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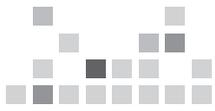
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# The future of Sunday school + family ministry is NOW.



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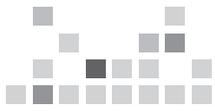


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# Elisha Helps a Widow and Her Sons

2 Kings 4:1-7

The children you lead have had different experiences. Some kids may've had to rely on God's care to help them through difficult times, much as the widow and her sons did. Others may've never felt those types of serious needs. Regardless of their life experiences, all children can understand that God provides food, clothing, and housing. Use this lesson to help kids understand that God cares for them and they can care for others, too.



► **Bible Point**  
God cares for us.

**Key Verse**  
"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9).

**Weaving Faith Into Life**  
Children will offer help and care to others.

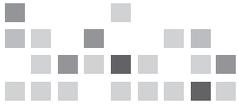
LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started <i>about 10 min.</i>	<b>Welcoming Song</b> Sing or listen to praises for God.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Key Verse Activity <i>about 10 min.</i>	<b>Patience, Please</b> Play a waiting game where they have to be patient.	Bible, watch with a second hand	
<b>3</b> Bible Exploration <i>about 15 min.</i>	<b>Theo's News</b> Find out what cooking oil has to do with the Bible.	Surprise Box (any box will do), Theo puppet, small bottle of oil, CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	Put the small bottle of oil inside the Surprise Box, and hide the box where it's easily accessible.
	<b>Bible Time: Elisha and the Widow</b> Estimate how far a little oil can go, and discover how Elisha helped the widow and her sons.	Bible; 1 paper cup per child; 1 large, clear pitcher with just enough water to fill 2 or 3 cups and another large, clear pitcher filled with water; yellow food coloring; 1 adult volunteer	Add yellow food coloring to water to make it look like cooking oil.  Hide the cups around the room, and arrange for a volunteer to come in with the full pitcher.



LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Weaving Faith Into Life</b> <i>about 20 min.</i> <i>(Choose 2 centers.)</i></p>	<p><b>Center 1: Filling the Jar</b> Retell the Scripture, and watch the jars on the student pages fill with oil.</p>	My Bible Playground, washable markers, several pairs of scissors, glue sticks, 1 craft stick per child	Remove the Lesson 1 pages from each My Bible Playground student book.
	<p><b>Center 2: Oil's Well That Ends Well</b> Make an oil and vinegar salad dressing to dip bread in.</p>	oil-based Italian salad dressing, small bowls, 1 loaf of French bread, napkins, antibacterial gel (optional)	Tear the bread into bite-sized pieces.
	<p><b>Center 3: Estimating Oil</b> Estimate the number of containers that can be filled with liquid to remember the Bible passage.</p>	pitcher of colored water and cups from the Bible Time activity, various containers, dishpans	Set out a variety of containers such as measuring cups and spoons, jars, bowls, thimbles, and paper cups. Make sure you don't have enough water to fill all of the containers.
	<p><b>Center 4: God Is Good!</b> Decorate "God Cares" jars to take home.</p>	scissors; a variety of stickers, sequins, and other decorative items; glue sticks; washable markers; slips of paper <b>Teacher Pack:</b> 1 copy per child of the "God Cares Jar" per child (at the end of this lesson)	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>5</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lasting Impressions</b> <i>about 10 min.</i></p>	<p><b>Daily Challenges</b> Choose a Daily Challenge to apply God's Word.</p>	My Bible Playground	
	<p><b>World Prayer</b> Name people God loves, and thank God for his love and care.</p>		
	<p><b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Talk about how to share what they learned with their families.</p>	My Bible Playground	Tear out the letter to parents from the back of each My Bible Playground student book to give to parents when they pick up their children.







## Welcoming Song Supplies

CD player

### Teacher Pack

CD: "Come With Me"  
(track 20)

# 1 GETTING STARTED

## Welcoming Song

**Tips** Don't know the melodies to the songs in this guide? Download the 99-cent Kids Songs app by Alkeo and play the tunes for 200+ common children's songs.

