

Heart Tugs

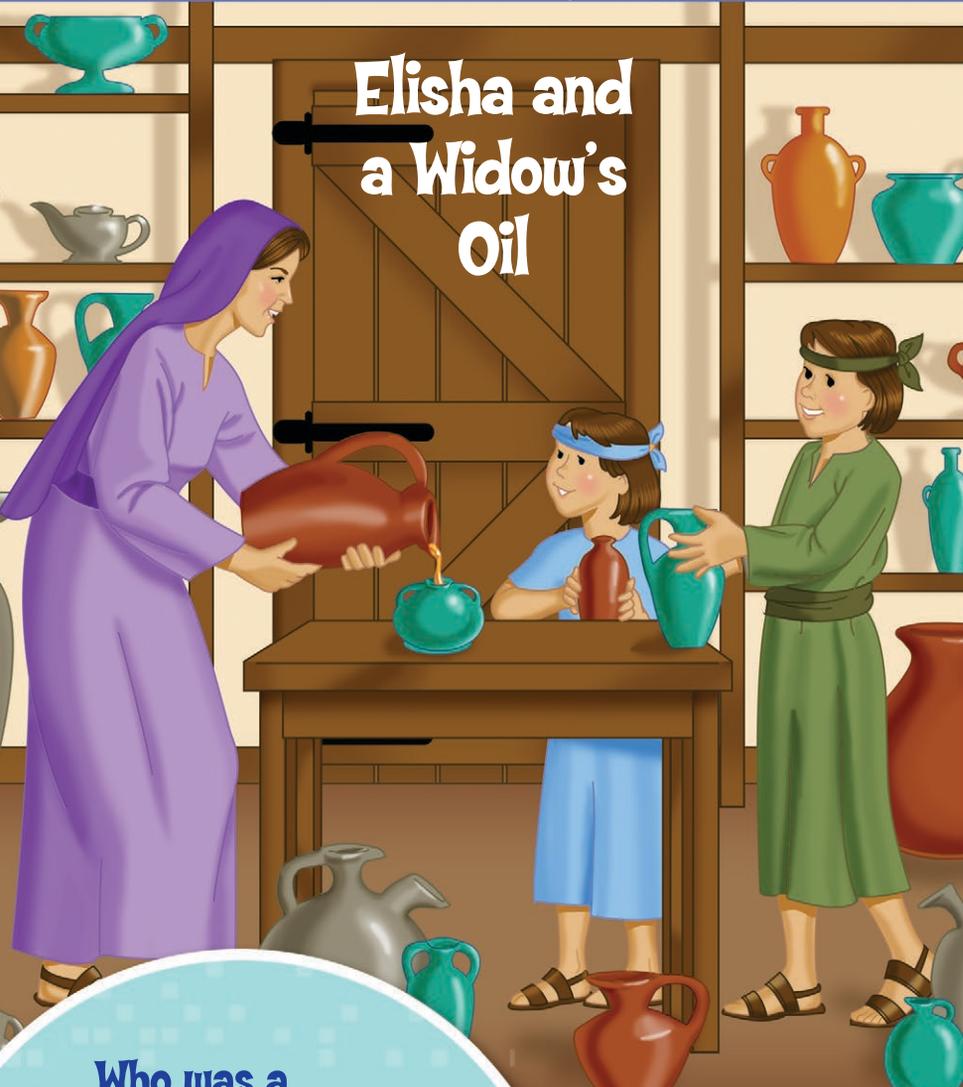
Shaping Hearts with God's Word



A Preschool and Pre-K & K Family Resource

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Elisha and a Widow's Oil



A Read-to-Me Bible Story

from 2 Kings 4:1-7

Elisha was a helper for God. One day a woman came to Elisha. The woman owed money to someone, but all she had was one pot of oil.

Elisha told the woman to go to her neighbors and gather empty jars. When the jars were gathered, the woman and her sons went into their house. The woman began pouring oil from her one pot into the jars.

As long as there were empty jars, the woman was able to fill them with oil. The woman sold the oil and paid what she owed. Elisha was a good helper for God.

