



# 3PK

Oct. 11-12, 2014

DATE

Elijah and the oil.

LESSON TITLE

I Kings 17

WHERE TO FIND IT

God Can Do Miracles

MAIN POINT

## schedule

### First 10 minutes of the service hour:

Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

**Next 5 minutes:** Connect Time

**Next 25 minutes:** Large Group

**Last 25 minutes:** Snack and Small Group

Finish early? Repeat the activity! Kids this age learn through repetition. Or, check out the end of the activities section to find an idea for this week.

## tips

### **REMEMBER, KIDS WILL NOW GET COLORING PAGES AT THE END OF THE SERVICE.**

That way, when parents come in, their kid can explain to them what the coloring page means (how it relates to the story). This will give kids an extra tool to share the story at home.

## check-in/out

During check-out, remind kids to tell their parents how the jar they decorated got filled up in today's story!

## large group heads up

Today, we're learning about the amazing and miraculous way God provided for the widow who shared the last bits of food in her home with Elijah. This story is a great reminder that God can do miracles. Nothing is impossible for him!



## connect time

**GOAL:** *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (10 minutes after the service start time, when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter)**
- Line Up
- While in line, play: “Possible, Impossible”
  - Give kids instructions. If they can do them, do them together! If they can’t, say, “That’s impossible!”
    - Stand on one foot for 5 seconds
    - Stand on no feet for 5 seconds (That’s impossible!)
    - Flap both your arms.
    - Now fly! (That’s impossible!)
    - Spin around.
    - Stretch your arms out wide.
    - Stretch your arms so far that you touch both walls (refer to two distant walls, not a corner; That’s impossible!)
    - Sit “criss-cross applesauce”
    - Say “shhhhh”

*Then remind kids to stay quiet for Large Group and tip-toe in together!*



## instructions

**Goal:** Kids will (1) understand what a miracle is and (2) retell the story of God's miracle for Elijah and the lady in the story.

**Why?** We want kids to understand that nothing is impossible for God!

**Tip:** If your group is too young for stampers, hold one and go around the table, quickly making the stamp design for them.

## small group

**\*Give snack first, while you review and pray.**

### REVIEW THE STORY

1. What's a miracle? (something God does that's impossible for us)
2. Who can do miracles? (only God)
3. Who gave Elijah water? (the lady)
4. Why did she think she couldn't give him food? (she barely had any left)
5. What miracle happened? (God filled up her container with flour and her jar with oil)
6. Does anybody want to ask God for a miracle? (Give kids hints: they could ask God to heal somebody who's sick, to give them food they need, to help them make a new friend, etc. But you can also let them come up with things!)

**\*Pray together, specifically asking God for the miracles kids just requested.**

### REMEMBER THE STORY

We're going to make jars to help us remember the story.

- Give each kid a **piece of paper** with a jar shape
- Let kids use **markers** and **stampers** (you may have to help them with stampers) to decorate their jar.
  
- **As they draw**, remind them of the story:
  - The lady had no food...filling this jar with flour or oil to make bread was impossible!
  - Until she helped Elijah—then God kept her jars filled with flour and oil so she would never run out of bread!



*At the very end, give kids the bread coloring page and remind them that God's miracle meant the lady would never run out of bread! Extra time? Play "Possible, Impossible" again!*



## special notes

Today, you'll be using an empty flour container (that clearly used to have flour).

## presenter tips

There are no videos to help tell the story today. But in each section, there are a couple little interactive or visual bits. Make sure you weave those into your storytelling today!

## script

**\*Click to play the intro music**

Presenter: Hi Friends! Welcome to Kid's Club. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend HOPS. She's going to remind us of the kind of choices we can make today in Kids' Club.

**Video: HOPS 4 Share With Others** (*about 1 minute*)

Wow, I can't wait to have some fun in Kids' Club today. Before we hear our story, can I see a big thumbs up from everybody who's ready to have some fun? (Let kids respond.) Great job! Now I think we're ready to hear God's story.

### REVIEW

Presenter: (Hold up the **Bible** for kids to see.) This is where we can read about God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. It's God's Rescue plan.

Remember how God made the whole world and everything was good? The world was perfect! Give me a smile! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone): But THEN, something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and sadness and death came into the world... Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.) This was *really* sad.

But even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God... God loved them anyway! And he planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve—and you and me—can be close to God again.

