



WEEK
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LARGE
GROUP
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TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Give a Little Bit
Widow of Zarephath
1 Kings 17:7-16

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

You always have something to give.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Every good and perfect
gift is from God.
James 1:17a, NIRV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Generosity—Making someone's day
by giving something away

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way
I want to be treated.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing Time for Fun Interaction
Early Arriver
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways
WORSHIP: Inviting People to Respond to God
Opener
Worship ("You Are" from This Little Light, and "All Your Love Inside" from This Little Light)
Bible Story
Bottom Line
What's Our Part in the Story?
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

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GROUPS: Creating a Safe Place to Connect Bible
Story Review:
Application Activity:
Hidden Gifts
Memory Verse Activity:
Memory Verse Motions
Prayer Activity:



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PRELUDE **SOCIAL** **STORY** **WORSHIP** **GROUPS** **HOME**

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ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS KIDS ENTER.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

Host enters, carrying the stack of five boxes for the game.

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME INTRO OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

OPENER

HOST: "Hi, everyone! *(Drop the boxes on the floor.)* OOPS. *(Pause.)* I can't believe I just dropped all those packages. I was bringing them out here so I could sort them and put names on them so I could get them to the right person. But now I can't tell what's what! "Wait a minute! Wait just a minute! Maybe you could help me figure out which box is which. What do you say? Are you in? *(Pause for response.)* Great!

Start to pick up the boxes and set them on the table, in numerical order.

"Here's what we'll do. I'll set the boxes on this table. Then I'll put up pictures of the items that are in the boxes. You can help me by trying to match up the pictures with the boxes and guessing which item is in each box.

Attach the five printed pictures to the edge of the table, underneath the five boxes. Worship Leader enters, holding the Answer Key.

"My friend [Worship Leader] has the Answer Key, so she'll let us know how many we got right. We'll keep guessing until we guess all five of them correctly!"

If you're wondering why we don't just ask [Worship Leader] for the answers . . . trust me, this is MUCH more fun!

"All right—do you think we can get all of these boxes matched up in three minutes? Let's get started. We've got this!

AUDIO: FUN, INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC



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Set a timer on your phone for three minutes. One by one, point to the pictures and call out what they are. Then get the kids to guess. (For example: "Here we've got a toothbrush. Which box do you think has the toothbrush—one, two, three, four, or five? Hold up your fingers to show me.")

Re-attach the photos to the end of the table, underneath the corresponding boxes, based on what the kids tell you. (If there's no consensus, just pick some matches: "Here's what I heard from some of you.")

Then ask the Worship Leader if any of your guesses are correct. She'll answer by opening up any correctly guessed box(es), pulling out the items inside, and setting them in front of the box(es). Then continue with the remaining boxes—get guesses from the kids, rearrange the pictures underneath the boxes, then ask the Worship Leader again.

Keep going until the kids guess all five boxes correctly. Keep an eye on the time so you can draw out the game or move quickly as needed.

"That was amazing! Way to work together, everyone. Thanks for helping me sort my special deliveries. Now let's all stand up and get ready to sing, dance, and worship God."



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WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hi, everyone! Are you ready to sing? *(Pause for response.)* Are you ready to move? *(Pause for response.)* There's nothing I love more than getting to worship with all of you. It's time for us to sing, clap, dance, and have fun celebrating Jesus. This morning we've got a couple of new songs, let's start with ALIVE. Sing this with me!

OPTIONAL VIDEO: "ALIVE" LIVE LYRICS

That was AMAZING! I don't know about you, but I'm feeling ALIVE! Okay, you guys ready for another? This next song is called "At the Top of My Lungs." What does that mean - at the top of my lungs? It means be to loud, right? One of the reasons we get loud - It's because we're excited about something. When we're at a football game - we get loud, we yell, we scream - because we're passionate about our team, right? In this song, the course says:

*At the top of my lungs, I'll sing
With all of my heart, I'll praise you
God you are everything
You're the reason that I lift my voice*

You see, God is way bigger than a football game. He's way bigger than a fun movie. So what do you say? Are you ready to raise your voice? Are you ready to make some noise? Okay, let's get loud and sing at the top of our lungs!!!

OPTIONAL VIDEO: "AT THE TOP OF MY LUNGS" LIVE LYRICS VIDEO

Wow! So much fun! Let's pray.

