

# Elijah and the Widow: Lesson 2

**SuperTruth:** I will share what I have with others.

**SuperVerse:** “Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap.” Luke 6:38a (NLT)

**Bible Story:** 1 Kings 17:1-24

## Game Materials Needed:

- Four boxes, each large enough to hold three inflated balloons
- Twelve round balloons, plus extras for breakage
- Paper plates, one per child plus extras
- Permanent marker
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

## Teaching Materials Needed:

- Two clear measuring cups: the larger the better.
- Cooking oil: small amount, no more than ¼ cup
- Flour: about ½ cup
- Clear bowl
- Two tall, clear plastic cups or storage containers—32-ounce size is ideal
- Table
- Large baking pan on which to do the demonstration
- Towel for cleanup
- Paper: approximately 20 sheets
- Optional: choose a child to look up and read aloud 1 Kings 17:13–16
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

## Discipleship Challenge

materials for children who missed Lesson 1:

- Flat Raven Pattern for Grades 1–3; Folded Raven Pattern for Grades 4–6
- Cloud Hanger, one per child
- String or yarn—four 12-inch lengths for each child
- Sample craft from Lesson 1

## SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker; or chalkboard and chalk
- Eraser
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

## Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

## LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Welcome back to the second lesson of our Superbook adventure called “Elijah and the Widow.” It’s an amazing story of how God provides for His people. God provides for us, too!

- Superbook takes Chris, Joy and Gizmo to meet Elijah, who is fed by ravens during a famine. In Zarephath, a widow gives Elijah bread even though she and her son are starving—then God miraculously provides food for them until the famine ends. Later, when the boy dies, Elijah raises him to life. The children learn to obey even when they don’t understand.
- In today’s Bible Background video we’ll learn more about Elijah, the city of Zarephath, and the widow. We’ll also find out about wicked King Ahab and his wife Jezebel who worshiped the false god named Baal.

## SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

**Game:** Give It up! (15 minutes)

**Objective:** Play a game to reinforce the SuperVerse.

- God gives us good things so we will share what we receive with others. When we do, like the widow in the Bible story, we will receive blessings from God.

**Game Instructions:**

- An end player on each team puts a balloon on the plate, shouts the word on the balloon, and then passes it to the next player’s plate. That player shouts the word and passes it to the next player, and so on. The balloon is received and given this way until it reaches the player at the other end of the line. That player shouts the word, then slides the balloon from the plate into the box.

**Teaching:** Pressed Down—Shaken Together (15 minutes)

**Objective:** Discuss how God blesses those who trust and give.

- The widow had to feed three people with a tiny amount of oil and flour! Because she generously shared what little she had, God performed a miracle to return much more than she gave.

**Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)**

- Your challenge is to give or share something that you have with others. Even better, share something you wouldn’t usually think about sharing with others. The other part of your challenge is to memorize Luke 6:38a.

**SuperVerse:** Superbook Correction (5 minutes)

**Objective:** Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- When we appreciate what God has given us, we want to share His blessings with as many people as possible. When we do, we will be blessed by God with even more to share!
- As children cover their eyes, use the list to change one word of the SuperVerse on the board to alter the meaning of the verse, then have the children look at the board and raise their hands to tell you what word should be fixed. Write in the correct word, then repeat the process.

**Prayer:** Persistent Prayers (5 minutes)

**Objective:** Communicate with God.

- Elijah prayed with persistence. This means he continued to pray without giving up. He told his servant to look seven times for rain.
- Let’s close our eyes and bow our heads. Think of something that is really important to you; something you have asked God for and haven’t seen the answer yet. Now, pray silently and share your request with Him. Be persistent and don’t give up!

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

**Action Game:** Teams share what they have to build the SuperTruth. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

**Maze Activity:** Choose the correct routes for Elijah. | **Grades 1–3** | 10 min

**Guessing Game:** Children act out or draw ways to give. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

**Bible Activity:** Look up verse to discuss examples of sharing in the Bible. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min