



Use Week of: September

## Unit 13 • Session 1

# Elijah and the Widow

### Babies-Toddlers

**BIBLE PASSAGE:** 1 Kings 17

**STORY POINT:** There is one God.

**KEY PASSAGE:** Isaiah 42:8

**CHRIST CONNECTION:** Jesus' miracles showed that He is God the Son.

### Bible Story for Toddlers

King Ahab was a bad king of Israel. God sent Elijah the prophet to give the king a message: no rain would fall for a long time. No rain meant no food or water! God told Elijah to go to a widow's house. The woman and her son did not have enough food to eat. Elijah said to her, "Please give me a little water and bread." The woman said, "I only have a little bit of flour and oil." Elijah said, "God will not let the oil or flour run out until He makes it rain again." The woman obeyed. The woman's oil and flour did not run out, and she and her son had plenty to eat.

### Gospel Gems

- \* Elijah said that no rain would fall in Israel.
- \* God kept the widow's flour and oil from running out.
- \* Elijah's miracles showed that God is powerful.

### Babies Supplies

Small Bibles, Bible Story Picture, Key Passage, painting smocks, small cups of baby oil, cotton swabs, dark construction paper, lightweight box, living & non-living pictures

### Toddler Supplies

Small Bibles, Key Passage Poster Bible Story Picture, pom-poms/noisemakers, play dough, play dough utensils, "Crops" Printable

# BABIES Activities

## Look in the Bible

Provide hand-size Bibles for babies to handle. Open your Bible to 1 Kings 17. Show the Bible story picture as you say the gospel gems in a soothing voice. Read the key passage card.

**SAY • THERE IS ONE GOD.** Elijah was God's prophet. Elijah said that no rain would fall in Israel. Elijah's miracles showed that God is powerful. Jesus' miracles showed that He is God the Son. [*Pray for the babies.*]

## Sing a Bible story song

Sing to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell":

"There is just one God; He is the One we serve!  
He sent His Son to rescue us; there is just one God!"

**SAY • THERE IS ONE GOD!** Elijah obeyed God, and God showed His power through Elijah. Jesus' miracles showed that He is God the Son.

## Paint with oil

Post an allergy alert. Provide painting smocks, small cups of baby oil, cotton swabs, and dark construction paper. Help babies dip the cotton swab in the oil, and then allow them to rub the oil on the paper. Keep wipes handy. Write each baby's name and story point on her art and set it aside to dry.

**SAY •** When no rain would fall and no food would grow, God kept the widow's flour and oil from running out. Elijah's miracles showed that God is powerful. **THERE IS ONE GOD.**

## Look at living and non-living things

Tape pictures of living and non-living things onto a lightweight box or inflatable game cube. Let babies roll or flip the box. Point to the pictures and explain that living things—even plants—need water.

**SAY • THERE IS ONE GOD,** and Elijah was His prophet. Elijah said that no rain would fall in Israel, and it did not! God is powerful.

# TODDLER Activities

## Circle time (5 minutes)

Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle. Say the Bible is God's words. Read the key passage card. Open your Bible to 1 Kings 17. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the Bible story. Say the story point and gospel gems. Pray for the toddlers.

## Practice the key passage

Provide cheer pom-poms and noisemakers. Define *giving glory* as celebrating how great God is. Read the key passage card as toddlers march. Guide toddlers to celebrate. Repeat two or three times.

**SAY • THERE IS ONE GOD**, who deserves glory and praise. Jesus' miracles showed that He is God the Son.

## Make bread with play dough

Provide play dough and utensils, such as rollers and cookie cutters. Encourage children to roll out their dough and shape it to look like a loaf or slice of bread. Make sure children do not put play dough in their mouths.

**SAY • THERE IS ONE GOD**, who provides for us. God kept the widow's flour and oil from running out so she and her son would have food to eat.

## Assemble crop puzzles

Print the "Crops" printable and cut each image into four pieces. Guide children to work the puzzles together. Help them guess what kinds of food are growing in each picture. Talk about what crops need to grow. Retell the Bible story.

**SAY • THERE IS ONE GOD** who made everything. God's people in Israel stopped worshipping God. Elijah said that no rain would fall in Israel. That meant no food would grow! Elijah's miracles showed that God is powerful. Later Jesus' miracles showed that He is God the Son.