



Family Time

Main Idea: God's Care



Key Verse: 2 Kings 4:6-7

⁶ When they were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another container. But he replied, "There aren't any more." Then the oil stopped. ⁷ She went and told the man of God, and he said, "Go sell the oil and pay your debt; you and your sons can live on the rest."

Get ready:

You will need a pitcher with very little water in it, a second pitcher full, and enough cups for everyone in the family to have one.



Say:

The Bible talks about a woman whose husband had died, and now people were coming to collect money he owed them. In Bible times, someone who owed money might have to pay by giving up a child to be a slave or a servant! The woman had sons, and she was afraid that the people who wanted her to pay the debt would take her sons. The woman told her problems to a man of God named Elisha.

God wanted Elisha to help the woman so she wouldn't lose her sons, but the woman had just a little oil. **Hold up the pitcher with just a tiny bit of water in it to show the family the water.** Elisha told her to ask her neighbors for empty jars, as many jars as she could find.

Have one child pass out the cups to everyone in the family. While this is happening switch the pitchers to a full pitcher of water.

Elisha told her to pour the little oil she had into the jars. She did that and the jars filled with oil. She kept saying bring me another one, and she kept pouring oil into all the jars she had gathered until each one was full.

Have everyone from the family bring their cup up to you and fill it with water from the full pitcher. Say, "Each jar became full of oil until every jar was filled because God took the little bit of oil and turned it into lots of oil. It was a miracle! Then Elisha told her to sell the jars of oil and pay off her debts. The woman and her sons would be okay."



Ask:

What would you be thinking or feeling if you were the woman or one of her sons?

How does God show He cares for you?

God sent Elisha to show the woman that He cared for her and her sons. God performed a miracle to provide for the woman and her sons, a miracle of lots of oil. The woman sold the oil and was able to pay her husband's debts. She and her sons would be okay. Don't we have an amazing God?



Pray:

Dear God, you truly are amazing. You cared for the woman and her sons in such a surprising way. You care for me, too, in amazing ways. Thanks so much for your love and care. In Jesus' name, amen.