

# Elijah and the Widow: Lesson 3

**SuperTruth:** God provides all I need.

**SuperVerse:** *And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from His glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.* Philippians 4:19 (NLT)

**Bible Story:** 1 Kings 17:1–24

## Game Materials Needed:

- Four small transparent storage containers, the same size
- Four empty bowls
- Four small scoops or 1/8-cup measuring cups
- Flour—to fill two storage containers, plus extra
- Water—to fill two storage containers, plus extra
- Two tables
- Towels for clean up
- Optional: large baking trays to catch spills
- Optional: timer, such as a stopwatch, clock or watch with second hand, or timer app

## Teaching Materials Needed:

- Three Signpost Cards
- Three sheets of cardstock or paper
- Optional: tape
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

## Discipleship Challenge materials:

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

## SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker, or chalkboard and chalk

## Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

## LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

God provided for Elijah during a drought and famine. Through Christ, God supplies all we need—even forgiveness for our sins and eternal life!

- 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.
- Let's watch the Signposts video to learn some of the many ways in which the life of Elijah points us to Jesus.

## SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

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

**Objective:** *Play a game to be the first to fill the containers.*

- In the Bible story, God miraculously filled the widow's oil and flour containers. We know that only God can perform miracles; so, that means you need to fill these containers by hand!

**Game Instructions:**

- The object of this game is for each team to fill up both of their bowls—one with flour and one with water. Each player will scoop water or flour from their container and then empty it into the correct bowl of either flour or water. The player will return to the line and tag the next player.

**Teaching:** A Man of Truth (15 minutes)

**Objective:** *Elijah's life points to Jesus.*

- Elijah's life points to how Jesus provides for us. Elijah and Jesus both performed miracles to heal people and even raise them from the dead!

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

- Our final challenge for this course is on Raven #3. Ask God for something you need, then thank Him. Pray for God to provide something that you really need. Then thank Him for it by faith—even before you receive it. Like Elijah, be persistent in prayer each day; don't doubt, and don't give up!

**SuperVerse:** Superbook on Top (5 minutes)

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

- All the riches of heaven and earth belong to God; He will provide whatever we need—and more! We should share this wonderful hope with others.
- Write the selected words at the top of the board. Have children close their eyes. Quickly erase those words in the verse. Have the children turn around and face the board. Read the verse and stop at each space where a word was erased; children will pick the correct word from the top.

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

**Objective:** *Communicate with God.*

- God knows what we need before we even ask! God provided for Elijah by sending ravens with food and also through a widow. God hasn't changed; He knows exactly what we need. He wants us to come to Him, then trust and not worry.
- With your eyes still closed, silently share any worries or fears with God. Ask God to replace those thoughts with His peace. Now tell God that you trust Him to supply all of your needs. Give children time to pray silently.

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

**Review Game:** Play a game to review the Bible lesson. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

**Activity Page:** Find all of the ravens with food for Elijah. | **Grades 1–3** | 15 min

**Action Game:** Play a game about God's provision through Jesus. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

**Bible Activity:** Look up verses to identify things God supplies through Jesus. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min