下来，让我告诉你一位主日学男孩，他大胆地要求他需要的所有祝福的事。事情是这样开始的，当时他听到他的脑袋里有个肿瘤在长，这个消息使他害怕极了。但他没有被随之而来的恐惧和悲伤吓倒，反而他写下了所有他相信神会帮他处理的事情。当他在写他的事件清单时，他想起了他还想要一些其他的東西，一台新的手机，于是他把这个也加到了他的清单里面。



许多个月过去了，每次他去看医生，他都持续祷告，相信神会治愈他。当时他祖母脖子上也长了个肿瘤，男孩也为他祖母祈祷，后来他祖母的肿瘤消失了好了。他定期回去复查，得到的消息一次比一次好，肿瘤细胞的生长变得不那么危险了。直到有一天，这个肿瘤细胞完全消失了，他痊愈了！



当这一切发生时，男孩保持不间断上学，持续祷告神保佑他。那一年，他作为一位好学生获得了两个奖项。令他惊讶的是，奖利里还附带着金额。猜猜他拿赢得来的奖金做了什么？他给自己买了一台手机。当他大胆地向神求他所需要的一切时，我们良善而奇妙的神就把他所求的赐给他，甚至赐更多。



孩子们，我们今天听到了这么好的消息，我们听到了我们的阿爸天父从不因为我们向他索取太多而生气；我们也听见了，大胆从神处领取，是神所喜悦的。神喜欢给予。神今天要给我们什么？这节经文给了我们答案，让我们翻到约翰三书二节，你可能也想标记强调以下，是这样说的：“亲爱的弟兄，我愿你凡事兴盛，身体健壮，正如你的灵魂兴盛一样。”我们的神要我们凡事都兴盛，这意味着祂要我们在生活的各个方面都成功。最重要的是，祂希望我们健康而强壮！而这一切都始于我们的灵魂得兴盛。我们越明白神是多么爱我们，我们就越相信祂是真的要在我们的健康上，我们的家人和朋友上，以及我们所做的工作上，在我们生活的方方面面祝福我们。祂想要我们凡事都成功，这就是我们的多么慷慨的神！所以我们不要像那位王一样，领取得太少。让我们成为神的孩子，领取我们的阿爸天父想要给予我们的一切。那么，我们当如何从神处领取呢？记住，一切都从心灵开始。当我们相信神爱我们并且总是想对我们好的时候，当我们的心思意念摆对位置时，当我们的灵魂兴盛时，我们的嘴就会自然而然地大胆说出我们想要在生活中将要看到的一切美好。那么，孩子们，你今天希望神为你做什么？马上告诉祂：

_____... 我们的神对我们永远是良善和信实的，让我们一起来大声赞美主，赞美耶稣作结束吧！

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孩子们，如果你正在听这个故事，你从来没有邀请耶稣进入你的生命，成为你的主和救主，你现在可以这样做，跟着我重复这个祷告：“亲爱的主耶稣，感谢你为我死在十字架上。你是神的儿子，你死了，也被埋葬，第三天又复活了。你宝血洗去了我所有的罪，使我得以永远与阿爸天父在一起。我请求你现在进入我的生命里，成为我的主和救主，我永远是个义人，永远是有福的，永远是神的孩子。奉耶稣的名，阿门！”

TAKE IT ALL

Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. 3 John 2, NKJV

Hey, Rock Kids, today let's talk about arcade games. Have you ever wondered why arcade games are so exciting? I think it's because when we play, we play to win. For instance, if I'm quite good at basketball. Yes. Then I will want to dunk as many balls as I can! And the same goes for the racing machine. When I play, I don't do this. I want to reach the finishing line in the fastest time. So I do this. Here's another game that I like to play. In less than a minute, you have to whack as many as you can. If one mole pops up, you hit it. If two moles pop out together, you hit both as fast as you can. Will you stop hitting after just one, or two, or ten moles? No, because you know that to win, you want to hit as many as you can.

Today's Bible story is about a king who didn't hit as many times as he could. Now, before any of us go, "What?" there were arcade games in the Bible? The answer is no. When this story happened in 2 Kings 13. King Jehoshaphat of Israel was not playing any games. He was at war with his enemies. He was afraid. He knew he was in trouble, so he went to see the prophet, Elisha. Even though he was sick at that time, King Jehoshaphat cried out to the prophet, "Oh my father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" The first thing you need to know is that Elisha was not the king's dad. Calling him 'my father' was simply a way of showing the prophet respect. The second thing is that Elisha understood exactly what the 'chariots and horsemen of Israel' meant. The king wanted help to fight his enemies.

