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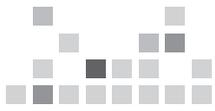
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The future of Sunday school + family ministry is NOW.



No doubt about it, the world is changing. Families used to go to church every week. Kids used to have longer attention spans. Teachers used to have more time to prepare. And didn't our budgets used to be bigger?

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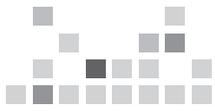


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Elisha Helps a Widow and Her Sons

2 Kings 4:1-7

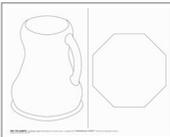
Preschoolers are beginning to discover the difference between wants and needs. A child may think he or she *needs* a cookie, but what the child really needs is a nutritious meal. Sometimes what children want is not always what's best for them. God doesn't always provide us with our wants, but he does care for us in every way we need. Use this lesson to help children thank God every day for always caring for us in every way we need.



► **Bible Point**
God cares for us.

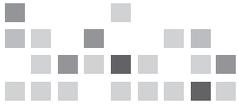
Key Verse
"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9).

Weaving Faith Into Life
Children will learn how God cares for us.

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started <i>about 5 min.</i>	Welcome and Celebrate Welcome each other, and praise God through music.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Key Verse Activity <i>about 10 min.</i>	Stop, Turn Around, Go! Learn to stop and say sorry when they do wrong things.	Bible, pencils, red crayons or markers, scissors Teacher Pack: "Jar/Octagon" page 	Make 1 copy per child of the "Jar/Octagon" page on light-colored copy paper, and cut each page in half. You will use the octagon portion of the page in this activity and the jar portion later in the lesson.
3 Bible Exploration <i>about 15 min.</i>	Puppy Pointers Watch as Theo learns that God cares for us.	CD player, Theo puppet, bowl, tape Teacher Pack: CD	Tape the bowl to Theo's paw.



LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
3 Bible Exploration <i>(continued)</i>	Bible Time: Jars of Hope Hunt for “jars” as they learn how God provided for a woman and her sons.	Bible, at least 1 paper cup per child, small water bottle less than half full	Hide the paper cups around the room.
4 Weaving Faith Into Life <i>about 20 min.</i> <i>(Choose 2 centers.)</i>	Center 1: The Widow’s Jars Create “oil” streaming out of a jar.	My Bible Hugs, scissors, glue Teacher Pack: metallic ribbon	Remove the Lesson 1 pages from each My Bible Hugs student book, and write children’s names on them. Cut the ribbon into enough pieces several inches long that each child can have several.
	Center 2: Oil of Good Taste Make flavored oil, and dip bread in it for a snack.	bread cut into small pieces, oil, herbs, salt, Parmesan cheese, plastic plates, antibacterial gel (optional)	
	Center 3: Fill My Jars Experiment with measuring and pouring water.	dishpan filled with water, tarp, cups, large bowls	
	Center 4: Oil Painting Make fingerprint marks that look like jars, and count the jars.	baby oil, cotton balls, dish, photocopies of the jar from the “Stop, Turn Around, Go!” activity	Lightly saturate cotton balls with baby oil, and place in a dish.
5 Lasting Impressions <i>about 10 min.</i>	Daily Challenges Choose a Daily Challenge to apply God’s Word.	My Bible Hugs	
	Action Prayer “Pour” out thanks to God for caring for us.		
	Weaving Faith at Home Talk about how to share what they learned with their families.	My Bible Hugs	Tear out the letter to parents in the back of each My Bible Hugs student book to give to parents when they pick up their children.



Welcome and Celebrate Supplies

CD player

Teacher Pack

CD: "It's Fun to Come to Church" (track 2), "Trust in the Lord" (Proverbs 3:5-6) (track 3)

1 GETTING STARTED

Welcome and Celebrate

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 gather the children together in a circle.

Lead children in singing "It's Fun to Come to Church" to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell" (track 2 on the CD). Encourage children to follow the motions in parentheses.

