



ELIJAH



Elijah

Elijah and the Widow

READ 1 KINGS 17:7-24

Story: Elijah was a prophet. Elijah was in need of a place to stay and food to eat. God told him to find a poor widow who had almost nothing and ask her for food. Sounds foolish, I know, but it's God's direction.

The woman probably thought Elijah was crazy, asking her to sacrifice some of her food for him, but just as Elijah found God's directions to be good, the woman found them to be good as well. She kept on making food for her, her son, and Elijah, and her food never ran out.

Then tragedy struck. The woman's son dies, and the woman questions whether or not God really loves her. But God gives Elijah the power to raise the woman's son from the dead.

Had Elijah not obeyed God, he would have gone without food. Had the woman not obeyed Elijah, she'd have run out of food. She would also have lost her son forever. God blessed the prophet and the woman for following his directions and for showing us the way to live.

Power Point

God wants us to follow His direction.

MEMORY VERSE

Hebrews 3:4, "Every house is built by someone. But God is the builder of everything." (NirV)

Object Lesson: Custom Lego Set

Show a Custom Lego Set: Each of you are unique and special just like the pieces in this Lego set. If you want it to turn out like the picture on the box, you must follow the directions.



God has a plan for each and every one of you. You were designed to fulfill a plan that God has laid out for you. It's up to us to follow directions.

We can start following directions by following the Bible. God gave us the Bible to teach us who he is and how we should live. Through the Bible we learn to love others. We learn what sin is so we can avoid temptation. We learn how to live a life that pleases God.

We gain further direction when we pray. When we take our problems, our hopes, and our requests to God, he not only hears us, he answers us. God will open doors that need opening. He will close other doors to keep us from going the wrong way.





Review: True or False



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- Elijah was a prophet of God. TRUE
- The widow only had enough food at home for one more meal. TRUE
- After making one last meal, the woman and her son died. FALSE
- The woman's son died, but Elijah brought him back to life. TRUE
- God wants us to follow directions, but he did not give us any written directions to follow. FALSE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read 1 Kings 17:7-24

What did God tell Elijah to do?

How much food did the woman have left when Elijah came to her?

What did Elijah tell the woman to do?

What happened when the woman obeyed Elijah?

How did God bless Elijah and the woman for their obedience?



Elijah Is Fed by Ravens

1 Kings 17:2-6

