





Elisha Helps a Widow Lady

2 Kings 4:1–7

Introduction

Once there was a widow lady, a lady whose husband had died. She was very sad. She and her two boys had no money to buy food or pay her bills. What would she do? The widow lady went to God's prophet, or pastor, Elisha. She told him about her problem. Elisha listened kindly. He wanted to help the widow lady and her boys.

Elisha's Plan

Elisha asked the widow lady, "What do you have in your house?"

"Nothing but a small pot of oil," she told him.

Elisha told the widow lady to do a very strange thing. "Go to your neighbors, friends, and family and borrow all the pots, jugs, and jars you can. Don't get just one or two pots, but many pots. After you have all the pots at your house, you and your sons shut your door. Then start pouring the oil you have into the empty pots and jars. Set the pots down when they are full."





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The Widow Obeys Elisha

The widow lady thought, “How could just one pot of oil fill so many jars?” But she did not ask why. She just obeyed Elisha. She would trust Elisha and the God of Elisha. As soon as she got home, she and her sons went to her neighbors, friends, and family and asked them for their pots, jugs, and jars. The widow lady and her sons took the pots to their house—big ones, small ones, fat ones, and skinny ones—till their house was full of pots!

“Mother,” one of her boys asked, “what are we going to do with all these pots?”

“Just wait and see,” she said. “We’re going to do just what Elisha said, and God will supply our need. When we pray, God hears our prayers and will answer them, and He’s going to do that right now.”





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God Does a Miracle

She picked up her pot of oil. She poured the oil into one of the pots, then another, and then another until every pot, jar, and jug was full. She never ran out of oil! It was a miracle! Her pot of oil should have been empty.

How excited and thankful the widow lady was. She had to tell Elisha how God had answered her prayer. She ran to Elisha's house.

“Elisha! Elisha! Guess what? My pot of oil filled all the other pots!” Elisha listened and smiled; then he told her, “Go and sell the oil. Pay your bills and use the rest of the money to buy food for you and your boys.”

God had done a miracle. Only God could make the oil in the jug fill all the pots and jars. God alone can do miracles. God cared about the widow lady and her sons, and God cares about you. He cares if you are sick or sad. God took care of the widow, and He will take care of you. ■

Ask these questions:

1. What prophet helped the widow lady? *Elisha*
2. What did the widow lady pour into the pots she borrowed? *oil*
2. Who had done a miracle? *God; He answered her prayer.*