

# TEMKIT FOR CHILDREN

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### CREATION CORNER

#### Harold's Lesson

Nature Study is good but duty must come first!

"Now, mother, don't worry about us," said Harold. He and his small sister Ellen were standing at the gate where their parents were seated in a carriage, ready to start for the village ten miles away.

"I'll not worry, but I do wish there were some one living near. If anything should happen but there, nothing will happen if you stay in the garden. Take good care of little Ellen," Mrs. Sheldon said again.

"Nothing will happen to her while I'm around," replied Harold manfully, drawing himself up to his full height. "You just enjoy your trip, and don't think about us. We'll be all right."

"Thank you, dear," answered his mother. "And now we must hurry, or we shall not be back by nightfall. Good-by!"

"Good-by!" cried the children, "good-by! good-by!"

They watched the carriage till it was hidden

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among the trees. Then they turned and entered the house. Harold played with little Ellen for some time. After a while, she became tired and was soon fast asleep. How big and lonely the house was! It had never seemed so before. In fact, he had always thought of it as a very small cottage, when his father and mother were home. Usually, too, there were so many things he liked to do; but now none of them interested him.

He thought of the woodpecker's nest in a tree a little way beyond the garden, and wondered if the eggs had hatched. He looked at the sleeping child. Surely no harm could come to her in a few minutes. And it was such a short distance to the tree. Picking up his hat, he slipped out of the house and through the gate, which he forgot to close.

Forgetting to close the gate was nothing new for Harold. It was only one of his many careless habits which were the despair of his parents, who knew better than he just what results from carelessness.

Once outside the garden, he went quickly to the tree. He stayed longer than he meant to. The eggs had hatched and the old birds were feeding the young ones. Harold sat quietly until the old birds felt sure that he meant no harm.

After watching them for some time, he started for home. He was rather surprised to find the gate open, for it had not been many days since his father had given him such a scolding for leaving it open that he had thought he could never forget it again.

"I surely forgot it this time, but probably it's all right. Anyway, I suppose she's asleep yet," he said to himself. He went into the house and straight to the bedroom. The bed was empty!

"Ellen! Oh, Ellen!" he called. But there was no answer.

He went outside and called again. Still there was no answer. The sight of the gate made him start. She must have gone out of the yard. But where? He paused at the gate as if asking himself which way to go and look for her. Then he thought of a place near the edge of the cliff overlooking the river, where he had taken her a few days before to pick flowers.

Quickly he ran toward the spot. He looked through the bushes. There she stood on the very edge of the cliff, one chubby hand filled with flowers, the other stretched out after a blossom almost beyond her reach. Horror-stricken, he held his breath. One short step farther and nothing could save the child from a terrible fall! He heard the roar of the dashing waters far below, and shuddered.

What could he do? If he called or made a noise, it might startle her; and she would be sure to fall. Perhaps if he whistled softly as if he were a long way off, it would not frighten her. He puckered up his mouth, but it was so dry that he could not make a sound. He moistened his lips and tried again. The result was a very weak little whistle. But Ellen heard it. He gave a quick, short sob as she slowly turned and looked toward him, moving back from the cliff's edge.

"Oh, Ellen! what made you come up here all alone?" he asked as he ran to her.

"I wanted some pretty flowers, and I did not like to stay at home by myself, either," she answered.

"Let's go home, and you'll not have to stay alone ever!" he said.

It was a long time before Harold could get the courage to tell his parents of the almost awful results of his carelessness. He was so quiet that they could not understand the change that had come over him. He was more careful

about his work or whatever he was doing. Often they would see him go back and close a gate that he had left open. The memory of a little child on the edge of the cliff served as a lesson he could never forget. = ^..^ =

## HISTORY LESSON

### The Counterfeiter: 2. The Serpent Coils Around the World

Like a giant serpent, the devil worship of ancient Babylon threw its coils of counterfeit religion around the entire world, until worship of the true God became well nigh extinct. Devil worship even contaminated the worship of God in Old Testament times, and fought it to a standstill.

After a pure religion was re-established by Christ, the same old counterfeit religion at first attacked it openly, and then pretended conversion – in this way it penetrated into the very heart of Christianity during the Dark Ages. Early faithful believers, and many later reformers, raised their protesting voices in vain. Most of the people, when they did not have the word of God to teach them, just followed what was being taught by the leaders, never bothering to check up on the source of the doctrines, rituals, and holy days the church was presenting.

Even the reformation failed to get rid of many of these counterfeits. Rituals, holidays, and practices got mixed into so-called Christianity and has stayed even until today. For this reason, one cannot say those cults of Babylon, Egypt, and the rest are 'dead religions.' Actually they are not dead at all, for the echo of their ancient thunder is still to be heard reverberating in almost every form of faith existing today. They are dead only in name.

Olcott, another important scholar in the world of history, declares, in his "Sun Lore of All Ages": "Our most important ecclesiastical feast days in fact are but survivals of ancient solar festivals." Then, after discussing the history of these various festivals at length, he adds: "From the foregoing, which treats merely of the more important solar festivals, it is clear that these products of paganism are as much in force at present from a symbolic point of view, as they ever were, and that Christianity countenances, and in many cases has actually adopted and practices, pagan rites whose heathen sig-

nificance is merely lost sight of because attention is not called to the sources whence these rites have sprung....