 **It's fun to come to church!** (*march in place*)
It's fun to come to church! (*continue marching*)
With all the other boys and girls, (*hold hands*)
It's fun to come to church! (*march in place while holding hands*)

I learn when I'm in church! (*tap one index finger on your temple*)
I learn when I'm in church! (*continue tapping*)
With all the other boys and girls, (*hold hands*)
I learn when I'm in church! (*march in place while holding hands*)

(Repeat first verse.)

Say: ► **GOD CARES FOR US. Let's sing a song about always trusting God to take care of us and help us.**

Lead children in singing "Trust in the Lord" (Proverbs 3:5-6) (track 3 on the CD). Encourage children to sing the echoes in bold parentheses and follow the motions in italics.

 (*Chorus*)
Trust in the Lord (trust in the Lord) (*clasp hands*)
With all your heart (with all your heart), (*pulse clasped hands to the beat*)
And lean not on your own understanding (understanding). (*lean right*)
In all your ways (in all your ways), (*lean left*)
Acknowledge him (acknowledge him); (*raise hands high*)
And he will make your paths straight. (*slowly bring hands down, pointed straight out in front of you*)

Once you begin that way, *(walk in place)*
 Don't you ever, ever stray; *(shake head "no")*
 You'll be on your way *(lift hands high)*
 To an amazing life. *(shake hands above head)*
(Repeat.)

(Repeat from the beginning; then repeat chorus.)

Yeah, he will make your paths straight. *(point forward)*
 Oh yeah, he will make your paths straight. *(point forward)*

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

Talk With Kids ■■■■

Say: **We can trust God because we know that ► GOD CARES FOR US. That's one reason I love singing to God.**

2 KEY VERSE ACTIVITY

Stop, Turn Around, Go!

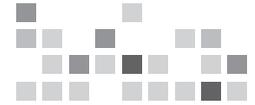
What You'll Do ■■■■■■

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

Say: **Our Key Verse from 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." This means that God is patient and wants everyone to turn away from bad things and follow him. Let's say our Key Verse together.** Lead children in saying the simplified Key Verse with you: **God is patient, and he wants everyone to repent (2 Peter 3:9).**

Say: **Repent means to stop doing things that are wrong and to tell God you're sorry. When we do things that are wrong, we feel sad. But God still loves us. He's patient, and he wants us to repent—he wants us to say we're sorry and follow him. And we feel better when we do.**

Give each child a copy of the octagon, a pencil, and a red crayon or marker. Have children each use their pencils to draw a picture inside the octagon. The pictures should be of things they've done wrong. Then have kids use the red crayons to color over their own drawings to show they're going to stop doing the bad things they drew.



Stop, Turn Around, Go! Supplies

Bible
pencils
red crayons or markers
scissors

Teacher Pack
"Jar/Octagon" page

Stop, Turn Around, Go! Easy Prep

Make 1 copy per child of the "Jar/Octagon" page on light-colored copy paper, and cut each page in half. You will use the octagon portion of the page in this activity and the jar portion later in the lesson.





Say: **You’ve made stop signs. They can remind you that God is patient and wants everyone to repent and stop doing bad things. Anytime you do something wrong, remember to stop doing the wrong thing and say you’re sorry. Let’s say our Key Verse together one more time: God is patient, and he wants everyone to repent (2 Peter 3:9).**

Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- What are some things we do that are wrong?
- What can we do when we do something wrong?
- Why does God want us to say we’re sorry when we do something wrong?

Say: **God loves us so much and he wants us to stop doing bad things and say we’re sorry because he knows the bad things aren’t good for us. ► GOD CARES FOR US, and he wants only the best for us. Use your stop sign this week to remind you that God cares for you and wants you to stop when you do something wrong.**

3 BIBLE
EXPLORATION

Puppy Pointers

**Puppy Pointers
Supplies**

- CD player
- Theo puppet
- bowl
- tape

Teacher Pack

CD: “Here, Theo”
(track 4)

**Puppy Pointers
Easy Prep**

Tape the bowl to Theo’s
paw.

