

**STORY**

The Prophet Elijah - I Kings 16-17 - Extra Notes

**Introduction:** Hold up a living plant. What does this plant need to live? What would happen if it didn't get any water? What would happen to strawberry plants, or corn plants, or wheat plants if they didn't get any water? What would we eat for food if all the plants died? That is just what happened during the Prophet Elijah's day. We're going to learn today **how God provided food for his faithful prophet, Elijah.**

**Suggestions for telling the story:** Your students may not know what idol worship is. It might help to bring a stick and stone and talk about the futility of praying to sticks and stones even if they are carved in the shape of a man or animal.

For the miracle of the oil and flour, actually present two jars, one with a small amount of flour and one with a small amount of oil. Mix the flour with the oil and some water to make a lump of dough. Show how the two jars have become empty in the process. This will emphasize to small children that it was a miracle. Kindergartners probably will not know what the word miracle means unless you spend some time explaining it. A miracle is something people and machines can't do. Only God can do a miracle because He has great power.

**OUTER AIM**

God provided food for Elijah, a widow, and her family.

**INNER AIM**

We can trust God to provide all of our needs because He has all power. (lower)

We bring our first fruits to God out of love, trusting that He will provide for all of our future needs. (middle)

God sends trials and sufferings to test us spiritually, correct us, and to strengthen our faith. (upper)

**PASSAGES**

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Ps. 124:8

Give us this day our daily bread. Matt. 6:11

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures (lasts) forever. Ps. 106:1

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**HYMN CHOICES**

"I am Jesus' Little Lamb" TLH 648

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" TLH 644

"Praise, Oh, Praise, Our God and King" TLH 570 verses 1, 4-8

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" TLH 457

"What God Ordains is Always Good" TLH 521

"Be Still, My Soul" TLH 651

"Children of the Heavenly Father" WS 785

