AUGUST 9
ELIJAH AND THE WIDOW

LESSON
Introduction:
Does anyone know what a widow is?

God told Elijah to move to a new town where he would meet a widow. Elijah was hot and tired from a long journey. He wanted a cool drink of water and a nibble of food. But the widow he met had almost nothing to offer. She was hungry and tired herself! What would happen? Would God help them? Let’s read the story in our Spark Story Bible to find out the answers.

READ: SPARK BIBLE, pg. 140
Discussion Questions:
1. Imagine that you are the widow and you only have enough food for one last meal. Would you feel nervous about sharing it with a stranger?
2. What did the widow say to Elijah when he asked her for some food?
3. What did Elijah say when the widow began to cry?
4. What miracle did God make for the widow?
5. Have you ever shared a meal or some of your food with a stranger?
6. How can you help hungry people here in our city?

APPLICATION
The Bible had many stories about God’s love and how He cares for us. One way we can give thanks for God’s love is by caring for others. One way that we can show our care is by giving time or food to a food bank to people in need.

PRAYER
O God,
Thank you for keeping promises,
And doing miracles,
And filling jars to the very top with flour and oil.
Thank you for filling our hands, and our lives, with blessings.
Help us to share what you have given us.
Amen.

ACTIVITY – Reminder signs
Supplies needed:
• Crayons
• Glue
• Watercolor paint
SUNDAY SCHOOL AT HOME THIS WEEK

What We Learned:

Today we read a story about Elijah and the widow. God performed a miracle so that the widow could share her food with Elijah. Even though she had only enough for one last meal, God multiplied her oil and flour so that she would have plenty of bread to share with Elijah.

Bible Lesson:

Read 1 Kings 17: 8-16 and discuss the following questions:
1. What are some favorite family foods? How do they nurture you?
2. What kind of food or drink do you wish you would never run out of?

Suggested Parent/Child Activity:

1. Prepare extra portions of a meal to package up and bring to a neighbor as an unexpected gift.
2. Before your next meal, take a long walk as a family. When you’re REALLY hungry and thirsty, share a meal and say thank you to God.

Daily Prayer:

Dear God, you extend your grace and call to everyone. Please help us open our hearts and minds to those who are strangers. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.
**ACTIVITY – Reminder Signs**
There are three pages in your packets with words on them. Decorate these signs to help you to remember to:

**TRUST GOD -- LISTEN TO GOD --FEED OTHERS**
You can decorate your pictures however you’d like. Here are some suggestions.

- **Color your picture with crayons, leaving some white spaces.** Dip a paintbrush in water before dipping into black watercolor. Then, brush the watery paint over the crayon letters. The wax of the crayons will resist the water of the paint and make the letters "pop" from the page.

- **Using the tissue paper and confetti from your bags, decorate the letters with collage.**

- **Cut out pictures of food from magazines or the newspaper.** Glue pictures onto your picture. Write different ways you can help feed others on your picture.
TRUST
GOD
LISTEN TO GOD
Feed Others
The merchants took Joseph as a slave into Egypt.

Follow the path to Egypt.

Joseph Sold into Slavery
Joseph brought his father a bad report about his brothers.

Find the hidden objects in the picture.
Joseph’s brothers threw him into an empty well.

Match the pictures.

Joseph’s brothers sold him to some merchants.

Count the money in each set.

Circle the correct number.

4 or 5 or 6 ?

5 or 6 or 7 ?

8 or 9 or 10 ?
When the merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him to the Ishmaelites.

Where did the Ishmaelites take Joseph? Follow the directions to find out.

A B C D E F G H I

1. Cross out the C and the H = _____________

2. Change the A to an E and the D to a Y = _____________

3. Switch the B and the G = _____________

4. Change the F to an O and the B to a V = _____________

5. Delete the 2nd E and the I = _____________

5. Change the O to the letter that comes after it and the V to the letter that comes two before it.

= _____________

Joseph Sold Into Slavery

Jacob was very fond of his son Joseph. He made a fancy, ornamented robe for him.

Fit the puzzle pieces together to read what happened.

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Fill in the missing words from the list provided. Then match each picture with its description.

see  robe  slave  animal  flocks  caravan  brothers  came  well  threw  coming  Joseph  plotted  cisterns  kill  word  throw  fields  richly  wearing  stripped

1. Jacob sent  to find his  out in the . He said, “Go and  if all is  with your brothers and with the , and bring  back to me.”

2. When the brothers saw Joseph , they  to  him. “Come now, let’s kill him and  him into one of those  and say that a ferocious  devoured him,” they said.

3. When Joseph , they  him of his  ornamented he was  and  him into the cistern.

4. Then the brothers saw a of Ishmaelites coming. They decided to sell Joseph to the Ishmaelites as a instead.
Food for All

Thanks to God, there’s enough food for everyone! But how much food is there? Fill in Elijah’s food chart by counting the numbers of each different type of food.

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God’s promise was kept. It was a miracle!