

Make: Vessels for the Widow

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

Picture the widow's jar of oil and bin of flour by creating models of them.

Supplies Needed for Each Child

Choose one of the following media (in 2 colors) for your project and make sure you have enough to give each child two (children's) fist-sized lumps of the first color: playdough, plasticine, beeswax or clay.



Project Directions

1. Give each child some of the colored playdough that you have more of.
2. Ask the children what was special about the "bin" and "jar" in today's story (*i.e.* how did the Lord make them special?)
3. Today you will be making a model of what the widow's bin and jar might have looked like.
4. Have them form two balls with the playdough. Press down into the balls to make the hollow space where the flour and oil would be kept. Continue shaping until children are satisfied with their vessels.
5. Give each child some of the second color to make decorations to press onto the jar and bin. If they wish, put some inside the hollow space to look like the oil and flour.

Playdough Recipe to Make Ahead of Time

Make two colors of playdough (one recipe of one color, ½ recipe of another color) using the following recipe:

2 cups flour (8 oz, 230 grams)
1 cup salt (10 oz, 260 grams)
4 teaspoons cream of tartar
2 cups water (16 fl. oz., 0.47 liters)
2 Tablespoons vegetable oil
food coloring (2 colors)

Combine dry ingredients in a saucepan. Mix liquids and gradually stir into dry. When smooth, cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until a ball forms. Remove from heat and knead until smooth.