

**Lesson #3-8*****The Widow of Zarephath***

1 Kings 17:1-16 [17-24]

**Key Verse:**

The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that [God] spoke by Elijah.

1 Kings 17:16

**The Point:**

God provides for us, often in ways we do not expect.

**Unit Theme (November 1—November 22):**

God Sightings

**Small Group Discussion**

*Elijah declares a drought as punishment for Ahab's unfaithfulness but then flees Israel, first to an oasis east of the Jordan and then to a town to the north. Through miracles, God demonstrates that Elijah is indeed a prophet.*

**Read 1 Kings 17:1-7 – The Drought**

- ? By whose authority does Elijah declare the drought? What were the conditions?
- ? Why do you think the Lord sent Elijah to this wadi, outside of Israel?

**Read 1 Kings 17:8-12 – The Famine**

- ? What is your reaction to the widow's statement that she is preparing herself and her son to die? Can you find a modern parallel in which such despair might be found, either in your own life or in current events?

**Read 1 Kings 17:13-16 – The Promise**

- ? What would your reaction be to Elijah's demand if you were the widow?

**Read 1 Kings 17:17-20 – The Doubt**

- ? Why do you think the mother turns on Elijah as she does? Does her accusation surprise you?

**Read 1 Kings 17:21-24 – The Assurance**

- ? What do you think Elijah has learned over the course of this chapter? How has he grown into his role as a prophet?