

Elijah Revives the Widow's Son

Level B | Lesson 3 | Teacher Overview

Key Message: The Lord hears our prayers.

Text: 1 Kings 17:16-24

Activity Options (choose 2 or 3)

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2. Color Picture: Elijah, the Widow and the Widow's Son
3. Memory Verse
4. Make: The Widow's House with Moveable Figures
5. Make: A New Heart to Wear
6. Color: The Widow Feeds Elijah



1 Kings 17:22-23

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Talk About It

I Kings 17:16-24: Elijah Revives the Widow's Son

1. Today we heard the story about Elijah and the widow's son. The widow must have loved her son very much because he was the only other person in her family! He was her hope for the future. What happened to her son? (He became sick and died.)
2. Have you ever lost something that is very precious to you— a toy, a chance to do something special, or perhaps even a pet or someone you love? How did you feel about it? (sad, angry, disappointed, etc.) In our story from the Word, the widow was also sad. She was so sad that she cried out to Elijah. She asked him if this was a punishment for something she had done wrong. (At that time people thought that if they sinned or had done something wrong, the Lord might punish them like this.)
3. How did Elijah answer her question? (He asked her to give him her son.)
4. What did Elijah do with him? (He took the boy upstairs to the room where he was sleeping and laid him on his own bed. He stretched himself on the son three times.)
5. Let's hear what Elijah said as he prayed for the boy. "O Lord my God, I pray, let this child's soul come back to him." (I Kings 17:21) Have you ever been so sad about something that you prayed for the Lord to help you? Elijah knew that the Lord would hear his prayer—just as He hears our prayers.
6. What miracle happened? (The boy came back to life.) Elijah took the boy downstairs to his mother again and told her, "See your son lives!" The Lord doesn't do miracles like bringing people back to life today, but He does other kinds of miracles.
7. The Lord answers our prayers too. We may not find the thing we have lost—but we may find something better—perhaps a new friend to help us look for what we have lost. What are some of the other ways the Lord can help us when we pray? (He can help us feel peaceful, hopeful, comforted, etc.)
8. The widow was so happy to see her son again! She recognized that the Lord had done this amazing miracle.



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Cut in quarters and give one to each student to take home.

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Make: The Widow's House with Moveable Figures

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Bring the story to life by creating a movable scene. Elijah stands as he takes the child from his mother and moves to the upper room. Turn figures so that Elijah lies on the boy to heal him. Return the boy to his mother after being revived.

Supplies Needed for Each Child

- page showing the inside of the widow's house printed on stiff paper (see attached sheet)
- copy of Elijah and the widow's son "puppet" printed on stiff paper (see attached sheet)
- crayons, markers or colored pencils
- scissors

Optional Teacher Preparation

- Cut apart figures of Elijah and the boy to distribute to the students. **Be sure to leave a "handle"** so that the figures can be moved up and down the stairs from behind the scene (see picture).
- Cut slit in the house scene so that Elijah can take the boy upstairs.

