

*When finished with activities, return all necessary items to bag and place in the hallway for pick-up.*

Program C-2

## A Widow Feeds Elijah

1 Kings 17:7-16

Elijah/Elisha Series: Lesson #2

Bible Verse: God is good to us. Psalm 73:1

Past: God gives food to us. Psalm 136:25

Bible Story for children:

Focus on: God sometimes uses others to care for us.

Prop ideas: Flour and Oil (Demonstrate how our containers “run out” when used)

### SAMPLE STORY

Elijah had been hiding in the Kerith Ravine. He drank from the brook and ate bread and meat that the ravens brought to him. After a while the brook dried up. God told Elijah to go to Zarephath. There was a widow (a woman whose husband had died) there who would care for Elijah. Elijah obeyed God and went to the town.

When he got to the town gates, he saw the widow collecting firewood. He asked her for a drink of water. When she brought him the water, he asked her for some bread to eat. She answered, “I do not have anything baked. In fact, I only have a little oil and flour left. I was collecting wood to make a fire and cook the last of what I have for my son and me.”

Elijah told her, “Do not worry. Continue what you were doing; but, first bring me a small loaf and then make some for yourself. God promises that the jar of flour will not become empty and that the jug of oil will not run dry until the day He sends rain to this land again.” She followed Elijah’s instructions and brought him some bread before making some for herself. God kept his promise; the flour jar never ran out and the jug of oil never ran dry. Just as God used the widow to take care of Elijah, He can use us to take care of others. You are never too young or too small for God to use you.

FYI

First Session Classes will be:

Coloring “Elijah and the Widow” Page

Having a Tortilla Snack

Searching for “Firewood”

## MAKE PLAY-DOUGH

No-cook Play-dough Recipe:

Materials:    Mixing Bowl  
                  Mixing Spoon  
                  Measuring Cup  
                  Measuring Spoon  
                  Zipper Sandwich Bags  
                  Bible Verse Stickers  
                  1 C. Flour  
                  1/2 C. Salt  
                  2 Tbs. Oil  
                  1 tsp. Alum  
                  1/2 C. Water

**WASH and DRY bowl, cup  
and spoons before returning  
to the bag.**

Do:            Mix dry ingredients well. Gradually add oil and water to dry ingredients until it resembles bread dough. You may not need all the water.

After playing with the Play-dough, children may take it home. Add a Bible Verse sticker to the bag.

Talk About:    The widow used the oil and flour she had to make bread first for Elijah and then for her son and herself. Elijah promised that the flour and oil would not run out until God sent rain.

**TEACHER EXTRA:**    Cooked Play-dough is smoother and less sticky. Bring a hotplate and pan from home, along with the ingredients listed below. Be sure to roll out Play-dough and allow it to cool before letting them play with it.

Play-dough Recipe:

2 C. Flour	2 C. Water
1/2 C. Salt	2 tsp. Food coloring*
2 Tbs. Cream of Tartar	2 Tbs. Oil

Mix dry ingredients in a medium pot. Add water, oil and food coloring. Cook and stir over medium heat for 3-5 minutes. When it forms a ball in the center, turn out and knead on a floured surface. Allow to cool.

\* Try using 1 pkg. unsweetened Kool-Aid to give color and smell!

## COOKING in Home-Living Area

Materials: Dishes, Pots and Pans, Play Food (In room)

Do: Encourage children to set the table. Ask them to make a meal for you. (If your room lacks play food, young children are more than eager to serve you 'invisible food')

Talk About: God used the widow to take care of Elijah. You can take care of others by cooking for them. Who cares for you and cooks for you? Whom can you care for? (Pets, younger siblings, help parents give to the poor, etc.)

## COLORING PAGE

### God Provides

Materials: Coloring Page  
Crayons/markers (In room)

Do: Give each child a page to color. Write their names on the pages. Help them think of things to add and draw.

Talk About: God provides many things for us. What do you see in the picture? Can you draw something has provided for you?