



ELISHA AND A WIDOW'S OIL

BABY/ TODDLER LESSON

BIBLE POINT:

God wants us to help others!

BIBLE VERSE:

"Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." Psalm 124:8

SCHEDULE

Activity

Prayer

Worship

Bible Story

Craft

ACTIVITY:

Talk to your child about the Bible. Talk about how it is God's Word. We read it so we can learn about God and what God wants us to do. God wants us to help others.

Get our playdough or some other type of modeling dough. (You can also make your own.)

Say to your child, "Today our Bible story is about a woman who needed a lot of pots to put oil in. Let's pretend to help her by making a pot. You can make a tall one or a short one, a fat one or a skinny one."

Spell and act out the word HELP with your toddler.

H- Hands to serve someone in need.
(stretch out arms in front of you, palms up)

E- Ears to hear that someone needs help.
(points to ears)

L-Lips to speak encouragement.
(point to mouth)

P-Pray for people in need.
(fold hands to pray. Prayer given below)

PRAYER:

It is so important that you pray with your baby/toddler. Pray for your child's salvation. Demonstrate how to pray, folding your hands, bowing your head. Teaching prayer begins during infancy. You may pray yourself or use the following prayer.

Prayer: "Dear God, thank you for this day. Help us to care for others and help others in need. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen."

WORSHIP:

Sing "Give Me Oil in My Lamp".

Click link below to watch and sing along.

→ <https://youtu.be/nBo9BM6QVxs> ←

While singing with your baby/toddler, rock them back and forth and interact with them. Let them learn that singing songs about the Lord is a wonderful sweet way to learn about God and bond with you.



BIBLE STORY:

Hold up the Bible, "**This is the Bible. We love our Bible. It is the Word of God. The Bible is truth.**" Hug the Bible to your chest. "**Let's pat our Bible.**" Take the baby/toddler's hand and have them pat the Bible. Read the story with enthusiasm to capture their attention.

Babies and Toddlers:

Hold up the teaching picture attached to this lesson or read the story from a Children's Bible. Story comes from 2 Kings 4

"A poor lady was sad because she had two little boys and owed a man lots of money. She went to see Elisha, the man of God, for help. Elisha asked, 'What do you have in your house?' 'Only a jar with a little cooking oil,' the lady said. 'Gather as many empty jars as you can. Fill them with oil from your jar,' Elisha said. The lady didn't have that much cooking oil in her jar, but she did as the man of God said. Her sons borrowed as many empty jars from neighbors and friends.

CONTINUED BIBLE STORY:

They begin fill the empty jars with oil, and the oil kept pouring and filled up every jar they borrowed! The woman was able to sell oil and care for her and her sons. The woman thanked God for taking care of her and she thanked him for Elisha and her neighbors. That day the widow and her sons learned that they could always trust the Lord to take care of them. We can trust God to send the right people to care for us and we can take care for our friends and neighbors too.

TIME TO TALK:

As you change diapers, wash hands, rock, play with, and console your baby/toddler take time to talk about the Bible story.

AFFIRMING STATEMENTS:

Trust in God
God always provides
God wants us to have helping hands
And help one another.

TEACHING PICTURES



CRAFT:

Craft is attached. For this craft, talk to your child about the lesson. Talk about how God wants us to help others and that He always provides our needs.

Children will "fill with oil" their jars by dipping their fingers in oil and placing on their jar craft sheet. You will need oil, bowl, and craft sheet. Say the verse with your child, talk to your child about ways God takes care of us, and end in prayer.

