

Children & Young People's Talk 2026

Miraculous Provision

Please feel free to adapt the materials depending on the age and stage of children you are teaching.

Main Passage

- **2 Kings 4: 1 - 7 (esp v2)** - “Elisha replied to her, “How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?” “Your servant has nothing there at all,” she said, “except a small jar of olive oil.”

Key Points:

- Tragedy and miracles often go together in a person's life (even those who fear the Lord). God can turn it round.
- The poor have their lives and futures taken into captivity.
- God's supernatural provision & the response of people in obedience to God's word brings an overflow of provision.
- God's provision wipes out debts (and tears) - He ransoms the broken and poor.

Warm-up Activity

- **Worship song** - If you normally start with a song here are some ideas which you can find actions, music and lyrics for on Youtube:
 - **My Redeemer Lives (Hillsong Kids)**
 - **I'll Go (Bible Adventure Worship)**
 - **My Redeemer Lives (Nicole C. Mullen)**
 - **There is a Redeemer (Keith Green)**



Teaching

Our teaching is based on 2 Kings 4:1-7

God provides more than enough, and when we trust His word, we discover His wonderful provision.

Props:

- An empty bottle of oil - 500ml.
- A small, full bottle of oil.
- Or whatever is to end that is similar to above.

Hold up the empty bottle.

Ask:

- "Have you ever run out of milk?"
- "Have you ever opened the biscuit tin and found it empty?"
- "How does it feel when there's not enough?"

"Today we're going to meet a family who thought they had nothing left—but God wasn't finished."

2 Kings 4:1-7 (NIV):

The Widow's Olive Oil

1 The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that he revered the Lord. But now his creditor is coming to take my two boys as his slaves."

2 Elisha replied to her, "How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?"

"Your servant has nothing there at all," she said, "except a small jar of olive oil."

3 Elisha said, "Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don't ask for just a few. 4 Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side."

5 She left him and shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her and she kept pouring. 6 When all the jars were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another one."

But he replied, "There is not a jar left." Then the oil stopped flowing.

7 She went and told the man of God, and he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what is left."



Telling the story:

- Ask for a volunteer.
- Ask that volunteer to fill the empty bottle from the smaller bottle.
- Explain that God's miracle would have filled that empty bottle over and over again, that God does amazing things we we rely on him in faith.

Use the summary below or use this video on youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RPe4sLmz3AM>.

Keep it simple:

- A mother had lost her husband.
- She owed money she couldn't pay.
- She was afraid her sons would be taken away.
- She cried out for help.

Ask:

"Who did she ask?"

Elisha, God's prophet.

Then point out:

Elisha didn't immediately give her money.

Instead, God gave her instructions:

Ask:

"Would you have thought that would work?"

She obeyed God's word.

And then...

"The oil kept pouring...
and pouring...
and pouring...
until every jar was full!"



What does this teach us about God?

A. God is the God who provides

Ask:

"Who made the oil keep coming?"

Not Elisha.

Not the woman.

God did.

God is able to provide in ways we could never imagine.

Sometimes He gives exactly what we need in surprising ways.

B. God's people respond by trusting His word

The woman probably didn't understand.

But she trusted what God said.

Point out:

She had to:

- collect jars
- go home
- close the door
- keep pouring

She acted because she believed God.

Say:

"Trusting God often means obeying Him, even before we can see what He's going to do."

C. God's provision overflowed

Show all the filled cups.

One little bottle...

became enough to fill every empty jar.

God didn't give "just enough."

He gave more than enough.



Ask:

"What happened after all the jars were full?"

Read or explain verse 7.

She sold the oil.
The debt was paid.
Her family was rescued.
No more fear.
No more tears.

Say:

"God cared about this hurting family.
He rescued them when they couldn't rescue themselves.

"This story reminds us of an even bigger rescue."

We all have a debt we could never pay ourselves—not money, but our sin.
Jesus came to rescue us.

On the cross, He paid the debt we never could.

Because of Jesus:

- we are forgiven,
- welcomed into God's family,
- and given life that never runs out.

Just as the oil overflowed, God's grace is more than enough.

God provides more than enough, and through Jesus He has paid the debt we could never pay ourselves.

Closing Prayer:

"Father, thank You that You are the God who provides. Thank You that You care for people who are hurting. Help us trust You, obey Your Word, and remember that Jesus has paid the greatest debt of all. Amen."



Comfort International in South Sudan

Comfort International is a charity that works in many countries where people have had to leave their homes because of war, conflict, famine or poverty. One of these countries is South Sudan, where we work with partners Comfort South Sudan to provide a Street Kids Rescue Project. Street Kids Rescue aims to return children to their family home. All of the children on our projects get healthcare, education at a local school, nutritious meals and the love they deserve. Our Street Kids projects are funded through individual sponsorship, giving each child hope for a better future. Please remember them in your prayers and pray for miracles of provision, think about how we should care for those that have less than ourselves and show them Jesus' love, giving them a chance at a new life.

Activities

Some ideas for crafts and games in relation to the teaching above:

- **Scatterwords** - using letter tiles like Scrabble or Bananagrams, set a timer and ask the children to make as many "Keywords" from the story as they can remember. At the end, ask them to explain what their word means and how it applies to the story.
- **Backpack of Worries** - Bring a heavy backpack filled with books. Ask for a volunteer to wear it. Explain: "This is what the widow felt like." Remove the books one by one.
Talk about: Fear; Sadness; Debt; Worry.
Finally remove the backpack - God lifted her burden. Jesus lifts an even greater burden.
- **Memory Verse Challenge**
Hide paper "jars" around the room. Each jar has one word from:
"What do you have in your house?" (2 Kings 4:2)
Children collect the jars and work together to put the verse in order.