Consistently use the same signal to announce a transition to the next activity. You could flip the lights off and on, use a train whistle, have a puppet rustling inside a bag, or sing cleanup songs. Keep it simple, consistent, and fun.

### What You'll Do

As the children arrive, greet each one with a smile. When it's time to begin, use your signal to bring the children together in a circle. Begin the CD, and lead the kids in singing "Yay! We Love God" (track 2 on the CD) to the tune of "Pop! Goes the Weasel" Encourage the kids to join you in singing and doing the motions.

**♪ We've come to learn about God's love** (*hold hands and march in circle*)  
**And spread his love around.** (*continue marching*)  
**We've come to praise and give him thanks.**  
**Yay! We love God!** (*jump up*)  
 (*Repeat 2x.*)

Say: ► **GOD CARES FOR US. Let's sing a song that tells God that we'll trust him to take care of us, no matter where we go or what happens in life.**

Play "Trust in the Lord" (Proverbs 3:5-6) (track 3 on the CD), and lead kids in singing. After kids have learned the words, encourage them to sing and do the motions in italic parentheses with you.

**♪ Trust in the Lord (trust in the Lord)** (*hold your hands together without interlocking your fingers*)  
**With all your heart (with all your heart)** (*pulse clasped hands to the beat*)  
**And lean not on your own understanding (understanding);** (*lean to the right*)  
**In all your ways (in all your ways)** (*lean to the left*)  
**Acknowledge him (acknowledge him)** (*raise hands to the ceiling*)  
**He will make your paths straight.** (*slowly lower hands, and point forward*)

**Once you begin that way,** (*take several steps forward*)  
**Don't you ever, ever stray;** (*take several steps backward while shaking head "no"*)  
**You'll be on your way** (*walk in place, and slowly lift hands high*)  
**To an amazing life.** (*hold hands up and open wide*)  
 (*Repeat.*)



(Repeat from the beginning.)

**Trust in the Lord (trust in the Lord)** (*hold your hands together without interlocking your fingers*)  
**With all your heart (with all your heart)** (*pulse clasped hands to the beat*)  
**And lean not on your own understanding (understanding);** (*lean to the right*)  
**In all your ways (in all your ways)** (*lean to the left*)  
**Acknowledge him (acknowledge him)** (*raise hands to the ceiling*)  
**He will make your paths straight.** (*slowly lower hands, and point forward*)  
**Yeah, he will make your paths straight. Oh yeah, he will make your paths straight.**

“Trust in the Lord” (Proverbs 3:5-6) by Rob Biagi. © 2005 Group Publishing, Inc. All rights reserved.

Say: **We can trust God because we know that no matter what, ► GOD CARES FOR US. Let’s talk more about how God takes care of all of us.**

## 2 KEY VERSE ACTIVITY

# Patience, Please

### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Have the children form a circle and sit down. Open your Bible to 2 Peter 3:9, and show children the words.

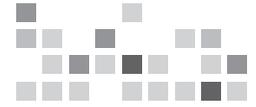
Say: **Today’s Key Verse comes from a book in the Bible called second Peter. Listen to what the Bible says: “The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9). This means that God is patient, and he wants everyone to repent. Let’s say that together.**

Lead the children in repeating the simplified Key Verse with you: **God is patient, and he wants everyone to repent (2 Peter 3:9).**

Say: ***Patient* and *repent*...those can be a couple of hard words to understand. But we can simplify them. First we’ll learn what it means to be patient. *Patient* means to be able to wait for something to happen. *Repent* means to stop doing bad things. Let’s find out more!**

**Close your eyes. Then wait patiently for a minute to pass. When you think the minute’s up, raise your hand, but don’t open your eyes. I’ll call time when the minute’s actually up. Ready? Close those eyes, and raise your hand when you think a minute has passed.**

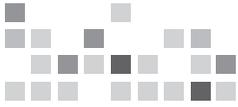
Use your watch to time one minute. Most children will raise their hands long before the minute has actually passed. After a minute, call time and let children open their eyes.



