

## Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

*I've learned that people will forget what you said, and people will forget what you did, but they will never forget how you made them feel. —Maya Angelou*

Not long ago, I found myself stuck on a Saturday afternoon in a large electronics store. The store was thick with shoppers, and salespeople seemed nonexistent. I was there not as a curious browser or a casual shopper; I knew precisely what I wanted, knew precisely where the item was located in the store, and knew precisely that even on a good day it would take me an hour to get out of the store!

I found the software I was looking for and incredibly bumped into a salesperson at a little kiosk in the middle of an aisle near Cell Phones/Fax Machines. He asked me if I had found what I needed. I said that I had. He wrote down a few numbers; I gave him a credit card and signed the receipt. He handed my purchase to me, and said, “Okay, you’re good to go.”

I stared nonplused. “You mean I don’t need to stop at the front cashier?”

He smiled. “No, you’re good to go.” He meant that I could shoulder through the crowds and slip through the door. I could leave with my small purchase and bypass the milling masses and be far from the madding crowd. I could cut to the chase, cut through the red tape, avoid the mess, make a clean getaway. I was good to go.

His comment rang in my ears as I looked at today’s text. The reading is about two good-to-go guys: Elijah and Elisha. One was getting ready to check-out, the other preparing to check-in. One was taking off, the other taking on; one giving up the mantle, the other putting it on; one crossing the Jordan for the last time, the other for the first time. Two good-to-go prophets, voices for God at a critical moment in Israel’s history.

We are not sure why it was time for Elijah to check out. His transition from this earthly sphere to the heavenly one was part of the divine plan. He was ready to go. He was good to go.

Perhaps we are not at this point yet. There remains more for us to do in this world. But we know that the day will come when God will say to us: “My child, you are good to go. Well, done, good and faithful servant!”

In the meantime, we can prepare for that day when we will be “good to go.”

— Timothy Merrill, adapted from Len Sweet in HomileticsOnline.com

*Prayer: O God, in a sense we are preparing for our departure from the day we were born! But, realistically, we are much closer to glory now than we were at birth. Help me to prepare for my homegoing, and to have peace in my heart, as I finish the course set before me. Amen.*

**Daily Bible Readings**

**Sunday:** John 18-21

**Monday:** Isaiah 10-12

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 13-15

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 16-18

**Thursday:** Isaiah 19-21

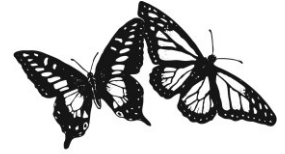
**Friday:** Isaiah 22-24

**Saturday:** Psalms 67-69

*Verse to Remember*

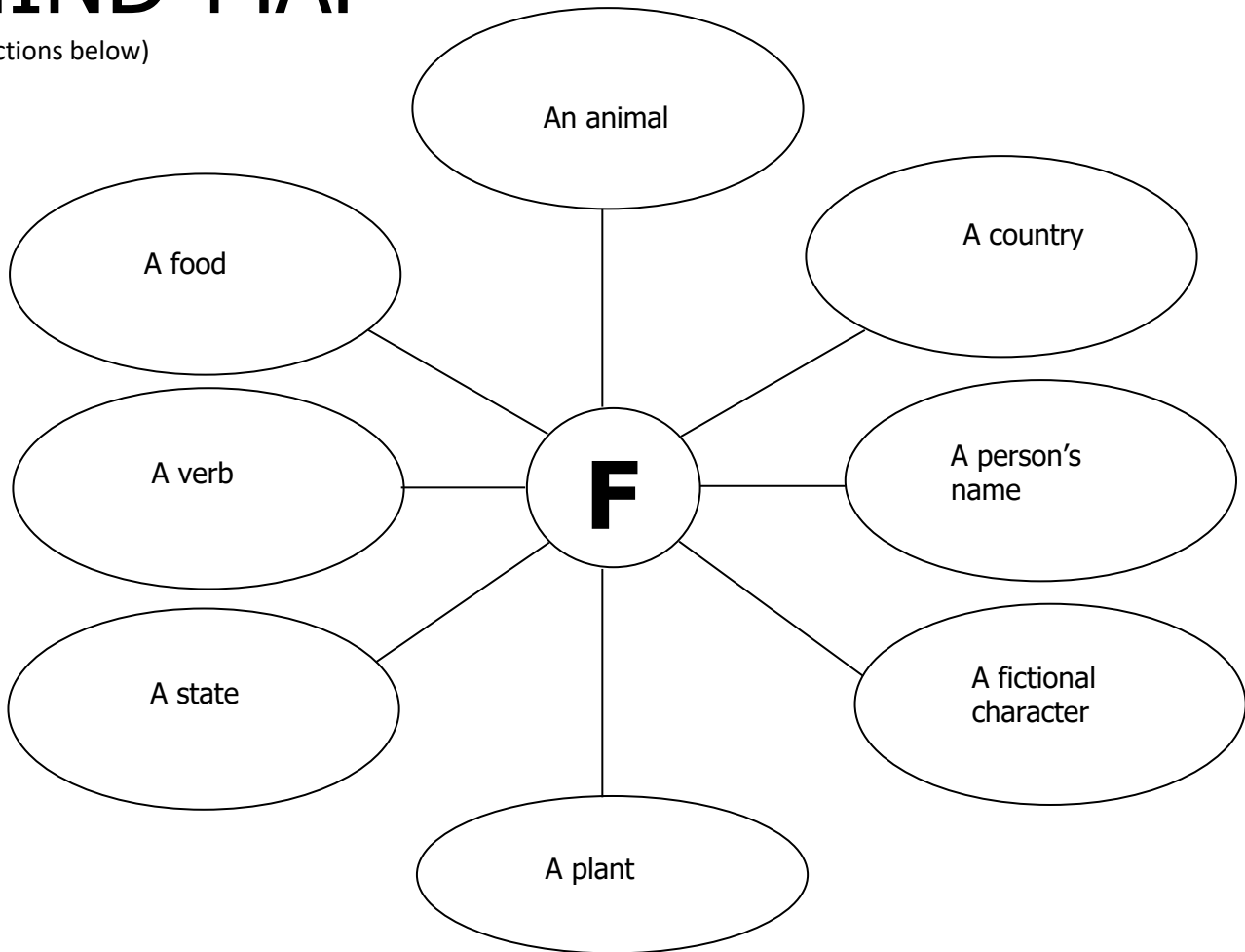
*These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

—John 20:31 NIV



# MIND-MAP

(Directions below)



**DIRECTIONS:** Write eight words that start with F, which today stands for **FREEDOM**, in eight (8) categories: an animal, a country, a person's name, a fictional character, a plant, a state, a verb and a food. Write your answer(s) in the circles.