What You’ll Do ■■■■

Say: **Listen everyone, Theo’s coming! He has something to show us. Let’s find out what it is.** Play “Here, Theo” (track 4 on the CD), and bring out Theophilus the FaithRetriever.

Theo: Hi, everybody!

Teacher: Hello, Theo! It’s so good to see you at church with us today. You brought your food dish with you. Are you hungry?

Theo: No, I’m not hungry, but I heard that my neighbor friend doesn’t have enough to eat, so I’m going to share with him.

Teacher: Well, Theo, that’s very nice of you!

Theo: Food is something we all need. I don’t want my friend to be hungry.

Teacher: You’re right, Theo. We all need food. God takes care of us in many different ways, like sending us food when we don’t have any. Friends, can you tell Theo our Bible Point for today?

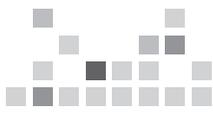
(Lead children in saying the Bible Point for Theo: ► **GOD CARES FOR US.**)

Theo: God is so good! I know that God will care for my friend!

Teacher: That’s right, Theo!

Theo: I’m going to go over to my friend’s house now.

Teacher: Okay. Thanks for stopping by to see us. Friends, let’s 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.

Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- Tell about a time a friend helped you.
- What’s something you could do for a friend this week to show that ► **GOD CARES FOR US?**

Say: **Theo knew his friend needed food, so he brought food to his friend. The same way, ► GOD CARES FOR US and he gives us what we need. Sometimes he takes care of our needs through others, but however it happens, he always takes care of us.**

Bible Time: Jars of Hope

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.

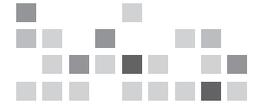
Say: **The Bible tells us that ► GOD CARES FOR US. We’ll hear about how God took care of the needs of a woman who had two sons. Hold up two fingers for me and count to two. Pause. The woman and her sons were very poor. They needed oil for cooking, for heat, and for light, but they only had a little bit left. Hold up your bottle. Let’s pretend that this bottle has oil in it.**

The woman told her friend Elisha that she was afraid her sons would be sold as slaves since her family had no money. Elisha was a man who served God. Pretend that you’re the woman, and tell a friend, “I need God to care for me.” Pause while the children speak to each other.

Elisha told the woman and her sons to find as many jars as they could from their neighbors. Let’s search in this room for as many paper cups as we can find. Have the children find the paper cups and bring them back to the circle.

Say: **When the woman and her sons had collected all the jars they could, Elisha told the woman to fill the empty jars with her small jar of oil. Even though there was only a tiny bit of oil in the small jar, it filled all of the big jars with oil. Hold up your small bottle. Explain whether you think this small bottle will fill all these cups. Pause. Fill the cups with water until you run out. You should have plenty of empty cups left over.**

Say: **Our little bit of “oil” didn’t fill all our cups. But for the woman in the Bible, God knew she and her sons needed oil badly—so God did a miracle! As the woman poured the oil into the first jar she had, it filled up to the top. She pulled over**



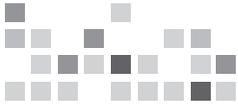
Bible Time: Jars of Hope Supplies

.....
Bible
at least 1 paper cup per child
small water bottle less than half full

Bible Time: Jars of Hope Easy Prep

.....
Hide the paper cups around the room.





another jar. The oil kept coming out and filled that jar, too! She filled so many jars that she finally ran out of jars. God gave her jars of oil to sell for money, and the money helped her buy the other things she really needed. God knew what the woman and her sons needed, and he took care of them.

Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- What surprised you about what we learned in the Bible today?
- Tell about a time you needed something.
- What do you say to God and others when they take care of your need?

