

THE WIDOW'S OIL

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¹The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, “Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that he revered the LORD. But now his creditor is coming to take my two boys as his slaves.”

²Elisha replied to her, “How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?”

“Your servant has nothing there at all,” she said, “except a little oil.”

³Elisha said, “Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don’t ask for just a few. ⁴Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons.

Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side.”

⁵She left him and afterward shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her and she kept pouring.

⁶When all the jars were full, she said to her son, “Bring me another one.”

But he replied, “There is not a jar left.” Then the oil stopped flowing.

⁷She went and told the man of God, and he said, “Go, sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what is left.”

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What was the problem in the story?
5		2.) What did Elisha tell the widow to do?
5		3.) What did Elisha tell the widow to do with the oil?
5		4.) Why do you think the widow was able to fill so many jars of oil?

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Philippians 4:19</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: CLAY WATER JARS

Using play dough as clay, students will form water jars to remind them of how Elisha told the widow to gather jars for oil.

MATERIALS

1. Clay (if unavailable, use the recipe below)
2. 2 cups flour
3. 1 cup salt
4. 2/3 cup water
5. Bowl for mixing
6. Measuring cup
7. Wax Paper for each student



DIRECTIONS

1. Mix the flour and salt together in a bowl first. Then add in water slowly. Squeeze the dough with your hands until it is smooth. If the play dough is crumbly, add more water. If the play dough is too wet, sprinkle it with flour.
2. Pass out a small piece of wax paper and a small lump of play dough to each student.
3. Instruct them to roll it out into a long snake.
4. Have students coil the “snake” into circles.
5. Using their fingers, students should press together any parts that aren’t touching.
6. Play dough will air dry over time (two weeks or more depending on thickness of water jar).

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are creating their water jars, remind them that God provided for the widow’s needs through miraculous means. The little bit of oil kept pouring until there were enough jars of oil to sell the meet the needs of the widow. As our memory verse states, God will meet our needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. We can take comfort in knowing that God knows our needs and takes care of them.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

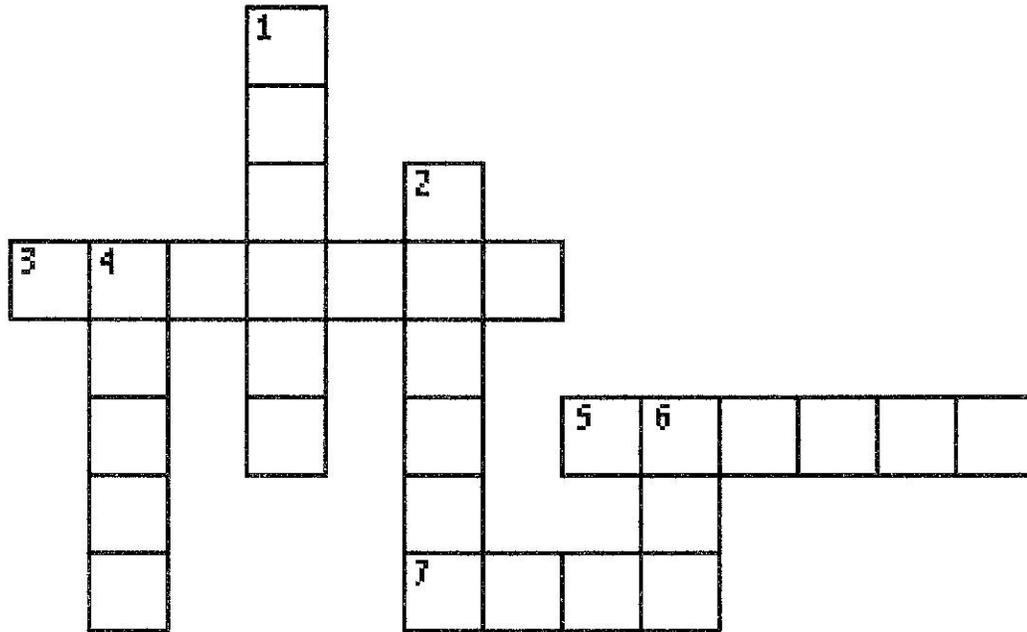
Approximately 15 minutes

MEMORY VERSE

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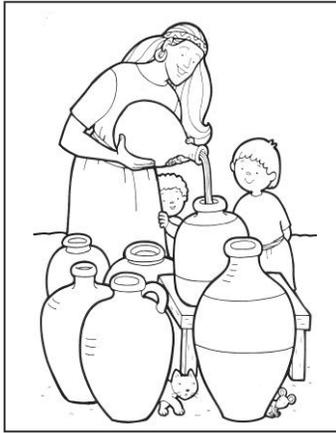


- 2 DOWN "A certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, 'Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the LORD. And the creditor is coming to take my two sons to be his ____.'" **2 KINGS 4:1**
- 6 DOWN "So Elisha said to her, 'What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?' And she said, 'Your maidservant has nothing in the house but a jar of ____.'" **2 KINGS 4:2**
- 4 DOWN "Then he said, 'Go, borrow vessels from everywhere, from all your neighbors- ____ vessels; do not gather just a few.'" **2 KINGS 4:3**
- 3 ACROSS "And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons; then pour it into all those ____, and set aside the full ones." **2 KINGS 4:4**
- 5 ACROSS "So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she ____ it out." **2 KINGS 4:5**
- 1 DOWN "Now it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, 'Bring me another vessel.' And he said to her, 'There is not another.' So the oil ____." **2 KINGS 4:6**
- 7 ACROSS "Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, 'Go, ____ the oil and pay your debt; and you and your sons live on the rest.'" **2 KINGS 4:7**

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There was a widow during the time of Elisha who said to him, "My husband is dead and you know he honored the Lord. But now his creditor is coming to take my

boys as slaves because I cannot pay him."

Elisha asked the widow, "How can I help you? What do you have in your house?"

"I have nothing at all except a little oil," the poor widow said.

Elisha told the woman to ask her neighbors for as many jars as she could get. She was told to go inside her house with her sons and shut the door. Elisha told her to pour oil into all of the jars and to set aside each jar as it is filled.

The widow did just what Elisha told her to do. Her sons brought her jar after jar and she kept pouring oil into them until she ran out of jars. Then the oil stopped flowing.

The widow told Elisha what had happened. He told her to go and sell the oil to pay her debt. She was able to use the rest of the money to live on.

For more details, please read 2 Kings 4:1-7 in the Bible.

QUESTIONS

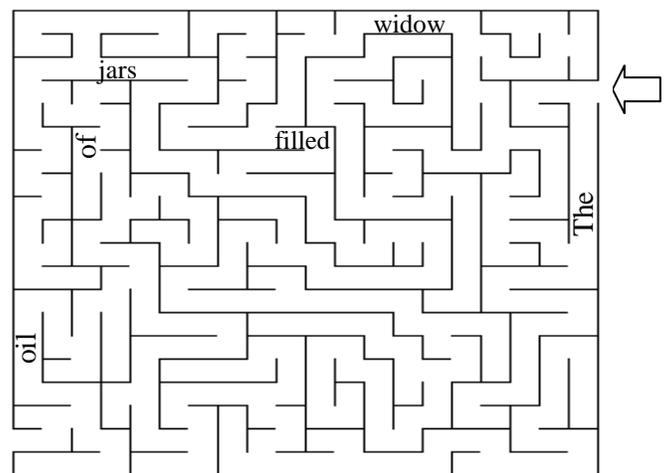
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MAZE MESSAGE

Write down each word as you come to it to find the hidden message.



Hidden message: _____