

## Lesson 144: Elisha Helps a Widow and Her Son

[2 Kings 4:1-7](#)

**Youtube Link for Teachers:** <https://youtu.be/8M9RAwoJ8wg>

**Children's Bible Story Video:** <https://youtu.be/89oCIZGptrl>

**Worship Theme:** God cares for people in need.

**Memory Verse:** "For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you." (Isaiah 41:13)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. Our God Is Awesome <https://youtu.be/TU6HfxJXLvQ>
2. Our God Is So Good <https://youtu.be/JUMy8rZvqjY>
3. God Never Fails Us <https://youtu.be/uVqBqBENPi4>

### Pray

**Song:** Select songs from the list above.

### Icebreaker: "Pass On"

Materials Needed: A ball (or anything that can be passed around), small prize (candies)

1. Have the children sit on a chair in a circle, facing outside of the circle.
2. Give a ball to one child and when the music starts, they will pass the ball to the next person.
3. If you have the ball when the music stops, then you receive a prize and leave the game.
4. Continue to play the game until everyone gets a prize.
5. After the game, explain to the children that just as everyone had a chance to receive the ball, God cares for everyone.



### Introduction:

One thing that all humans have in common is that we all have needs. We need food, water, house, and people to care about us. The good news is that God cares for people in need! Today, let's learn about how God cared for a widow and her two sons when they were in need!

### Bible Story:

Elisha was a prophet who received double the portion of Elijah's power after he saw God take Elijah up to heaven on a fire chariot. He served in the northern kingdom of Israel.

One day, a poor widow came to tell Elisha that her husband, who had been a prophet, died. But the husband left her with debts that she was unable to pay back. She had two sons and the lenders were going to take her two sons away as slaves until all the debt was paid!

When Elisha asked her what she had in the house, she was so poor that all she had in the house was a small jar of oil. People used oil for food but also for their skin, lamps, and medicine. Because everyone needed oil, sometimes it was used as money. Elisha told the widow to send her sons out to go around and ask all their neighbors for empty jars for oil. He told them to bring as many empty jars as they could.

When they brought all the jars, Elisha told the widow to start pouring the oil from her little jar into all the jars that her sons brought home. This probably did not make sense for her because how can she fill the big empty jars with her tiny bit of oil in her small jar? But she obeyed because she knew Elisha was a prophet of God. Miraculously, she was able to fill all the jars from her tiny little jar of oil! Then Elisha told her to sell the oil to pay back her debt and live on the money that was left over.

The woman and her sons used to think that their situation was so bad that there was no hope. But God used Elisha to help them when they needed it the very most. God loves all people everywhere. But God cares especially for people who have needs. Some people are hungry. God loves people who are hungry. Some people don't have homes to go to or families to love them. God loves people who don't have homes or families. God loves people who need things.

Look around and see what people around you need. Maybe God can use you like he used Elisha to help them. You can care for the people in need by using your time to help them or by saying something caring to them. Or maybe you can share something that you have that they may need. Remember, God is love and God cares for people in need!

### Questions to discuss:

1. What do you know about Elisha? (he is a prophet in northern Israel; he received double the portion of Elijah's power; he saw Elijah being taken up to heaven in a fire chariot)
2. What problems did the widow have after her husband died? (she could not pay the debt and her two sons were going to be taken as slaves)
3. What did Elisha tell the widow and her two sons to do? (to go and find all empty jars)
4. What happened when the widow poured into a big jar from her tiny oil jar? (it filled all the jars that they had)
5. How can this happen? (it can happen because God is powerful and cares for the people in need)
6. Think about people who may be in need around you. How can you help them? (Let the children answer)

### Game: "blow the flour"

Materials Needed: Flour, plates, table

1. Divide the children in 2 groups and have them stand in a line.
2. Place the 2 plates with flour on the table.
3. When the game starts, one child from each group runs to the plate and blow at the flour, then run back.
4. The next child will run to the plate and blow at the flour again. Continue until all the children had a turn or until all of the flour is blown out of the plate.
5. The team who can blow out all the flour wins the game.
6. After the game, explain to the children that it is almost impossible to blow out all of the flour out of the plate. In the same way, it is impossible to stop God from caring about you. God always cares for people in need.



### Memory Verse:

"For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you." (Isaiah 41:13)

### Craft: "Elisha Helps a Widow and Her Sons" - Coloring Page

Print the coloring page for the children.

