

**Story Time - Read the story to the children**  
**Lesson 98: ELIJAH HELPS A POOR WIDOW**  
**1 KINGS 17:8-24**

After a while the stream dried up where Elijah was staying because there was no rain in the land. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Get up! go now to Zarephath, in Zidon, and make your living-place there; I have given orders to a widow woman there to see that you have food to eat." So he got up and went to Zarephath; and when he came to the gate of the town, he saw a widow woman getting sticks together; and he called out to her said, Will you give me a little water in a container for me to drink? And when she was going to get it, he said to her, And with the water get me a small bit of bread. Then she said, By the life of the Lord your God, I have nothing but a little grain meal in my container, and a tiny drop of oil in the bottle; and now I am getting two sticks together so that I may go in and make it ready for me and my son, so that we may have a small meal before we die. And Elijah said to her, Have no fear; go and do just as you have said, but first make me a little cake out of it and come and give it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. For this is the word of the Lord, the God of Israel: The container of grain meal will not run out, and the bottle will never be without oil, until the day when the Lord sends rain on the earth. So she went and did just as Elijah had said to do; and she and Elijah and her whole household had food for a long time. The container of grain meal did not run out, and the bottle was never without oil, just as the Lord had said by the mouth of Elijah. Now after this, the son of the woman of the house became sick, so sick that he had no breath left in him at all. The woman shouted at Elijah, "What have I done to you? I thought you were God's prophet. Did you come here to cause the death of my son as a reminder that I've sinned against God?" "Bring me your son," Elijah said. Then he took the boy from her arms and carried him upstairs to the room where he was staying. Elijah laid the boy on his bed and prayed, "LORD God, why did you do such a terrible thing to this woman? She's letting me stay here, and now you've let her son die." Elijah stretched himself out over the boy three times, while praying, "LORD God, bring this boy back to life!" The LORD answered Elijah's prayer, and the boy started breathing again. Elijah picked him up and carried him downstairs. He gave the boy to his mother and said, "Look, your son is alive." "You are God's prophet!" the woman replied. "Now I know that you really do speak for the LORD."

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**1 Kings 17:21**

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## **MEMORY VERSE:**

"So she went and did as Elijah said; and she and he and her household had food for a long time." 1 KINGS 17:15

## **TRUE OR FALSE**

1. The word of the LORD came to Elijah and told him to go to Zarephath in Zidon, where He had commanded a widow woman to make sure he had food to eat.  
TRUE or FALSE
2. The widow woman was gathering sticks to make a big feast with lots of food for her son and herself. TRUE or FALSE
3. Elijah told the woman to make a little cake for him first, and that the Lord promised that the grain meal and the oil would never run out or become empty. TRUE or FALSE
4. But the woman would not do what Elijah told her to do. TRUE or FALSE
5. The grain meal finally ran out, and so did the oil. TRUE or FALSE

## **ANSWER THE QUESTIONS**

1. What happened to the widow's son? Did he become sick?
2. What did the woman say to Elijah? Did she ask him if he had come there to cause the death of her son?
3. What did Elijah tell her to do? Did he tell her to bring him her son? Did she do it?
4. What did Elijah do? Did he pray to the LORD to bring the boy back to life again?
5. When Elijah prayed, what else did he do? Did he stretch himself out over the boy three times?
6. Did the LORD bring the boy back to life again? Did that make the woman believe that Elijah was really God's prophet? Yes!

## 98. Elijah Helps A Poor Widow

Act it out!

Have the children take turns, one being Elijah, one being the Widow, and one being the boy.

Act out the part where the boy dies, then Elijah has the widow bring him the boy. Then Elijah takes him up to his room, then prays to the LORD, and the boy comes back to life again. Then Elijah brings the boy back downstairs and gives him to his mother. Then let the mother tell Elijah “You are really God’s prophet!”

### Pick a Word Review

Before class choose 20 – 25 key words from today’s lesson (i.e.: flour, Elijah, widow, etc.). Write them on a small piece of paper and place them in a bowl. Pass the bowl around class and have each child pick one word each. After everyone has chosen a word allow the children to take turns sharing what their word is and how it is important for today’s lesson.

### PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to trust in the Lord with all of their hearts and to give any problems or difficult situations to the Lord. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.