This is what happened next. Elisha told the king to go and get a bow and some arrows. "Put your hand on the bow, open the east window and shoot," said Elisha. When the king shot the arrow, Elisha said, "This is the Lord's arrow of victory over your enemy. You will defeat them until you destroy them." Imagine how relieved the king must have been when he heard this. "The Lord's arrow of victory!" God was going to give him the victory over his enemies. It was just the kind of good news that he wanted to hear. Then Elisha said, "take the arrows and hit them on the ground." So, the king picked up the arrows and hit them on the ground three times. Whack! Whack! Whack! Then the most unexpected thing happened. Elisha got mad at the king! "What" Elisha growled. You should have hit five or six times. Then you would have totally destroyed your enemy. But now you will defeat them only three times.

Why did the prophet get angry at the king? The answer is because the king did not take enough from the Lord. Think about it. If you know that the arrow was a sign of victory and you just heard that the Lord would give you complete victory over your enemies, what would you do if you were told to hit the ground with the arrows? The answer is easy. You would do this. Whack! Whack! Whack! Whack! Whack! Whack! You would hit it again and again until you win.

The king had gone to Elisha for help, but when all the help he needed was promised, he did not take it all. He only took half of what God wanted to give him. You can almost hear the prophet telling the king. The Lord wanted to give you complete victory, but you only took half. Why did you take so little? You could boldly take it all. Wow, the prophet Elisha knew something that all of us want to learn today. God never gets mad at us for taking too much from Him. The truth is that our God loves to give. And when He gives, He gives, and gives and gives generously and without holding back. The Bible is full of promise

after promise of all that God wants to give to us. So instead of saying how dare you take so much? Our good and amazing God says to us: "Take, take from Me as much as you need."

Let me tell you about a boy from Rock Kidz who was bold to ask for all the blessing he needed. It started when he heard that he had dangerous growth in his head. This bad news made him afraid. But instead of staying scared and sad, he wrote down all the things that he wanted to believe God for. As he wrote out his list, he remembered something else he wanted. A new phone. So he added that to his list.

Many months passed and each time he went to the doctors he continued to pray and trust God for the healing he wanted. When his grandmother had a growth in her neck. The boy prayed for her, and the lump went away. He kept going back to the doctors and each time the news got better and better. The growth became less dangerous and one day the lump was completely gone. He was healed.

While all this was happening, the boy continued to go to school and continued to ask God to bless him. That year he won two awards for being a good student. To his amazement, the awards came with some money. Guess what he did with the money he won? He bought himself a phone. When he boldly asked God for all that he needed, our good and amazing God freely gave him all that he asked and much more.

Rock Kidz, we have heard really good news today. We have heard that our Daddy God never gets upset with us for taking too much from Him. We also heard that it pleases our God when we boldly take from Him. He loves to give. What does God want to give to us today? This verse gives us the answer. Let's flip our Bibles to 3 John 2. You might want to highlight this as well. It says, "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers." Our God wants us to prosper in all things and this means that He wants to give us success in every area of our lives. And best of all, he wants us to be in health. To be strong and healthy. And it all starts with us prospering here in our hearts. The more we see how much God loves us, the more we believe that He really, really wants to bless us in all areas of our lives. In our health, our family and friends and the work that we do. He wants to give us success in all things. This is how generous our God is. So let's not be like the king who took too little. Let's be the children of God who take all that our daddy God wants to give. How do we take from our God? Remember, it all starts right here. When we believe that God loves us and always wants to be good to us. When we get our hearts right, when our souls prosper, then our mouth become bold to say all the good that we want to see in our lives. So, Rock kidz, what do you want God to do for you today? Just take a quick moment and tell him now. And because our god is always good and faithful to us, let's end with a shout of praise. Praise Jesus!

Hey Rock Kidz, if you are listening to this story and you've never asked Jesus to come into your life to be your Lord and Saviour, you can do so now. Just repeat this prayer after me, "Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for dying on the cross for me. You are the Son of God, who died, was buried and on the third day, you rose again. Your precious blood washed away all my sins making me forever right with Daddy God. I ask You now to come into my life to be my Lord and Saviour. I am forever righteous, forever blessed, forever a child of God. In Jesus' name," and everyone say, "Amen."