

The Oil That Kept Pouring

A Bible Story for Kids

Find it in the Bible: 2 Kings 4:1-7

Characters: Elisha, The widow, Her sons

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A WOMAN CAME crying to Elisha. 'My husband died, and we owe money! The people we owe are going to take my two boys away!'

In those days, if you couldn't pay what you owed, your kids might have to go work for the other person. This poor mom was about to lose her sons!

'What do you have?' Elisha asked.

'Just one tiny jar of oil,' she said. 'That's it.'

Elisha had an idea. 'Go ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Get as many as you can! Then go home, close the door, and start pouring your oil into those jars.'

The woman and her sons went all around the neighborhood.
'Can we borrow your empty jars?' They collected lots and lots of jars!

They went home and closed the door. The woman picked up her tiny jar of oil and started pouring into an empty jar. The jar filled up!

She kept pouring. Another jar filled up. And another! And another!

'Bring me another jar!' she said to her son.

'That's the last one, Mom. There aren't any more!'

As soon as there were no more empty jars, the oil stopped coming.

The woman ran to tell Elisha. He said, 'Now sell all that oil! Pay back what you owe. And you'll have plenty left over to live on!'

God took her tiny jar of oil and made it fill every jar she had! Her boys were safe, her bills were paid, and she had enough to live. All because she trusted God and obeyed.