

# A WIDOW CARED FOR ELIJAH



## TRANSITION/GROUP TIME

### SNACK

Include the children in the distribution of the snack. Ask for one or more volunteers to pray. Lead the boys and girls to clean up after the snack. Thank them for their help.

### MOVE TO GROUP TIME

Lead the preschoolers to walk around the room as they gather for group time. Comment that Elijah walked to the town where God said to go.

### INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

#### A WIDOW CARED FOR ELIJAH—BASED ON 1 KINGS 17:1,8-16

- » Comment that God helps all people. Challenge the boys and girls to listen to the story to find out what God did that helped someone. Open the Bible to 1 Kings 17. Tell the Bible story in your own words.

### SUMMARIZE THE BIBLE STORY

- » God told his helper, Elijah, to go to a town. God said that a woman there would give Elijah food and water.
- » Elijah found the woman collecting sticks. He asked for water and a piece of bread.
- » The woman told Elijah that she only had a little flour and oil left.
- » Elijah told her "Go home and make some bread for me. Then make some bread for you and your son. You will have enough flour and oil until God sends rain."
- » Each day the woman found that she had enough flour and oil to make bread for Elijah, her son, and herself. God took care of Elijah, the woman, and her son.

### REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

- » What was the name of God's helper?
- » Who did Elijah find in the town?
- » What did the woman need to make bread for her son and for Elijah?
- » Who took care of Elijah, the woman, and her son?

### EMPHASIZE THE LIFE POINT

- » Say that people can help others.

### ROOM

### YOUR TEACHING PARTNER(S)

### DATE OF USE

### LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God helps all people.

### LIFE POINT

People can help others.

### UNIT VERSE

Love your neighbors.  
*Leviticus 19:18*

### WEEKLY VERSE

Give to those who ask for help. *Matthew 5:42*

## SING TOGETHER

Sing to the tune of "London Bridge is Falling Down":

*Give to those who ask for help*

*Ask for help, ask for help.*

*Give to those who ask for help,*

*Matthew 5:42*

## SAY THE BIBLE VERSE

Open the Bible to Matthew 5:42. Repeat the verse: "Give to those who ask for help." Suggest the preschoolers take turns pointing to the verse in the Bible as they read it aloud. Lead the children to say the verse with you. Guide them to clap while they say the verse. Invite them to sing the verse again.

## PRAY

Thank God that He helps us. Ask God to remind us that we should help others. Invite interested preschoolers to pray aloud.

## BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

**Emphasize: People can help others.**

- 1. Pretend to cook.** Provide plastic pots and pans, cooking utensils, and toy dishes. Lead the children to play out cooking a meal for friends. Mention that the woman made bread for Elijah using flour and oil. Remind the preschoolers that we can help others in many ways. Comment that you can help others just like the woman helped Elijah. Ask the boys and girls to name ways they can help someone they know.
- 2. Build with sticks.** Write the words *Elijah* and *help* on index cards. Lead the preschoolers to build with craft sticks. Display the index cards. Suggest they use the sticks to spell the words. Assist when making the more complicated letters. Younger preschoolers may build with sticks as you invite them to repeat the words after you. Mark Matthew 5:42 with one of the sticks and invite different preschoolers to help open the Bible to the verse. As children build with the sticks, invite them to join you in saying all or part of the verse.
- 3. Play out kneading and slicing bread.** Provide play dough and play dough tools for the preschoolers. Ask the boys and girls to recall parts of today's Bible story. Mention that the woman used flour and oil to make bread for

Elijah, her son, and herself. Demonstrate with a small ball of play dough how to roll out and knead bread. Suggest the children make small loaves, then use plastic cutting tools to cut small slices of bread. Let the boys and girls suggest other types of food to make with the play dough. Say the Life Point and invite preschoolers to take turns saying it with you.

- 4. Name ways to help.** Call out names of family members or people the children know (grandma, friend, school bus driver). Encourage the boys and girls to think of ways to help this person. Toss a beanbag to a child. Ask him to name one way to help before he tosses the beanbag to another child. Continue naming other people and thinking of different ways to help or do something for them.

## CLEAN UP

Start cleanup with the activity area that needs the most work and assign each child a specific task before moving to the next activity area.

## CARRY THE BALL

Place the preschoolers in pairs. Give each pair a towel/blanket and a ball. Explain that each pair needs to move their ball to the other end of the room using the towel/blanket. Encourage the children to develop their own ideas of how to do this. Remind them that people can help others.

## DISMISS

Help children gather their papers and belongings. Thank them for coming. Remind parents to review the Bible story on the Kids Activity Page.

