

Act It Out: The Widow Feeds Elijah

I Kings 17:7-16: The Widow Feeds Elijah

This activity is designed as a “Book-in-hand” activity. The children may read the story script from the Word as they act it out. Print out a script for each child. Script colors indicate the part(s) for each character to read as they act.

- **For younger students** the teacher may read the story as the children act it out.
- **For larger groups** one group of students reads while another group acts.
- **Pause for action** where there are breaks in the text.



Props

Bring the story to life by using a variety of props such as sticks, a bin of flour, a jar containing a little olive oil, a bowl and spoon for mixing and simple costumes. A square of fabric or headscarf is enough to suggest the widow, and a large t-shirt or bathrobe may suggest the prophet Elijah.

See attached script page.

The Widow Feeds Elijah Script

I Kings 17:7-15

Narrator

Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, “Arise, go to Zarephath...and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you.”

So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks.

And he called to her and said,

Elijah

“Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink.”

Narrator

And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said,

Elijah

“Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.”

Widow

“As the Lord your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.”

Elijah

“Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son.

For thus says the Lord God of Israel: ‘The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth.’”

Narrator

So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days.