Pray In your own words...



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BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Hi, friends! Today we're looking at an amazing example of generosity that comes from the book of 1 Kings. *(Hold up Bible.)*

"Before we get into it, I've got a question for you. Have you ever seen a statue before? Raise your hand if you have. *(Pause for response.)* Great! Well, I thought it might be fun to bring up some of our Small Group Leaders who will pose as statues to act out what happened in the story. Leaders, who wants to do it?"

Bring up three adult leaders—two male and one female. Set out the three step stools in front of them.

"Okay, [leaders' names]. You can wait here until I give you instructions for your first statue pose. Cool? Cool.

(Hold up Bible.) "The book of 1 Kings in the Bible picks up at the end of King David's life. Everything was off to a great start with the reign of David's son, King Solomon. But toward the end of Solomon's life, things started to fall apart. After his reign ended, the kingdom split in two.

"After that, most of the kings who ruled God's people were NOT good kings. King Ahab was one of the worst. *(To the first male leader)* "[Leader's name], I know you're a great guy. But today, you'll be playing the not-so-good King Ahab. Can you step up here for me?"

Put the crown on the leader and motion for him to step up on the first step stool.

"Now fold your arms and make a grumpy face . . . and hold that pose like you're a statue. *(Pause.)* Perfect.

(To the audience) "King Ahab didn't lead the people well. He actually led the people to worship false gods instead of the true God.

"So God raised up a prophet named Elijah.

Put the "E" hat on the second male leader and motion for him to step up on the second step stool.

(To the second male leader) "[Leader's name]—or should I say Elijah—let me see you point straight up like you're a prophet sharing words from God. *(Pause.)* Great. Hold that pose!"

(To the audience) "Elijah warned King Ahab that because he had turned away from God, the land would experience a time of no rain.

"Elijah said to Ahab:



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Stand next to "Elijah." Open the Bible to 1 Kings 17:1 (NirV) and read.

"I serve the Lord. He is the God of Israel. You can be sure that he lives. And you can be just as sure that there won't be any dew or rain on the whole land. There won't be any during the next few years. It won't come until I say so." (NirV)

GOD PROVIDES FOR ELIJAH

STORYTELLER: "As you can imagine, after Elijah said all of that, King Ahab was not happy. *(Reference the leader playing Ahab)* I mean, just look at his face! "God sent Elijah to hide in a place called the Kerith Valley to escape from King Ahab. Elijah was by himself out there in the wilderness, but God was with him and provided everything he needed.

(To the leader playing Elijah) "Here, Elijah, let's give you a new pose. Show me a big smile and give me two thumbs up. *(Pause.)* Great . . . and freeze.

(To audience) "Do you want to know how God provided food and water for Elijah? Listen to what God said to him.

Open the Bible to 1 Kings 17:4 (NirV) and read.

"You will drink water from the brook. I have directed some ravens to supply you with food there." (NirV)

"Well, THAT'S not something you see every day! During the drought when there was no rain, Elijah drank water from the stream. And some birds called ravens brought him food. "Let me hear all of you make bird noises. *(Pause for response.)*

(Look up and talk to 'Elijah.') Do you see that, Elijah? The brook is going to provide you with water, and those birds are bringing you food!

Hand the water bottle and a pop tart to the leader playing Elijah.

(To the leader) "Here—you can hold these in your hands, but keep that nice, big smile. *(Pause.)* Yes—that's it! *(To audience)* "The ravens actually brought bread and meat for Elijah, not pop tarts . . . but you get the idea!

ELIJAH'S LONG JOURNEY

STORYTELLER: "Meanwhile, outside of the valley where Elijah was hiding, the rest of the land was in trouble. The water wells began to dry up because there was no rain. The crops failed. People were thirsty, and life was hard for everyone. "Life was especially hard for a woman who lived in the town of Zarephath.

Walk toward the female leader and motion for her to step up on the third step stool.

"This woman was a widow, which meant that her husband had died. During this time of no food and no rain, she was in great danger.

(To the female leader) "[Leader's name], could you please show us a very sad face and shrug your arms like you don't know what to do?

(Pause.) That's it. Great. Now freeze, just like that.



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Walk back toward the leader playing Elijah.