### INTRO: GOD DOES MIRACLES

You know what's really cool? God really can rescue us and bring us close to him, *because God can do anything!* And you know what? When God does something amazing that ONLY he can do, we call it a miracle. Can you guys say "miracle"? (Let kids say: Miracle.) A miracle is when



## script continued

God does something that's impossible for us!

Hmm, let's think about some things that are impossible. To get some ideas, I'd like to show you a picture of my friend, Mr. Impossible (**click to show invisible Mr. Impossible**). What's Mr. Impossible doing here? (Let kids respond.) That's right, he's disappearing! Can we disappear? Show me with your head (nod or shake head). No! No matter how hard we try, we can't disappear. That's impossible! Can you say that with me? (Say together:) That's impossible!

Here's another one: (**Click to show jumping Mr. Impossible.**) Here's my friend Mr. Impossible jumping over a house. Let's stand up! (Let kids stand.) We don't have any houses to jump over, but let's see if we can just touch the ceiling. On the count of three, I want you to jump as HIGH as you can and touch the ceiling. Ready? 1-2-3: (Jump together!) Hmm. Good try, you guys. Have a seat. (Let kids sit.) But jumping over a house? (Lead kids in saying it together:) That's impossible!

Wow, so some things are just impossible, aren't they? But GOD can do impossible things! And when God does something impossible, it's a miracle! Today, we're going to hear another story about a guy named Elijah. Can you guys say "Elijah?" (Let kids say: Elijah.) Great! And Elijah got to see God do a *miracle*.

## ELIJAH AND THE OIL

(**Show picture of the wilderness.**) Elijah had been hiding in the wilderness. God already did a miracle by sending birds to carry bread and meat to Elijah every morning and night. But then God told Elijah to leave the wilderness and go to a nearby town. God knew a lady was there who would give Elijah some food and water.

So when Elijah walked to town, he saw a lady gathering sticks. Elijah said, "Can I have some water?" The lady gave him a drink. Can you guys pretend to drink some water? (Model for the kids: Make your hand a cup and make a noise like "glug glug glug.") Great job!

Elijah knew that God planned for this lady to give him water and food. So he said, "I'm hungry. Can I have some bread?" But there was a problem. The lady lived by herself with her son and they didn't have any money—and barely any food. In fact, she was going to make one last meal and then she and her son would starve. The lady only had enough flour and oil (**hold up the empty container of flour**) to make one more loaf of bread.

Hey, does anybody think they can add flour to this container? Just make it appear? Let's try (pretend to try to magically make flour appear). No, we can't make food out of nothing, can we?! Because...(have kids say with you:) that's impossible!

## GOD DOES A MIRACLE!

Elijah knew God wanted to do a miracle. So he said to the lady, "Don't be afraid. Go home and use the rest of your flour and oil." He told her to share with him, even if it meant she and her son couldn't have one last meal. He told her that if she obeyed, God would fill up her flour and oil (motion to the container). And they would never run out...for as long as she needed them!



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It's like if all the sudden, *this container* was full! Say, "That's a miracle!" (Let kids say it.) It sure is! Because when God does something that's impossible, it's a miracle! And you guys know what? The lady shared with Elijah and God really did fill up her flour and oil. She never ran out of food again! (Have kids say with you:) That's a miracle!

You know what's really amazing, you guys? God can do ALL SORTS of miracles, all sorts of impossible things. Because God can do *anything*! Nothing is impossible for God. Let's thank God for being so powerful and able to do miracles!

(Pray together, breaking it into small, repeatable phrases.)

Pray: Hi God! Thanks for the miracle Elijah saw. Thank you that you can do miracles. Thank you that you can do anything! Aaaaaa-MEN.

### WORSHIP

Now let's stand up! (Let kids stand.) Let's dance and sing to thank God for miracles.

**Song: Trust in the Lord**

**Song: King of the Jungle**

Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop to their groups.)





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# PREP needs



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## connect time supplies

“Possible, Impossible” game – no supplies needed

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## small group supplies

Per kid:

Coloring page: Bread

1 jar template page

Per group:

Markers

Stampers (at least 3; OT: IN-37/1228)

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## large group supplies

Bible

Container with a tiny bit of flour (nearly empty)

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## a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: Fall HOPS 4 Share (<http://vimeo.com/99633584>)
3. Image: invisible Mr. Impossible
4. Image: jumping Mr. Impossible
5. Image: wilderness
6. Song: Trust in the Lord
7. Song: King of the Jungle

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## connect questions

What's a miracle?

Tell me about the miracle in today's story.

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## parent page

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