**Who was a
helper for God?**

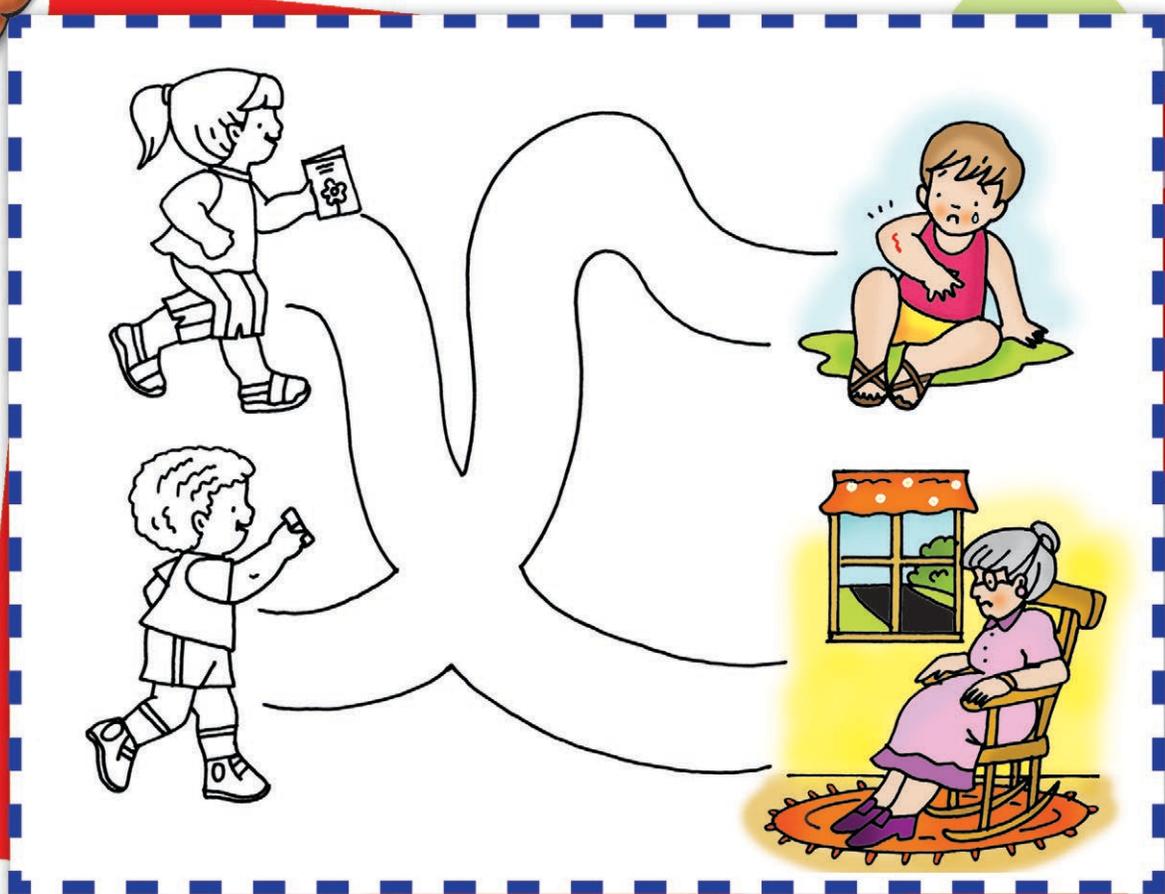
**What did the
widow do with
the empty jars?**





Let's Go Help!

Color the children. Then trace the paths from the children to the people they can help.



Helping Craft

You will need

foam cup, crayons, decorative stickers, permanent marker, large wooden or plastic beads or large pasta, shoelace or length of sturdy string

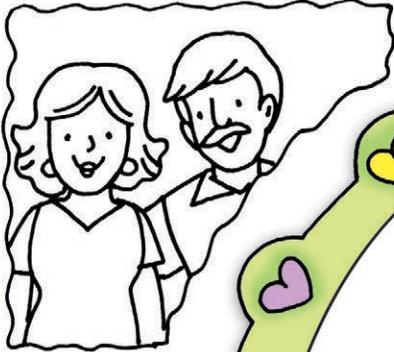
What to do

1. Print your name on the cup. Decorate the cup with crayons and stickers.
2. Knot the shoelace on one end. Count 10 beads to put in your cup.
3. Each time you help at home, string a bead onto the shoelace. When all 10 beads are on the shoelace, tie the ends together. Wear the beads to show you are a good helper.



