

Elijah & the Widow

Introduction

God told Elijah (one of God's prophets) to move to a new town where he would meet a widow. Elijah was hot and tired from a long journey. He wanted a cool drink of water and a nibble of food. But the widow he met had almost nothing to offer. She was hungry and tired herself! She only had enough flour and oil to make one last loaf of bread for herself and her son. What do you think she did? What would happen? Would God help them?

Story

Look up 1 Kings 17:8-16. There is a famine during the time of this story. A famine is when there is almost no food for people. It can be caused by drought or war or other things that affect the food supply.

Listen for specific things as we read. Listen for a kid about your age. Listen for food the widow has. Listen to God's command and God's promise. Finally, listen for what happened when the widow made food for Elijah.

Discuss:

- What did the widow do when Elijah asked for some food?
- With the tiny bits of oil and flour, how many loaves of bread did the widow expect to make?
- How do you think the widow felt when Elijah told her to bake him some bread?
- Did she only end up with one loaf of bread?
- What do you think the significance of food is in this story?
- Did God keep His promise?
- Elijah comes a long way to meet with widow, and to the widow, Elijah is a stranger from a long way off. It is easy to see how both might've doubted how God could use them to produce a miracle in the most humble of circumstances. But in doing so, God sends a powerful message about who gets included in His kingdom. By working through a widow and her son, what is the Bible saying to you about the forgotten ones?
- How does this story point to Jesus?
- What can you learn from this story?
- What will you remember most?

Activity Idea

Bake homemade bread together. Share that bread with someone else.

Make a widow's jar. See attached instructions.