### Patience, Please Supplies

Bible  
a watch with a second  
hand





## Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- What was it like to wait for one full minute?
- Tell why you thought being patient and waiting for the minute to pass was hard or easy for you.
- What are other times that it's hard for you to be patient and wait for something?

Say: **In our activity, the minute was longer than you thought it would be. It was hard to be patient and wait for the minute to pass. Sometimes it's hard to be patient, especially when we're waiting for something great to happen, like Christmas or a birthday.**

**But the Bible tells us that God never has a problem being patient. God wants us all to repent, or stop doing the bad things we do. And God is willing to be patient and wait for that to happen. Instead of getting mad and punishing us for all the wrong things we do, God is patient because he loves us. ► GOD CARES FOR US and is patient with us. Let's give God a great big cheer to thank him for loving us so much!**

Lead kids in a round of applause and cheering for God. Then have kids repeat the Key Verse with you: **God is patient, and he wants everyone to repent (2 Peter 3:9).**

## 3 BIBLE EXPLORATION

### Theo's News

#### What You'll Do ■■■■

Say: **Friends, it's time for Theo's News!** Have the children sit in a circle, and begin "Here, Theo" (track 4 on the CD). When the CD segment ends, bring out the Surprise Box, and put the Theophilus the FaithRetriever puppet on your hand. Then follow along with the script.

**Theo:** Hi, everybody!

**Teacher:** Hello, Theo! Tell us what interesting news you've dug up about the Bible today.

**Theo:** I hid it in the Surprise Box.

**Teacher:** Let's look inside to see what Theo dug up for us today.

*(Invite a child to open the Surprise Box, and have kids pass the small bottle of oil around the circle. Give children time to guess what they might learn from the Bible today.)*

**Teacher:** Theo, why did you hide this cooking oil in the Surprise Box?

**Theo:** Well, because we need cooking oil to make many of our foods.

**Teacher:** Friends, what does your mom or dad use cooking oil for?

*(Pause for kids to answer your question.)*

#### Theo's News Supplies

Surprise Box (any box will do)

Theo puppet  
small bottle of oil  
CD player

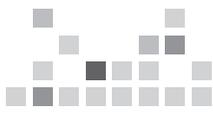
#### Teacher Pack

CD: "Here, Theo"  
(track 4)

#### Theo's News Easy Prep

Put the small bottle of oil inside the Surprise Box, and hide the box where it's easily accessible.





**Theo:** My mom and dad add oil to recipes for cakes or muffins, and we use oil to cook all kinds of food.

**Teacher:** You know, the Bible tells us about a widow and her two sons. ► **GOD CARES FOR US**, and God cared for the widow and her sons by doing something wonderful with oil. Let's listen to find out what God did!

**Theo:** Have fun, boys and girls!

**Teacher:** Say goodbye to Theo.

Encourage the children to wave or say goodbye to Theo. Then put Theo away in a safe place for next week's use.

## Bible Time: Elisha and the Widow

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Open your Bible to 2 Kings 4, and show children the words. Tell children that the Bible is God's special book.

Say: **The Bible shows us how ► GOD CARES FOR US. The Bible tells us about a widow who lived with her two sons. Her husband had died, and she owed people a lot of money, but she had no way to pay the people back. Direct the kids to check their pockets for money. She didn't even have food to eat for the next week, so she asked Elisha for help. Elisha was a prophet, which means that he gave people messages from God.** Have kids tell about a time they needed help.

Say: **The widow asked Elisha for help, and Elisha asked the woman what she had in her house and how he could help her. She told him that all she had left that was worth any money was a little bit of cooking oil in a jar. We'll pretend that this colored water is the little bit of oil that the widow had.** Hold up the pitcher with a small amount of colored water. **Elisha told the widow to go to all of her neighbors and ask to borrow lots and lots of empty jars. Let's pretend to be the woman looking for jars, and let's look around our room for empty paper cups.** Help the children find all of the hidden cups; then have them sit down in a circle, making sure that each child is holding an empty cup.

