



Elisha Helps a Friend

This story is based on 2 Kings 4:1-7.

Long ago a mother was sad. She had no money. She could not buy food or clothes for her two boys. She needed a friend.

Then the mother went to see Elisha. He was God's helper. The mother told Elisha she had only one little jar of oil.

"Take your jar of oil," said Elisha. "Have your boys help you get all the empty jars you can. Fill those jars with oil from your jar."

The mother did as

Elisha told her. Her boys brought the jars. Gurgle, gurgle, splash. She filled the jars with oil from her jar. Gurgle, gurgle, splash. God kept giving the family more oil. Soon all the jars were full of oil.

"Now you can sell the oil," said Elisha. "You can buy food and clothes for your boys."

"You are a good friend, Elisha," said the mother. "Friends help each other. Thank you, Elisha. Thank You, God."

Family Time



Use these activities throughout the week to review the Bible lesson. Use these activities as a whole family or individually with your child.

Helping Hands

God showed Elisha how to be a good friend to a woman and her sons. Pray with your child this week that God will help you and each one in your family to know the best way to show friendship. Then look for someone who needs help. There might be many ways to respond. Prefer those alternatives that allow your preschooler to have a key role. Reinforce that part.

Play Time

With friends, encourage your child to draw a picture using sidewalk chalk. Talk about how your child and friend helped each other draw the picture. Affirm the group effort and praise the result.

Little Chefs

Help your child make a simple snack or cookies. When your treat is made, wrap them up in single servings, add a thank you note to friends for their help, and give them away.

Bible Time

Use these Bible activities during family devotions or special Bible times you have with your preschooler.



In God's Book

Review the Bible story using containers of all sizes and water. Have your child gather waterproof containers just like the boys in the story. Then let your child pour water in the containers to represent the oil. Do this activity outside or in the kitchen for easy clean up.

Let's Pray

The best way friends can help each other is by praying for each other. During prayer times this week, pray for your child's friends, family friends, and their needs.

LESSON FOCUS:

Friends help each other.

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE:

A friend loves at all times.
Proverbs 17:17

