

Children's Feature:

Generosity in Times of Scarcity



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Learning objective: To help children learn and appreciate the importance of sharing even when they have little. God knows what you need.

Materials: A jar with a little bit of baking flour, a small jug with a small amount of cooking oil, Play-Doh, and some cookies.

Narrate the story of 1 Kings 17:1-24: The widow only had enough ingredients for a small loaf of bread for her son and herself. (Show the kids the little amount flour and cooking oil). She had faith that if she shared the last of her food, God would bless her with more.

Making Bread

Give each child Play-Doh and ask them to make bread.

Show the baking ingredients to the kids and talk about how the widow would have had to mix the oil and flour, knead the bread, and then bake it.

Ask the kids if the ingredients would make enough bread for their families.

While the kids play with their Play-Doh bread, ask them questions like these:

- Q.** What would you do if you only had a little bit of flour left for your bread and nothing else?
- Q.** What do you think the church can do to make sure everyone has enough food?

Sharing with Others

Provide some cookies for the kids. Encourage the kids to care for others in the congregation by sharing just like the widow did.

Share about how God took care of Elijah and the widow's family by providing food for them. God takes care of you by giving you a family to help you. Now it's your turn to take care of someone else!

- Q.** How does God take care of you?
- Q.** What do you think the church can do to make sure everyone has enough food?