Say: **After the widow collected lots of jars, Elisha told her to take her small jar of oil and pour oil into the borrowed jars.**

Hold up the pitcher with just a small amount of colored water in it. Ask the children to guess how many of their cups you'll be able to fill with just the little bit of "oil." Then fill the cups with what you have in your pitcher. (You should be able to fill only two or three small cups.) Compare the actual results with the estimates.

Say: **Hmmm. It looks like we could use some more oil—I'd like to be able to fill all of our cups, just like what happened in the Bible.**



### Bible Time: Elisha and the Widow Supplies

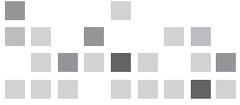
- Bible
- 1 paper cup per child
- 1 large, clear pitcher with just enough water to fill 2 or 3 cups and another large, clear pitcher filled with water
- yellow food coloring
- 1 adult volunteer

### Bible Time: Elisha and the Widow Easy Prep

Add yellow food coloring to water to make it look like cooking oil.

Hide the cups around the room and arrange for a volunteer to come in with the full pitcher.





Have the volunteer bring in the large pitcher of colored water, and say, **“It looks like we have some more cups to fill. Let me take care of you like God took care of the widow!”** Then ask the children to estimate how many more cups can be filled with the liquid in the large pitcher of “oil.” Pour the liquid into all of the remaining paper cups. Try to make sure you have enough to fill all of the cups (just like in the Bible).

Say: **Just like [name of volunteer] took care of us and brought us more oil, God did a miracle and helped the widow! She had just a little bit of oil to start with, but God gave the widow enough oil to fill *all* of the jars! Elisha then told the woman to sell the oil and use the money to pay back the people she owed money to. She even had enough left over to buy food for herself and her sons. God sent Elisha to help the widow and her sons, and ► GOD CARES FOR US, too.**

### Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- **What did you think when we didn’t have enough oil? when more oil was given to us?**
- **How has God helped you when you’ve needed something?**

Say: **God helped the widow and her sons when they were in need. God helps us, too. Maybe we’re sad and need some comfort, or hungry and need something to eat, or lonely and need a friend. God gives us people who love and care for us because ► GOD CARES FOR US.** Let the kids come up one at a time and repeat the Bible Point as they pour the liquid back into the pitchers.

Say: **Just as ► GOD CARES FOR US, just as he cared for the widow and her sons, Jesus also cared for people in need when he was on earth. Jesus healed people who were sick, he gave comfort and love to people who were sad or broken on the inside, and Jesus died for all of us so that we could be forgiven for all of the bad things we do. Jesus cared for people in need when he was on earth, and Jesus is caring for you today! Jesus loves you and wants you to care for people in need just as he did.**

At the end of the Bible Time activity, set aside the supplies for use in the Center 3: “Estimating Oil” activity.

## 4 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Choose at least two of the learning centers to help reinforce today’s Bible lesson. Gather the needed materials, and put the supplies in an out-of-sight area until you’re ready for them. Allow the children to choose which center they’d like to explore first. Then circulate among the children as they create and explore. Encourage them to make connections between their activities and the Bible by asking them the questions included with each center’s description.




**CENTER 1:**

## Filling the Jar

**What You'll Do** 

Set out washable markers, glue sticks, scissors, and craft sticks. Distribute the Lesson 1 pages from My Bible Playground, and have kids write their names on their papers with washable markers.

Say: ► **GOD CARES FOR US. When the widow gave Elisha all of her oil, God filled her jars full of oil. Let's make a craft that can remind us of how God took care of the widow and how ► GOD CARES FOR US.**

Have the children each cut out the oil shape on the student page and glue the shape to a craft stick. Help each child cut the slit on the jar on the page; then slip the craft stick and "oil" cutout through the slit from behind the page. Encourage kids to take turns retelling what happened with Elisha and the widow as they move the craft sticks and watch their jars fill with oil.

**Talk With Kids** 

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- Tell about a time someone took care of you or helped you.
- How can remembering what happened to the widow help you the next time you need care?
- Who can you tell about God's love and care?