(To audience) “The drought was so bad that even Elijah’s brook finally dried up. So God told him what to do next. God said:

Open the Bible to 1 Kings 17:9 (NirV) and read.

“Go right away to Zarephath in the region of Sidon. Stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.” (NirV)

“Elijah trusted God and made the long journey.

Take the water bottle and pop tart from “Elijah.” Hand him the suitcase.

(To the leader playing Elijah) “There we are. And . . . freeze. *(To the leader playing Ahab)* “How are you doing over there, King Ahab? *(Pause.)* I see. Still pretty angry.

GOD PROVIDES AGAIN

STORYTELLER: *(To audience)* “When Elijah arrived, he found the widow gathering sticks for firewood.

Hand the bundle of sticks to the female leader. (She should stay still otherwise.)

“Elijah asked the woman for a drink of water and some bread to eat. The widow told Elijah that she didn’t have any bread. She said that all she had was a small amount of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug.

Take the bundle of sticks from the female leader. Give her the containers of flour and cooking oil to hold instead. (She should stay still otherwise.)

“She said she was preparing to make one last meal for herself and her son.

“Here’s what Elijah said to her.

Open the Bible to 1 Kings 17:13-14 (NirV) and read.

“Don’t be afraid. Go home. Do what you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me. Make it out of what you have. Bring it to me. Then make some for yourself and your son. The Lord is the God of Israel. He says, ‘The jar of flour will not be used up. The jug will always have oil in it. You will have flour and oil until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.’” (NirV)

“The widow built a fire and used the flour and oil to make bread. She shared her bread with Elijah . . .

Take the suitcase from “Elijah” and give him the loaf of bread instead.

“. . . and she had enough left for a meal with her son. And that’s what happened every day after that! Every time the widow got what should have been the last of the flour and oil, there was always more! The widow was able to continue to make food for herself, her son, AND Elijah!



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(To “Elijah” and the “widow”) “Can you two do one last statue pose for us? (Take the props.) Both of you give me a big ‘WOOHOO!’ with your hands in the air. (Pause.) Yes, you’ve got it! Now freeze.

(To audience) “Let’s give a big hand to our three statue actors!

Collect the props from the three leaders as you dismiss them back to their seats.

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “For the rest of the time with no rain, Elijah, the widow, and her son had food to eat, just as God had promised. And eventually, the rain did come back.

“It’s pretty amazing to think about the widow in this story, and how generous she was to share what she had with Elijah. She only had enough to feed herself and her son . . . but she gave what she had. And God made it so that the flour and oil never ran out!

“Sometimes we might think that we don’t have much to give. But the truth is, God has given each of us things that we can share with others.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

“You always have something to give. Say that with me.”

STORYTELLER AND KIDS: “You always have something to give.”

Host enters.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

WHAT’S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

HOST: “Sometimes it’s hard to think of things that I have to give. I might feel like I don’t have as much as others do. But this story of the widow and Elijah is a good reminder that we all have things that we can share. We all have things that we can do for other people. We just need to remember to **[Basic Truth]** treat others the way we want to be treated.”

STORYTELLER: “That’s right. Even if you don’t have a lot of ‘stuff,’ you can still be generous, just like the woman in our story. No matter who you are, God has given you things that you can share with others. Maybe you could share your snack. Or a smile! You could draw a picture for someone who’s going through a hard time. Or you could give your time to listen to someone who needs to talk.”

HOST: “You could share some encouraging words . . . or a good attitude.”

SLIDE: VIRTUE

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO VIRTUE

“Remember—generosity is about making someone’s day by giving something away.”



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OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): VIRTUE TRANSITION TO THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

STORYTELLER: "No matter who you are, or what's going on in your life, God has given you something that you can give. Think about Jesus, and how HE showed generosity. Jesus was constantly traveling around . . . teaching people about God . . . healing people who were sick . . . and showing love. Jesus didn't have a lot of possessions, but He always had kindness and help to offer the people around Him."

HOST: "Let's pray and ask God to help us to be generous."

PRAYER

STORYTELLER OR HOST: "Dear God, thank You for this amazing story of how You provided everything the widow and her son and Elijah needed. Help us to trust You to meet our needs too. And please show us how we can give generously to others. Help us see the things we have that we can share . . . so we can share Your love with the people around us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS THE KIDS EXIT.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP