

# GOD PROVIDED FOR ELIJAH IN MIRACULOUS WAYS

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: I KINGS 17



PRESCHOOL

## The STORY

Read "Elijah the Tishbite" and "Elijah and the Widow of Zaraphath" from 365 Read-Aloud Bedtime Bible Stories pages 134-135.

***Please note:** The discussion questions in the following sections are written to serve as a guide in teaching our youngest children. Three to six year olds are not going to be able to answer these questions like their older brothers and sisters. Please refer to the God's Story Preschool Curriculum Outline for additional ideas.*

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion.

- What happened in Israel to the rain? (God said there would not be any rain until he said so.)
- What was Elijah? (Elijah was a great prophet.)
- What do prophets do? (They speak God's words to men. Many of these prophets wrote down what God said and their words make up part of our Old Testament.)
- Can you name another prophet from the Bible? (See if the children can remember some names of prophets. Turn to your Bible and have them repeat the names of the books of prophecy: Isaiah through Malachi.)

## CRAFT QUESTIONS

**Coloring sheets have been provided that exemplify today's lesson: a raven feeding Elijah as he sits near a brook. Engage the children by asking:**

- How did God provide for Elijah? (God showed Elijah where the brook was and had the ravens bring him food.)
- How does God provide for us? (He gives our dads jobs so they can earn money to buy food. He blesses the minds of men to invent pumps and filters so we can have clean water to drink.)

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### SNACK QUESTIONS

While the children are eating the snack engage the children by asking:

- How much oil and flour did the widow have? (She only had enough oil and flour to make one loaf of bread.)
- What did she think would happen when all the oil and flour was gone? (She thought she would starve and die.)
- What did Elijah tell her to do? (Make him bread first and then her flour and oil would never run out!)

### WHERE IS JESUS?

*Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.*

God, using the prophet, provided for the widow by multiplying her bread and oil. This is a picture of another prophet who would come and multiply bread for the multitudes. But besides providing the physical bread, Jesus Himself was the bread of life that will never run out!

Jesus declared,

I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. (John 6:35)

### SWORD BIBLE MEMORY

**BE A DOER OF THE WORD**

*Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.*