Say: **God amazed the woman when he took care of her needs by filling the jars with oil. God will give us the things we need, too. ► GOD CARES FOR US because he loves us.**

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:

The Widow's Jars

What You'll Do ■■■■

Give each child a Lesson 1 page from My Bible Hugs. Point out the jars at the bottom of the page. Say: **In the Bible, the woman and her two sons didn't have any money or oil, but she trusted God to care for her. She did what Elisha, the man of God, told her to do. And God did a miracle by filling all the jars she found. Then she was able to sell the oil for money so she could buy the other things she needed.** Have each child glue small pieces of ribbon to the jar at the top so the ribbon "streams" down into the smaller jars. Show the children that they can blow on the ribbon to make the oil look like it's being poured out.

Center 1: The Widow's Jars Supplies

My Bible Hugs
scissors
glue
Teacher Pack
metallic ribbon

Center 1: The Widow's Jars Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 1 pages from each My Bible Hugs student book, and write children's names on them. Cut the ribbon into enough pieces a couple of inches long that each child can have several.

Talk With Kids

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- What do you like about how God took care of the woman?
- What do you like about how God takes care of you?

Say: **The woman and her sons showed God that they trusted him by finding all the jars. They didn't know what would happen when they got the jars, but they trusted God to take care of them. We can trust God, too, because we know ► GOD CARES FOR US.**

CENTER 2:

Oil of Good Taste

What You'll Do

Have children clean their hands and then sit down for the snack. Say: **We learned in the Bible that God gave the woman what she needed. God gives us what we need, too—like food when we're hungry.** Choose a child to pray and thank God for giving them the snack. Then give each child a plate with a few tablespoons of oil on it. Say: **God gave the woman oil—she could use it to cook and heat her home, and she could use it to sell so she'd have money to buy other things she needed. Let's use this oil to make our bread tasty.** Let the children add pinches of cheese, salt, and herbs to make a dipping sauce. Show the children how to dip their bread into the oil and taste it.

Talk With Kids

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- What are your favorite foods that God gives you?
- What else has God given you that you're thankful for?

Say: **God knows exactly what we need, and he makes sure we have what we need—like he did for the woman and her sons. The woman must've been so thankful for how God took care of her. We, too, can be thankful that ► GOD CARES FOR US.**

CENTER 3:

Fill My Jars

What You'll Do

Say: **It must've been so amazing to see that one little bit of oil fill all those jars. God kept giving the woman and her sons more and more oil. Let's pretend these cups**



Center 2: Oil of Good Taste Supplies

-
- bread cut into small pieces
 - oil
 - herbs
 - salt
 - Parmesan cheese
 - plastic plates
 - antibacterial gel (optional)

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Center 3: Fill My Jars Supplies

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- dishpan filled with water
 - tarp
 - cups
 - large bowls





Center 4: Oil Painting Supplies

.....
 baby oil
 cotton balls
 dish
 photocopies of the jar
 from the “Stop, Turn
 Around, Go!” activity

! ALLERGY ■ ALERT

Center 4: Oil Painting Easy Prep

.....
 Lightly saturate cotton
 balls with baby oil, and
 place in a dish.

and bowls are jars and the water is oil. Let the children experiment with the cups and bowls. Encourage them to count how many small cups it takes to fill one big bowl. Afterward, say: ► **GOD CARES FOR US like he cared for the woman and her sons. He fills our plates with food each time we have a meal, and he cares for us in other ways, too.**

Talk With Kids ■■■■

Ask:

- What are some ways you know God cares for you?
- Tell about something that God gives you more and more of.