Say: **God cared for the widow by giving her more oil than she needed. God cares for us by giving us family, friends, and so many blessings. Let's tell everyone that ► GOD CARES FOR US.**

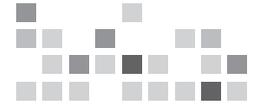

**CENTER 2:**

## Oil's Well That Ends Well

**What You'll Do** 

Have children clean their hands. Form groups of four and gather each group around their bowl. Encourage children to work together to place several pieces of torn bread into each group's bowl. As they work, hand out an extra bowl for every group and tell kids not to put bread into this bowl.

Say: **Today, our Bible lesson helped us discover how Elisha made sure that the widow had all the oil she needed—and then some! Oil was very important in Bible times. It was used to bake bread and to cook other good things. Today we also use oil to cook. One of the things we make with oil is salad dressing. The oil and spices**


**Center 1: Filling the Jar Supplies**

My Bible Playground  
washable markers  
several pairs of scissors  
glue sticks  
1 craft stick per child

**Center 1: Filling the Jar Easy Prep**

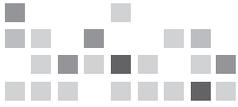
Remove the Lesson  
1 pages from each  
My Bible Playground  
student book.

**Center 2: Oil's Well That Ends Well Supplies**

oil-based Italian salad  
dressing  
2 small bowls for every  
4 kids  
1 loaf of French bread  
napkins  
antibacterial gel  
(optional)


**ALLERGY ALERT**
**Center 2: Oil's Well That Ends Well Easy Prep**

Tear the bread into bite-sized pieces.



### Center 3: Estimating Oil Supplies

pitcher of colored water and cups from the Bible Time activity  
various containers  
dishpans

### Center 3: Estimating Oil Easy Prep

Set out a variety of containers such as measuring cups and spoons, jars, bowls, thimbles, and paper cups. Make sure you don't have enough water to fill all of the containers.

**in this salad dressing will make a great dip for your bread.** Pour salad dressing into the empty bowls. Lead kids in a prayer to thank God for taking care of people in need. Then encourage children to dip their bread pieces in the dressing.

### Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead children in this discussion as they eat.

Ask:

- How does the oil help our snacks?
- How does God help us when we need it?
- Why do you think God cares for people in need?

Say: ► **GOD CARES FOR US because he loves everyone! Let's thank God right now.** Encourage each child to say a simple prayer and thank God for the snack and for the ways that God cares for them.

### ■ CENTER 3:

## Estimating Oil

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Say: ► **GOD CARES FOR US. And God wants us to help care for others as well. But sometimes it can be hard to know just the right way to "pour out" our love and care to others.**

Set out the pitcher of colored water and cups. Let children estimate how many of the containers they can fill with the liquid. (Have kids pour the water over dishpans to make cleanup easier.) Ask kids to name a way they can care for others each time they pour "oil" in a container.

### Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- Why weren't we able to fill all the containers?
- Tell about a time you wanted to care for someone, but you didn't know how to help.
- How can God help you the next time you face a situation like that?

Say: **God wants us to help and care for others. But sometimes it can be hard to know exactly what to do. When we face times like that, we can turn to God for help. Aren't you glad that ► GOD CARES FOR US!**



**CENTER 4:**  
**God is Good!**

**What You'll Do**

Say: Today we learned what the Bible says happened when God used Elisha to care for a widow and her family. God cared for the widow and her family when they were in need, and ► **GOD CARES FOR US** when we're in need, too. But sometimes when we're scared or hurting, it's hard to remember that God cares for us. That's why we're going to make "God Cares" jars—to help us remember that ► **GOD CARES FOR US.**

Set out the scissors, decorative items, glue sticks, and washable markers. Give each child a copy of the "God Cares Jar" handout, and have kids cut along the dotted line. Have kids fold their cutouts on the solid line and glue the sides of the jar together, leaving the top open. As the glue dries, have kids decorate the blank side of their paper jar with the supplies you laid out.

After they finish, have kids turn their paper jars to the side that says "God Cares!"

