



# Bible Character Study



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We suggest that you print pages 2 - 5 and distribute them to your students.



### Topic:

Elijah, the ravens and the widow – an example of God's provision.



### Read the Bible References:

The Bible references can be read by different children if possible. Or the teacher can read them.



### Goal of Lesson:

- To assure students of God's unfailing provision.



### Lesson Takeaway:

God will always provide what we need.



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Bible References:

1 Kings 17: 1 – 16;  
Luke 12: 22 – 34



Who was Elijah?

The bible tells us that Elijah was from Tishbe in the land of Gilead (1 Kings 17:1). He was a prophet, a messenger of God. Elijah was a powerful messenger of God and was popular during his time.



What did Elijah do?

In 1 Kings 17:1, Elijah told Ahab, the king of Israel at the time, “there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word.” There was going to be a long period of drought throughout the land of Israel.

After Elijah delivered this message to King Ahab, God spoke to Elijah and told him, “Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. And it will be that you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there” (1 Kings 17:3-4). Elijah left for Brook Cherith just as God told him to do.

At Brook Cherith, the ravens brought bread and meat to Elijah – in the morning and in the evening. He drank water from the brook.

Some time later, the brook dried up and there was no more water for Elijah to drink. Remember, there was a drought at this time.



## What did Elijah do? - Continued

Again, God told Elijah, “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you” (1 Kings 17:9). And once again, Elijah left for Zarephath.

When he saw the widow that God told him about, he asked for water and a piece of bread. The widow told him she was planning to eat the little food she had left, then, she and her son would die of hunger. However, she made some food for Elijah first. And did you know what happened? There was a miracle! The bible says, “... she and he and her household ate for many days. The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah (1 Kings 17:15-16).

God provided all that they needed throughout the drought period and even after that.



## What can we learn from Elijah?

First, we see Elijah’s obedience to whatever God asked him to do. When God gives us an instruction, it is good to obey and not disobey.

Second, the instruction of God sometimes doesn’t make sense to us. Like how would ravens bring food to Elijah every morning and night? What if the ravens decided to eat the food? How will they find their way to Brook Cherith? Well, there will be so many questions like this that we might not have answers for. But for Elijah, he chose to trust God and God did not disappoint him. We can choose to trust God too, even when we don’t understand what He is asking us to do.



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## What can we learn from Elijah? - Continued

Third, God is faithful to keep His promises. If He said He would do something, then, He will do it. He promised to provide for Elijah throughout the drought and even after that – and that was exactly what He did! God can be trusted. He is too faithful to tell lies or break His promises.

The bible says in Luke 12: 22 – 23, “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on. Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing”.

So, rather than worry about what you need, you can trust that God is faithful to give you all that you need.



## Memorize:

Luke 12:24 - Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds?



## Scenario review:

You need a new set of shoes. You ask your Mum to buy you a new set of shoes. She explains that things have been a little tough on the family and asks you to be patient for a few more weeks. What will you do? Why did you make that choice?



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Remember: God will always provide what you need



Let us pray: Dear God, thank You for your wonderful provision. You give me all I need, and You have never failed. Please help me Lord to continue to trust that You will provide all I need especially during tough times. I ask this in Jesus' name, amen!



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