Lesson Plan

Elijah and the Widow's Oil

THE SERIES: God's Way
THE POINT: God provides for me
BIBLE STORY: Elijah and the Widow || 1 Kings 17:8–16
AGE: Prep - Grade 2

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Children will learn that God provided food for the widow and her son during a difficult time.
- They will understand that God cares about our needs.
- They will learn that we can trust God to provide for us.

BIBLE CONTEXT

The story of Elijah and the widow is found in 1 Kings chapter 17. At that time there was a great drought in the land, and food was very hard to find. God told the prophet Elijah to go to a town called Zarephath where a widow would help take care of him. When Elijah arrived, he saw the widow gathering sticks to make a fire. Elijah asked her for a little water and some bread. The widow explained that she only had a handful of flour and a little oil left. She was planning to make one last meal for herself and her son. Elijah told her not to be afraid. He said that God promised the flour and oil would not run out. The widow trusted God and did what Elijah said. Just as God promised, the jar of flour did not run out and the jug of oil never ran dry. God provided enough food for them every day during the drought.

SERIES MEMORY VERSE

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; don't rely on your own intelligence." — Proverbs 3:5

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

Look at the birds in the sky. They don't sow seed or harvest grain or gather crops into barns. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you worth much more than they are? - Matthew 6:26

NOTE: this is a longer verse, however it is still important for children to hear the full passage. HOWEVER: to help them remember, this is a 'Big Point' style of the verse - "God feeds the birds, and He takes care of you too."

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Print the memory verse so that each word is on its own page and place the pages around the room. Ask the children to spread out around the room and find a page. In a larger class, children can work in pairs and share a word. Once everyone has a word, ask the children to work together to stand in the correct order to build the memory verse. When the verse is in the right order, read it together as a group.

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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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START THE CONVERSATION

- Has someone ever helped you when you didn' t have enough of something?

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- The widow only had a little flour and oil left, and she was worried about how she would feed her family. What did God do to help her and her son? How did the flour and oil show that God was providing for them?
- Elijah told the widow to make bread first and trust that God would provide more. Why do you think it might have been hard for the widow to do that? What does her choice show us about trusting God?
- Jesus said that God takes care of the birds in the sky. If God cares for birds like that, what do you think that tells us about how much He cares for us? How can remembering this help us when we worry about the things we need?

PERSONAL LIFE APPLICATION

The widow in the story was worried because she did not have enough food for her family. But she trusted God and listened to what Elijah told her. God kept providing flour and oil so they always had enough to eat. Sometimes we worry about the things we need, but the Bible reminds us that God cares about us. Jesus taught that if God feeds the birds and looks after them, He will also take care of us. We can trust God because He knows our needs and provides for us.

GAME

You can find a list of small group games at https://lmnetwork.com.au/small-group-games/

PRAY

Go around the class asking your kids if there is anything they would like prayer for. Ask if anyone would like to pray for each other, and give them the opportunity to. If not, then pray for the needs as the teacher / facilitator. Take note of any prayer requests to be passed onto your child' s support network.

This weeks prayer example:

Dear God,

Thank You for caring for us and providing what we need. Help us trust You and remember that You always look after us.

Amen

Lesson WRAP-UP

Take photos of any art or creations created by your children that they would like to share with The Link Show. Images can be submitted to thelinkshow@lmnetwork.com.au

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CRAFT

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Supplies Needed

- Printable "God Is My Provider"
- Wooden Pop sticks
- String / Cotton / Glue
- Colouring pens or pencils or paint

STEPS

- Print and colour the "God is my Provider" craft
- Cut out, and glue wooden pop sticks to the frame
- Glue or tie string to make a hanger

SEND IT TO THE LINK CREW

- Take a photo of your students crafts (Without the students face or identifying features) and email to thelinkshow@lmnetwork.com.au





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BIBLE BOOKLET INSTRUCTIONS

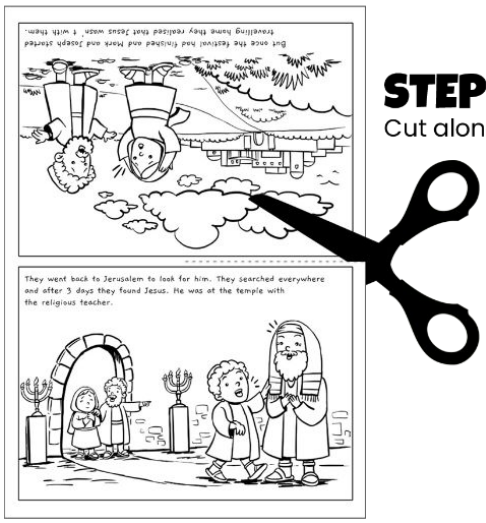
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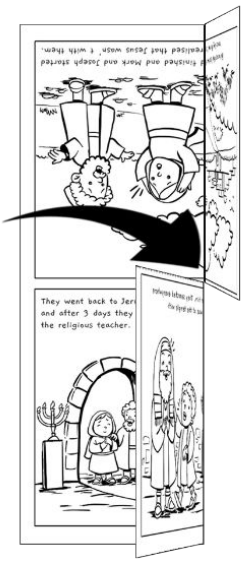
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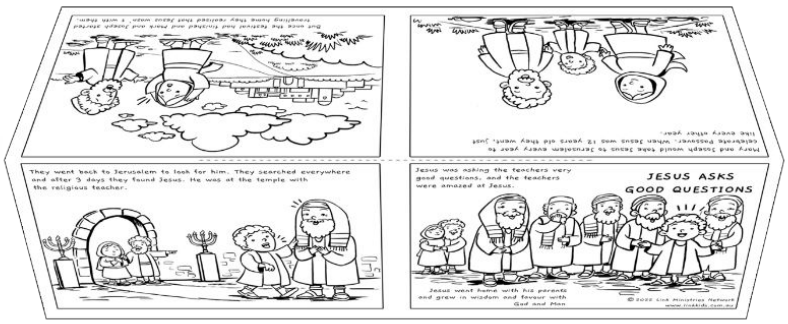
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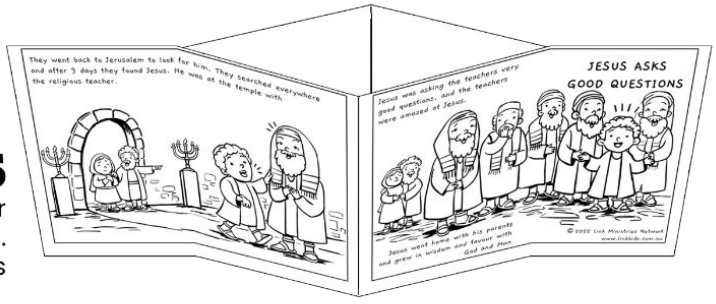
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STEP 4

Open page, then fold along the long edge



STEP 5

Push the short edges towards each other allowing the centre cut to open like a diamong. Continue unil the diamond becomes pages

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God did a miracle, and every day there was enough flour and oil to make food for her and her son, just like God had promised.

Elijah replied "Don't be afraid. Go home and make a small loaf for me first, then cook the rest for you and your son. Trust God, and he will make sure that your oil and flour will last until there is food again. So the woman trusted God.

One day, God sent His prophet Elijah to a small town. There, he met a woman who lived alone with her son. The whole country was running out of Food, and the woman only had a little bit of flour and oil left.

Elijah asked her, "Please, can you make me some bread?" The lady said, "I only have enough for one last meal for me and my son. After that, we will have nothing left."