



Lesson #3-9

ELIJAH AND THE WIDOW

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 (October 27—November 24)

God Sightings

LOTS OF BREAD TO SHARE

Share gifts like God gave the widow.

Supplies:

- † Supplies for brown-bag lunches (bagels or bread, condiment packets or sandwich fillings, sandwich bags, plastic knives, brown paper bags, etc.)
- † Art supplies (markers or crayons, stickers, etc.)
- † Optional: paper, pens or pencils

Preparation:

1. Decide who will receive these bags to determine the quantity of bags to prepare. Arrangements should be made ahead of time with attention to any requirements the organization or program has.
2. Set up stations to decorate brown paper bags and to fill the bags with food in zippered bags, a plastic knife, and condiments, as needed.

Instructions:

1. **One way that people see God is through service. In our story today, Elijah served the woman and her son with the miracle and the woman served Elijah by sharing her food. Let's decorate these paper bags, and then we will fill the bags with good things to eat for people who need them.**
2. Allow participants time to create as many bags as the intended recipients require. Offer the option for participants to write a special note to put inside the sack, perhaps with words of care or blessing. Sign the note using the name of your congregation.
3. Explain to the gathered group where the bags will go and who will bring them.