Say: **This side tells what your family can do with the jar at home.** Read the instructions to the children. **This jar can help your family remember the times God has cared for your family in the past. And the jar can remind your family that ► GOD CARES FOR US always! Let's go ahead and put in one reminder now!**

Have kids each think of a time God has taken care of his or her family and write or draw that memory on a slip of paper. Have kids place the paper inside the top of their jar. Encourage kids to show their jars to their parents, and to tell them about how God helped the widow and her family.

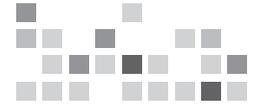
**5 LASTING IMPRESSIONS**

**Daily Challenges**

**What You'll Do**

After the children have cleaned up the centers, bring everyone back to sit in a circle on the floor. Review the lesson activities and the Bible Point, and then encourage children to share what they learned from the Bible today.

Also use this time to challenge kids in their faith. Encourage them to choose a Daily Challenge for applying today's lesson to their lives this week. Use this challenge for encouraging your children's growing relationships with Jesus.



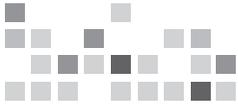
**Center 4: God Is Good! Supplies**

- scissors
- a variety of stickers, sequins, and other decorative items
- glue sticks
- washable markers
- slips of paper
- 1 copy per child of the "God Cares Jar" handout (at the end of this lesson)

**Daily Challenges Supplies**

My Bible Playground





## Talk With Kids

Say: Today we learned that ► **GOD CARES FOR US.** I'd like each of you to choose a way that you can care for someone else this week.

Read these three Daily Challenge ideas for kids to choose from:

- **Have your mom or dad help you go through your old toys. Donate the toys you no longer need to your school or church.**
- **Give your pet food and water each day this week.**
- **Have your mom or dad help you make a get well card for someone who is sick. Deliver it and remind that person that God cares for him or her.**

Have kids each whisper in your ear or tell you which idea they've chosen, and then circle it on each child's My Bible Playground page. Make sure you choose a challenge as well and tell kids which challenge you chose. Your commitment will inspire children and will give them an opportunity to see God at work in your life as well as in theirs!

## World Prayer

### What You'll Do

Say: ► **GOD CARES FOR US, and he loves people all over the world.** Have kids take turns saying the names of people that Jesus loves, such as their moms or dads, relatives, or friends. Then close by having the children repeat each line of the following prayer out loud.

**Dear God,  
Thank you for caring for people in need.  
Thank you for loving the people from all over the world.  
Thank you for your love, protection, and care for all of us.  
In Jesus' name, amen.**

Say: **There are a lot of people around the world, and God cares for every one of them! Isn't it great to know that ► GOD CARES FOR US!**

## Weaving Faith at Home

Send the letter to parents home with your kids or give it to parents when they pick up their children. This is a great way to show families they're important to your church and to support their role as spiritual leaders to their children.

Have children take home their My Bible Playground pages whether they worked on them or not. Have the children tell their parents the challenge they committed to in the "Daily Challenges" activity. Encourage parents to help their kids fulfill this commitment throughout the week. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

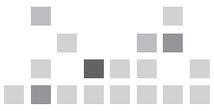
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### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

