

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 104: ELISHA HELPS A POOR WIDOW
2 KINGS 4:1-7

A man from the group of prophets had a wife. This man died, and his wife cried out to Elisha, "My husband was like a servant to you. Now he is dead! You know he honored the LORD. But he owed money to a man. Now that man is coming to take my two boys and make them his slaves!" Elisha answered, "How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?" The woman said, "I don't have anything in the house except a jar of olive oil." Then Elisha said, "Go and borrow bowls from all your neighbors. They must be empty. Borrow plenty of bowls. Then go to your house and close the doors. Only you and your sons will be in the house. Then pour the oil into all the bowls. Fill them, and put them in a separate place." So the woman left Elisha, went into her house, and shut the door. Only she and her sons were in the house. Her sons brought the bowls to her and she poured oil. She filled many bowls. Finally, she said to her son, "Bring me another bowl." But all the bowls were full. One of the sons said to her, "There aren't any more bowls." Then the oil in the jar was finished! When she told the man of God what had happened, Elisha said to her, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debt. You and your sons can live on the rest."

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“So the woman left Elisha, went into her house, and shut the door. Only she and her sons were in the house. Her sons brought the bowls to her and she poured oil.”

2 Kings 2:14

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MEMORY VERSE:

“Go sell the oil, and pay your debt; then you and your sons can live on the rest.” 2 KINGS 4:7

TRUE OR FALSE

1. A prophet's wife cried out to Elisha. TRUE or FALSE
2. She told him that her husband owed money to a man, and that man was coming to take away her donkeys. TRUE or FALSE
3. Elisha asked the woman how he could help her. TRUE or FALSE
4. The woman said she had a jar of money in the house. TRUE or FALSE
5. Elisha told her to borrow bowls from her neighbors. TRUE or FALSE

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. What was the man that the woman's husband owed money to coming to take from her? Was it her sons?
2. What did Elisha tell her to do? Did he tell her to go and borrow bowls from her neighbors?
3. What did he tell her about the bowls? Were they supposed to be full, or empty?
4. Then what did he tell her to do? Did he tell her she had to go into the house with her sons? Did he tell her they had to close the door and be alone?
5. What did he tell her to do with the bowls?
6. What happened when she poured the oil into the bowls? Did she fill all the bowls up?
7. What could she do with all that oil? How would it help her? Could she sell it and make enough money to pay the man, and then have enough money left to live on?

Lesson 104 Craft idea

Bible Verse Jar to remind children how God met the poor widow's needs, and He will supply all our needs too!

Materials: String or yarn, fine-tipped markers or crayons, glue, sequins or glitter (optional)

Copy the Jar pattern on nice, thick paper.

Use markers or crayons to color the jar.

Cut the yarn into two pieces to glue on the lines at the top and bottom of the jar.

Glue sequins or glitter on the circles (glue sticks work great for younger children!)

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of praise and thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord in providing for our every need. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.



**My
GOD
will meet
all
your needs.
Philippians 4:19**