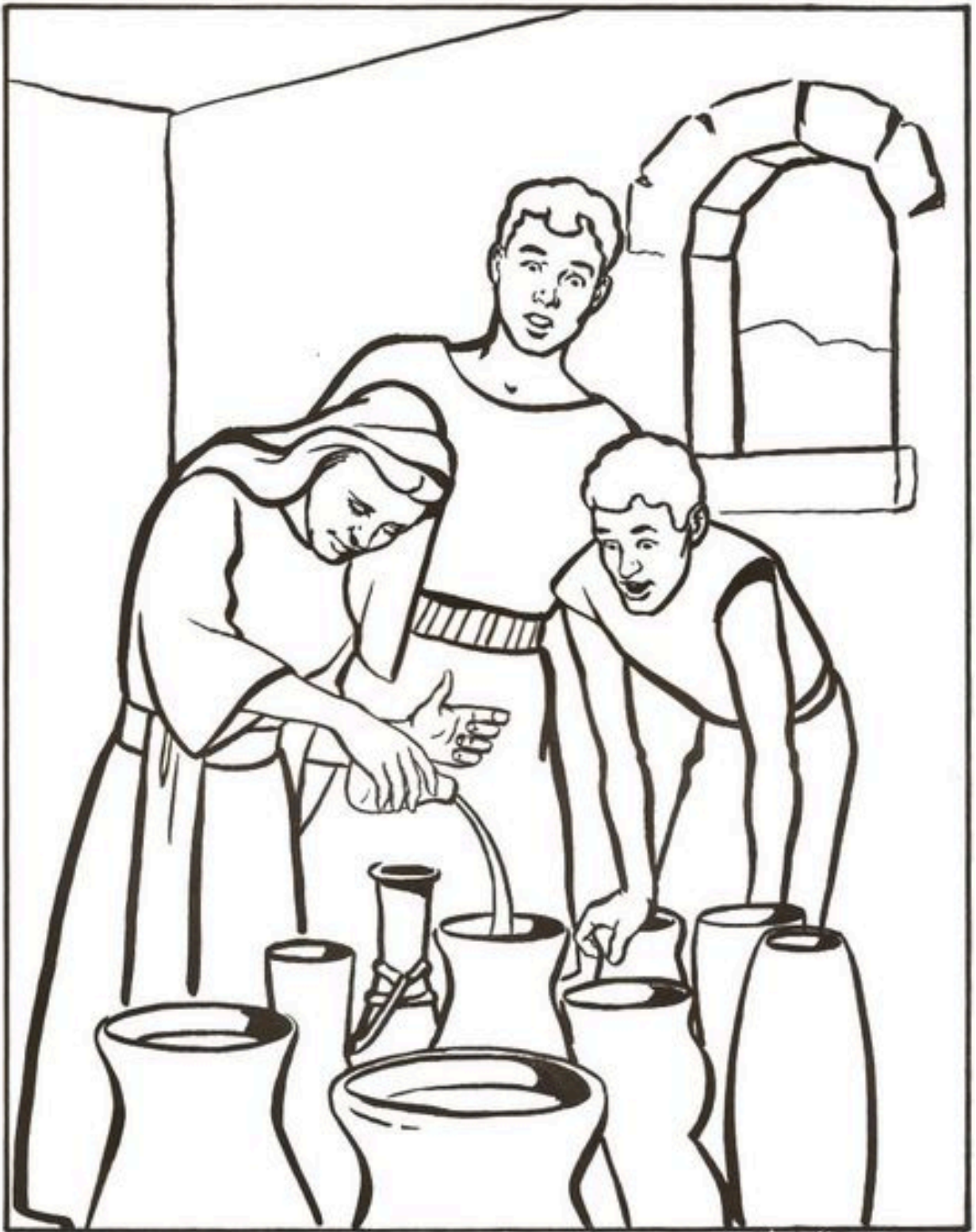
**Song:** Select songs from the list above

### Pray

#### Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

Jesus showed us what living our faith in God really looks like. Jesus and God were one, and Jesus knew he could always depend on God. And through our relationship with him, we, too, can live our faith. Having needs can lead us to greater dependence on God. As a teacher, you need to depend on God to help you teach. How has God helped you teach in the past? Ask God to help you depend on him. God is waiting to show you how he will always take care of your needs.

# “Elisha Helps a Widow and Her Sons”



**Memory Verse:** \_\_\_\_\_

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