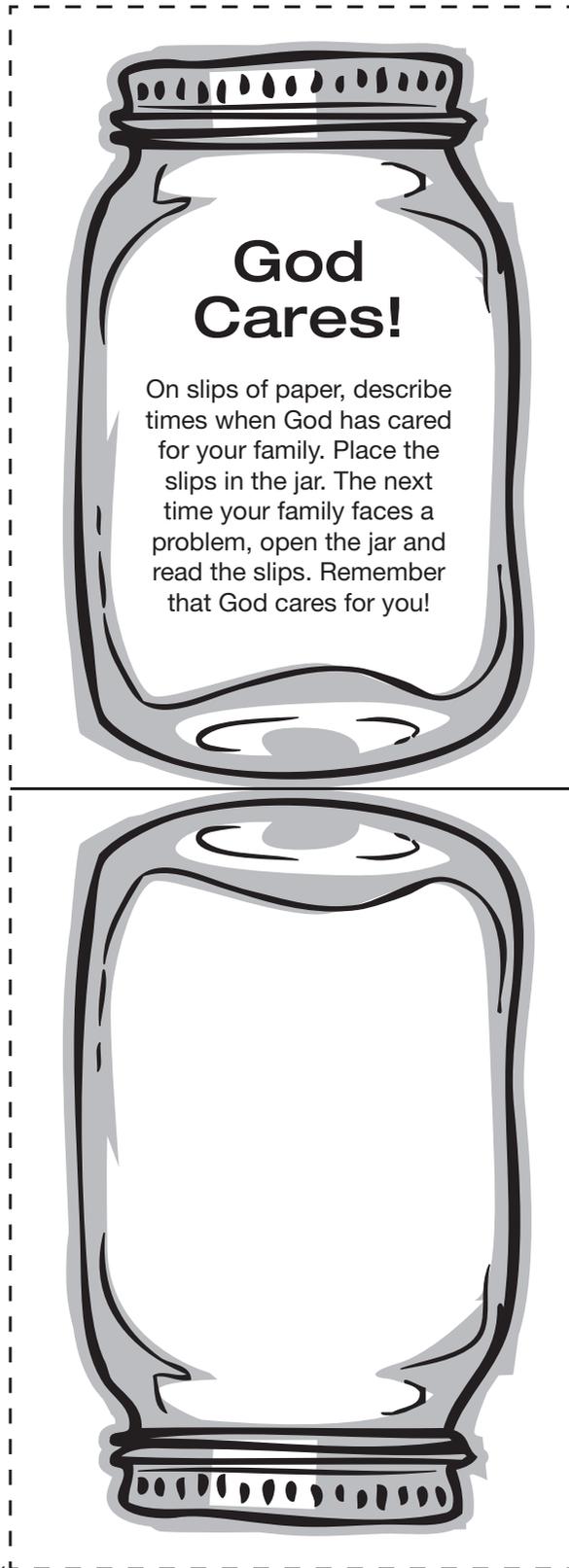
My Bible Playground

### Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Tear out letter to parents from the back of each My Bible Playground student book to give to parents when they pick up their children.



# God Cares Jar



## God Cares!

On slips of paper, describe times when God has cared for your family. Place the slips in the jar. The next time your family faces a problem, open the jar and read the slips. Remember that God cares for you!

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WEEK 1	Elisha Helps a Widow and Her Sons (2 Kings 4:1-7)	God is patient, and he wants everyone to repent (2 Peter 3:9).	God cares for us.
WEEK 2	God Heals Naaman's Leprosy (2 Kings 5:1-16)		God wants us to follow him.
WEEK 3	Jonah Learns a Lesson (Jonah 1-3)		Do what God wants.
WEEK 4	Jonah Complains About God's Compassion (Jonah 3:10-4:11)		God loves everyone.
WEEK 5	God Calls Isaiah (Isaiah 6:1-8)	"Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker" (Psalm 95:6).	God is holy.
WEEK 6	Josiah Promises to Follow the Lord (2 Chronicles 34)		The Bible is God's special book.
WEEK 7	Daniel's Friends Are Safe in the Fiery Furnace (Daniel 3)		Be brave for God.
WEEK 8	God Protects Daniel in the Lions' Den (Daniel 6:1-23)		God protects us.
WEEK 9	God Promises to Restore Israel After the Exile (Jeremiah 29:4-14)	If we pray, God will hear us (2 Chronicles 7:14).	God cares for us.
WEEK 10	Nehemiah Seeks God's Forgiveness for Israel (Nehemiah 1:1-2:9)		We tell God we're sorry.
WEEK 11	Nehemiah Rebuilds the Wall (Nehemiah 2:11-6:19)		God helps us.
WEEK 12	Esther Saves Her People (Esther 2-9)		Serve God.
WEEK 13	Job Remains Faithful in Suffering (Job 1:1-2:10; 42:1-6, 10-17)	God created us to do good works (Ephesians 2:10).	God helps us when we're sad.

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