

ELIJAH

AND THE WIDOW OF ZAREPHATH

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The story of Elijah, the Widow, and her son is one of the most famous stories about Elijah. The Widow was not an Israelite. She lived just outside of Israel in the town of Zarephath ("Zair-eh-fath"). She and her son were starving during a three year drought which Elijah controlled. Why would the Prophet of God, an Israelite, go there and save them? Outsiders and people who followed other gods were looked down upon by Elijah's people. But God had something different in mind. Not only did God show his compassion and care for outsiders, the Widow represented the people of Israel, who had become "outsiders to God. Through Elijah's encounter and miracle, God sent a message.

As you go through the software, complete the following questions which your teacher has checked:

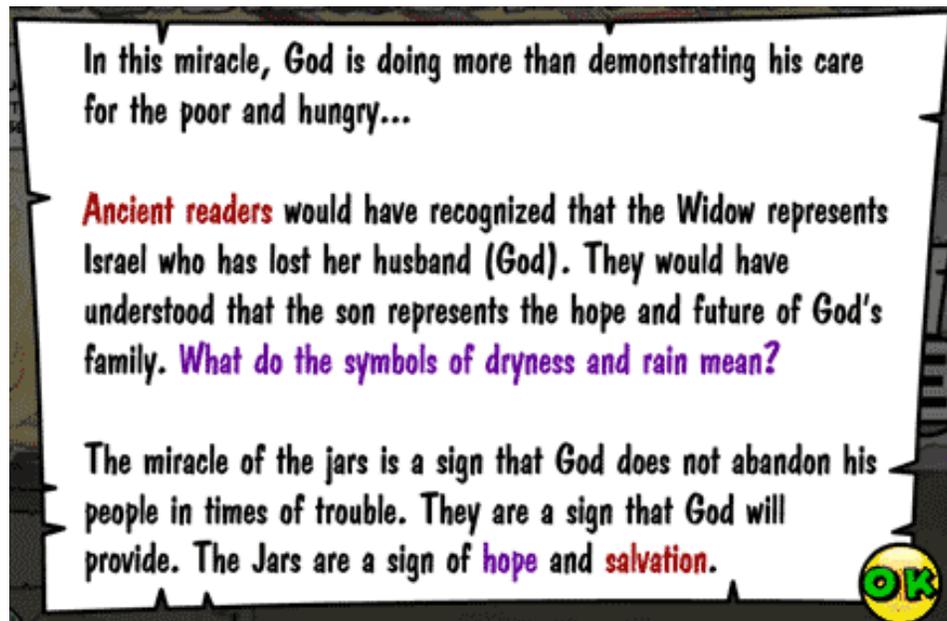
Page 1: Introducing the story, I Kings 17

Page 2: Elijah flees to be fed by ravens. (remember to stop and play the feeding game)

- Why was Elijah fleeing?
- What message was the drought sending to Israel, King Ahab and Queen Jezebel?

Page 3: Elijah goes to Zarephath "a town just outside the Promised Land" and helps a Widow and her son.

When you click "About the Miracle" the following note will appear :

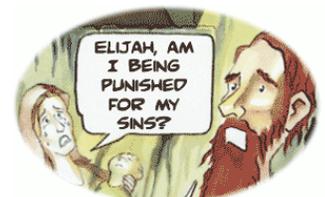


Page 4: When the son dies, the widow asks if she is being punished for her sins.

- What possible answers could Elijah have given the Widow? Explain your answer.
- What was Elijah's answer to the Widow's plea?

Page 5: Elijah prays to God

- Listen carefully... what two questions does Elijah ask God in his prayer?
- What is God's answer to Elijah's prayer?



Three miracles take place. One with the jars, the second with the son, and the third at the very end.

□ What was the third miracle?

Options at the End of Page 5:

□ Answer the "Questions to Ponder"

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QUESTIONS TO PONDER

What did the Widow learn through her encounter with Elijah?

What do you think the Widow did after Elijah left Zarephath?

What qualities did the Widow have that made her a good choice for Elijah and God's plan of action?

The Widow and son are "saved." What are some things that God has done to show us his plan for salvation?

OK

LISTEN TO THE STORY AGAIN

NOW I KNOW THAT YOU ARE A MAN OF GOD AND THAT THE WORD OF THE LORD IN YOUR MOUTH IS TO BE TRUSTED.

Zarephath

Activity: Update the Story

Questions to Ponder

□ Complete "Rework the Story"

REWORK THE STORY...

EXAMPLE:

Elijah came to the town of _____. He met _____ (widow) and _____ (son). They were out doing this because times were very hard: _____.

Elijah asked them for some _____ and _____. And they responded by saying "_____."

Elijah went to their home and a miracle happened. The _____ and _____ in their home never ran out! It was a sign that God had not abandoned them. But then _____ became sick with _____. Elijah prayed over _____ and _____ was healed. _____ was over-joyed and exclaimed this about Elijah's God "_____."

OK