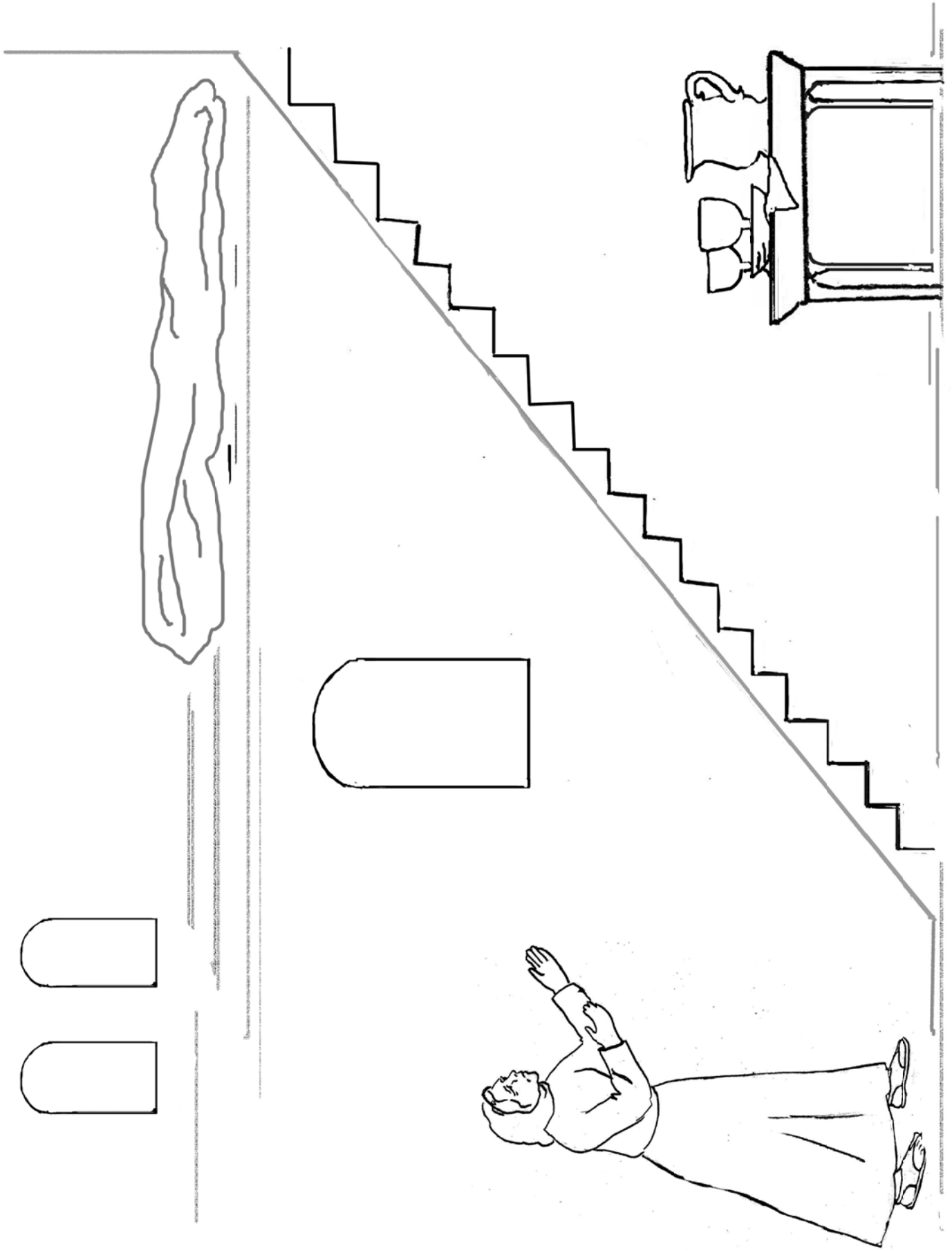


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Project Directions

1. Give each student a house page, and one copy of Elijah and the boy.
2. Color the pictures.
3. Trim Elijah and the boy **being sure to leave a "handle"** for moving them.
4. Cut slit along the solid line from the widow to the upper room. *Hint:* if students are having difficulty getting a neat hole to start cutting, gently bend the paper and make a snip along the line. Unfold and insert scissors into the slit to finish cutting.
5. Insert Elijah and the boy from the back and have him take the boy from his mother's arms to the upper room, and then down again.







Make: A New Heart to Wear

I Kings 17:16-24: Elijah Revives the Widow's Son

Decorate a heart necklace or pin to look beautiful like the new loving heart the Lord wants to build inside each of us.

Supplies Needed for Each Student

- lightweight cardboard cut-out (template included)
- yarn or ribbon to make necklace
- safety pin and tape to make pin
- scissors
- single hole paper punch
- glue
- materials for decorating: suggestions include glitter, sequins, beads, feathers, lace, markers, stickers, *etc.*



Optional

Substitute heavyweight felt or a wooden heart cut-out.

Teacher Preparation

Choose whether you will be making heart necklaces or pins. To make necklaces, make 2 holes at the top of the heart large enough to thread with thin ribbon or yarn. If you make pins, wait until the students have finished decorating their projects and then tape a safety pin to the back of the heart.

Discussion

1. I'm thinking about a very important part of our bodies. Can you guess what it is? Here are some clues:
 - a. We can hear it working.
 - b. It has four chambers.
 - c. It is moving most of the time.
 - d. A river of blood moves through it.
 - e. If it stops working, we die.
 - f. It is our heart!
2. In our story today, we learned about a boy whose heart had stopped beating. He had died. His mother was so sad. She loved her son. What miracle happened?

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3. Doctors know a lot about what makes our bodies work. They help us when our bodies are sick. They can even help people's hearts work better if they are not working properly. But can they bring life into a person if their body has died? No! Only the Lord can do this.
4. Every second of your life, the Lord is keeping you alive! He gives us life so that we can see, think, love, hear, touch. If He stopped pouring His life into us, we would die in an instant.
5. When we are born into the world, the Lord gives each of us a heart. This heart pumps blood through our bodies so that we can be healthy and strong. Our spirit also has a heart. This heart grows throughout our life. We choose what kind of heart we want to have in our spiritual body—a loving heart, or a selfish heart. When we die, this heart will be inside our spiritual bodies. It will be the heart we have in heaven or hell.
6. To go to heaven when we die, we will need to develop a loving heart. What kinds of things might be inside a loving heart?
7. What kinds of things might be inside a selfish heart? In the Word, the Lord calls this kind of heart a heart of stone. He tells us that He can give us a new, loving, heavenly heart. He can turn a hard heart of stone into a soft heart full of love if we do what He tells us to do in His Word.
8. Today we will make a heart pin (or necklace) to wear, to remind us that the Lord can build a heavenly heart inside us if we invite Him to.

Project Directions

1. Distribute cut-out heart shapes to the students. The heart says "I will give you a new heart." This is the Lord's promise to each of us. Turn the heart over so that you have a blank heart to decorate. Keep the Lord's words next to your heart as you wear it.
2. Invite students to turn the plain heart into a loving heart. Show them the materials you have collected for decorating. Encourage them to make it really beautiful!



Heart Templates

I will give you a new heart.
Ezekiel 36:26

I will give you a new heart.
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