

The Special Room

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Grandma and Grandpa Martin lived all alone in their house. All of their children had grown up and now had families of their own. They had two extra rooms in their house. Grandma used one as a sewing room and the other she called a "guest room." Grandpa and Grandma Martin liked to have missionary families and speakers stay with them when they came to visit their church. Grandma always kept the room neat and clean just in case someone needed to sleep there.

One day Pastor Smith called Grandma. "We will be having a missionary family speak at church next Sunday. Could they stay at your house?"

"Oh, yes," said Grandma, "we would love to have them stay with us."

"There will be four of them. The children are four and five years old," said Pastor Smith.

Grandma was excited, as usual. She phoned Anna and Josh and told them the good news. The children were excited. They would be able to make new friends.

The next day Grandma knocked on the door of Josh and Anna's house. "I need to get some things for the missionary children to do while they're at my house. Could Anna and Josh come to the store and help me pick out some things?" she asked Mother.



Soon Grandma and the children were picking out story and sticker books, story tapes, and toy cars. Grandma got Josh and Anna a sticker book, too. She would invite them over while the missionary children were at her house.

Grandma bought some stationary and special powder for the mother and some after-shave and a key chain for the dad.

After shopping, they went to Grandma's house and helped make cookies for the visitors. "Grandma," asked Anna, "why do you and Grandpa do all this for the missionaries?"

"Oh," said Grandma. "I don't do it for the missionaries; I do it for the Lord. This is something that I can do to work for Him. It makes me happy that I can serve Him in this way."

Josh and Anna were excited. They knew that they would have a wonderful time with the missionaries and their children.

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A large illustration depicting a biblical scene. In the foreground, a woman wearing a blue dress and a white headscarf is kneeling on the ground with her hands clasped in prayer. Standing next to her is a man with a long white beard, wearing a brown robe and holding a long wooden staff. In the background, two other people are visible near a stone building. The entire scene is framed by a purple archway containing the text "I Love GOD's Word" in yellow. The background is a light blue sky with decorative snowflake-like patterns in green, white, and pink.

Elisha
Helps a
Widow
Lady

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Read
Me a Story



2 Kings 4:1-7

Something
we can do

Doing something for others always helps us feel better. It seems that when we have the opportunity to do something for someone, we are the ones who receive the blessing. You may know someone that could use some cheering up, especially during these long winter days when they cannot get out. Buy or bake some goodies, make them a meal, and have your child color or draw a picture to take to them.



Elisha Helps a Widow Lady

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

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 lady to do a very strange thing. "Go to your neighbors, friends, and family, and borrow all the pots, jugs, and jars you can. After you have all the pots in your house, you and your sons shut your door. Then start pouring the oil you have into the empty pots and jars."

The widow lady obeyed Elisha. She would trust Elisha and his God. As soon as she got home, she and her sons did exactly what Elisha had told her to do. Soon 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."

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

She had to tell Elisha how God had answered her prayer. She ran to Elisha's house.

"Elisha! Guess what? My pot of oil filled all the other pots!" she said.

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 cared about the widow lady and her sons, and God cares about you. He cares if you are sick or sad. Just as God took care of the widow, He will take care of you.

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

God cared for the widow and her sons.

Color the picture of the widow lady and her sons



"Thou God seest me."

Genesis 16:13