I Can Help

Color the pictures of people you can help. Draw a picture inside the frame, showing a way you will help one person this week.



parent



neighbor



friend



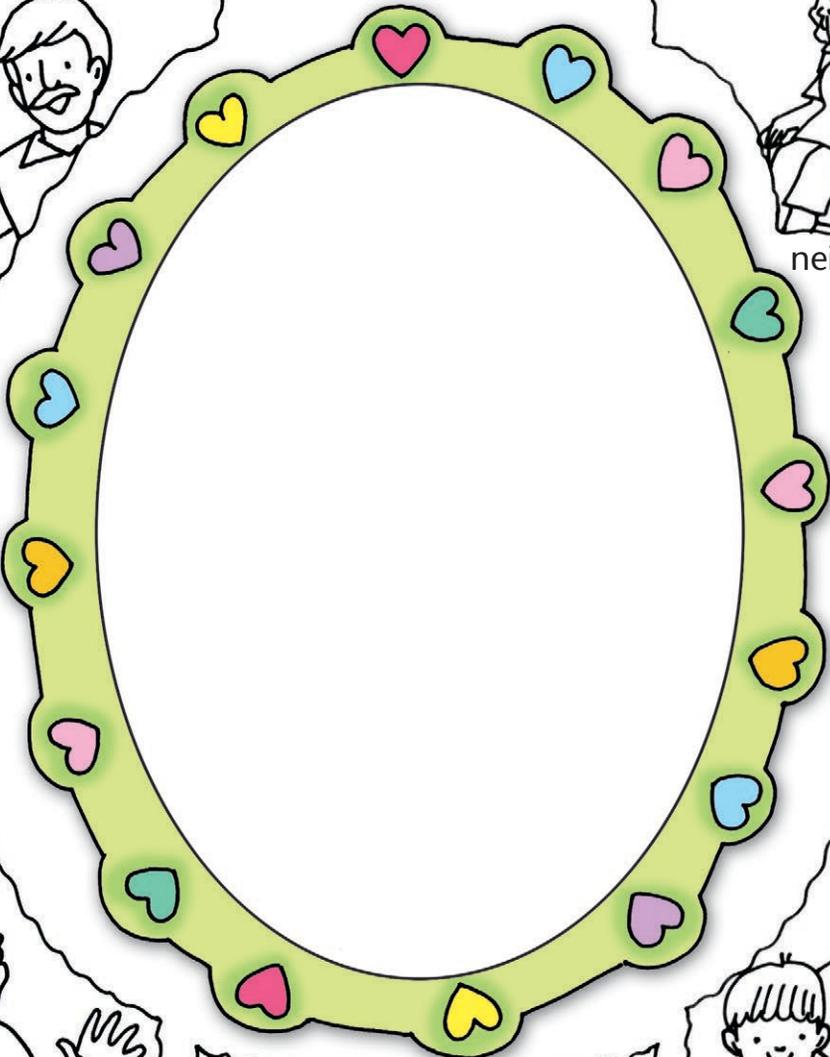
older person



community helper



brother or sister



Family Talk

Preschool children are wonderfully curious and love to ask

why? You can use that God-given curiosity to help your child understand more about following God.

Ask your child, “*Why* should we follow God?” Let her answer in her own words. Listen to what she thinks. Tell your child why you follow God.

Next ask, “*Why* does God want us to help others?” Jesus taught that loving God first and then loving others are the two most important rules for godly living. (Read Mark 12:30, 31.) Talk about how God wants us to help others because we are following Him. As you help your child answer these simple questions, you will lead her to a lifetime of love.

Bible Memory FUN

Psalm 124:8

Find this verse in a family Bible. Take turns saying the Bible verse to one another, creatively using different voice inflections and volumes each time.

This week, help your child remember:

God wants us to help others.



Family Fun...

Secret Helpers. Designate this week as “Secret Helpers Week.” Write the names of family members on separate pieces of paper. Put the papers in a bowl, and have everyone pull out one slip of paper. During the week, each family member should try to be a secret helper for his or her chosen person. At the end of the week, thank God for allowing you to help and be helped.

Daily Talks with God

Use these thoughts at mealtimes, bedtimes, or other times when you pray with your child this week.

God, I want to be a helper for You!

Thank You, God, for people who teach me how to be a helper.

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