Say: **We know that ► GOD CARES FOR US because he takes care of our needs—and not just once, but he cares for us every day.**

■ CENTER 4:

Oil Painting

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Say: **The woman in today's Bible lesson only had one jar of oil. Show me one finger. Pause. One jar of oil isn't very much. The woman would've run out soon, but God cared for her by filling lots and lots of other jars from just that one jar.** Give each child a copy of the jar picture. **Look at your paper—you only have one jar, too. Let's make some more jars of oil to remind us of the way God cared for the woman.** Have each child press his or her pointer finger onto a cotton ball and then onto the jar on his or her paper. **You made one tiny jar with your finger. Let's all make many more jars.** Encourage kids to make several small “jars” on their papers. Give them three to five minutes to do this, then have them count as many jars as they can—let them tell how many they counted.

Say: **God helped Elisha and the woman fill jar after jar with oil. One jar of oil filled many, many other jars—and the first jar still had oil in it! Only God can do something like that!** Have kids hold their pictures up to the light. Point out that the larger jar looks like it's filled with oil.

Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- What's something you need right now?
- What's something your family needs now?

Lead children in a prayer about what their families need. Then say: **God knows what we need, and he promises to take care of us. The woman asked for help, and we can ask God for help when we need something because ► GOD CARES FOR US.**



5 LASTING IMPRESSIONS

Daily Challenges

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

After the children have cleaned up their centers, bring everyone back to a circle area on the floor. Review the lesson activities and the Bible Point, and then encourage the children to share what they remember about 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.

Talk With Kids ■■■■

Say: **Today we learned that ► GOD CARES FOR US. I would like each of you this week to choose a way you can show God that you know he cares for you.**

Give kids these three challenges to choose from:

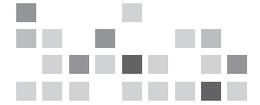
- **Each night this week, think of one thing God has given you that you needed—like food, clothes, a home, or family. Thank God for caring for you.**
- **You can share with other children some special things God has given you. Ask your mom or dad to help you go through your old toys and take some of them to a service agency.**
- **If you know someone who's sick or sad, make the person a card and a special snack. Tell the person about a time God cared for you when you were sick or sad and how God cares for everyone.**

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 Hugs page. Make sure you tell kids the challenge you choose. Your commitment will inspire children and will give them an opportunity to see God at work in your life as well as in theirs!

Action Prayer

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

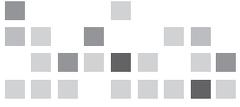
Have children stand in a circle. Say: **Pretend you're a jar filled with oil.** Demonstrate this like you would if you were singing the "I'm a Little Teacup" song. Let children practice. Then say: **Let's take turns telling God thank you for ways he's cared for us. "Pour" out some oil as you do. I'll start.** Pretend you're a jar pouring out oil as you tell a simple way God has cared for you. Say: **Thank you, God, for caring for me by _____.** For example, "Thank you, God, for caring for me by giving me food to eat." Then invite children to each pray. Close with: **In Jesus' name, amen.**



Daily Challenges Supplies

My Bible Hugs





Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

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

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 Hugs 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 the 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!

Talk to your Director about emailing the FREE FamilyConnect to all your church's families. Available at group.com/digital.



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This quarter you'll explore these Bible passages:

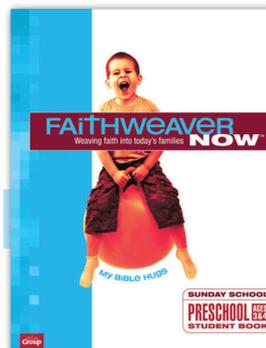
	BIBLE CONTENT/SCRIPTURE	KEY VERSE	BIBLE POINT
WEEK 1	Elisha Helps a Widow and Her Sons (2 Kings 4:1-7)	God is patient, and he wants everyone to repent (2 Peter 3:9).	God cares for us.
WEEK 2	God Heals Naaman's Leprosy (2 Kings 5:1-16)		God wants us to follow him.
WEEK 3	Jonah Learns a Lesson (Jonah 1-3)		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)	God created us to do good works (Ephesians 2:10).	Serve God.
WEEK 13	Job Remains Faithful in Suffering (Job 1:1-2:10; 42:1-6, 10-17)		God helps us when we're sad.

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