“The reason for the survival of many of the symbols of sun worship ... lies in the fact that the early Christian teachers found the people so wedded to their old rites and usages that it was vain to hope for the complete abandonment of these long-cherished practices.” We learned last week, however, that this sun worship was in its origin nothing less than open devil worship with a sacred serpent, whom the Babylonians worshiped, says Sayce, as “the incarnation of wickedness and guile” in practically every sun temple.

The scriptures likewise point out the fact that the devil worship of Babylon did not die with Babylon. In Jeremiah 51:7 we read, “Babylon hath been a golden cup, . . . that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad.” And John the revelator, writing centuries after the kingdom of Babylon had ceased to exist, declares in Revelation 18:2-4 “Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen and become the habitation of devils and the hold of every foul spirit. . . . For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.”

#### COUNTERFEIT RELIGION UNIVERSAL

We notice two points in these texts: the statement that Babylon’s devil worship became universal, and the warning for all who name the name of Christ to weed out of their religion all forms having their origin in this ancient pagan kingdom. On the first point we find striking confirmation in history.

Persia. “In Persia,” declares Jastrow, “the Mithra cult reveals unmistakable influence of Babylonian conceptions.” The Encyclopedia of Religion, vol. 8, pp. 752-759, likewise shows this relation between Persia and Babylon: There was a “close rapprochement between the Babylonian and the Persian cults. . . . When we find the busts of the sun and moon and the circle of the zodiac standing feature in Mithraic monuments, we can have no doubt as to the

ultimate source of this element.” And another name for Mithraic the sun-god, we must remember, was Ahura-Mazda, the first word coming from a root meaning demon. Zoroaster attempted to eradicate demon worship from Persia by eradicating Mithra, but the “Magi started a counter reform, and restored primitive conceptions.”

Rome. The Roman soldiers on their eastern conquests came into contact with Mithraism, and for some reason eagerly adopted it. They brought it back to Rome with them, where it gained wide spread popularity just preceding and following the advent of Christ. Later it became the official religion of the Roman Empire, and we find emperors and peasants alike worshipping at the feet of the Babylonian sun-demon. Constantine was an ardent votary of the sun before his “conversion,” and we find that he never gave up many of the tenets of his devil worship. It was the influence of Constantine perhaps more than any other single individual that brought about the compromise between Christianity and devil worship, enabling the latter to penetrate into the former during the Dark Ages. From Rome, Mithraism spread throughout all Europe.

Egypt. That Egypt got its sun worship and its sacred serpent from Babylon is evidenced by many historians. Jastrow declares that the Tell el-Amarna tablets reveal unmistakable early contact between Egypt and Babylon. Budge declares that the magic practices of Egyptian temples were derived from Babylon. And Sir Flinders Petrie, the English scholar, declares: “The Eastern sun worship seems to have poured into Egypt with the second prehistoric civilization.” Since Egypt everywhere had its sacred serpent connected with sun worship, and the same system of omens for foretelling the future as did the Babylonians, no one can doubt that Egypt is another of the nations that drank of Babylon’s “wine.”

India, China, and Japan. We would naturally expect that the Oriental nations that remained within the boundaries of what was once the great Babylonian Empire should continue on in the same religion of their forefathers. A glance at the religions that have endured in the Orient shows that our supposition is true. Sun worship is still prominent, with various phases defined. The sacred serpent is found everywhere, particularly in India.

In China, the serpent usually appears in the form of a great dragon. Fire, the sun spirit on earth, is considered as holy. The cow and the bull are sacred to the sun, representing its life-giving qualities, the same as in ancient Egypt: swine are likewise holy, the same as in ancient Babylon. And in the Buddhist temple we see a "heavenly king," a hideous figure in dark, bound round with the coils of a serpent, and carrying a pitchfork! Even Buddha is pictured at times canopied by serpents. Ah no, the devil worship of Babylon did not die with Babylon!

The New World. There can be no controversy as to the source of the religion of the early American Indians. We may not know just how they arrived here from the Old World, but we do know that they brought their religion with them. Just as it has been since Lucifer appeared to our first parents in the guise of a serpent, so we find devil worshipers everywhere reverencing poisonous reptiles. To this day, snake dancers among the Indians are a common sight to American tourists, and practically every ancient temple has its stone serpents coiling everywhere. The sun was generally the chief deity, with a golden disk sacred to the sun and a silver disk sacred to the moon, just as in the Old World.

We find parts of the Indian mythology identical with the mythology of Japan, and other parts identical with that of Egypt. We find pyramids sacred to the sun the same as in Egypt. Hearts of the dead and of sacrificial victims were sacred to the sun, being "fed" to the image of the sun by the Indians as well as by the Egyptians and Babylonians. Both the Old World and the New had the same colors gold and red sacred to the sun; both have the same type of sun charms to be worn upon the person. Both branches of the devil worship had their great nunneries filled with vestal virgins dedicated to worship of the sun. The National Geographic magazine for February 1938, November, 1936, and June 1937 has both illustrations and descriptions of many other similarities between the devil worship of the New World and that of the Old.

Truly all nations drank of Babylon's wine! That all paganism and apostate Christianity is in its origin devil worship clearly accounts for the warning from God, found in many places in the Bible, to come out of Babylon, "the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit,"

as John the revelator puts it. Just as one cannot honor Lincoln by keeping Lenin's birthday, so one cannot honor God by desecrating that which He declares is holy, substituting the counterfeit "holy" days ritual, and doctrines having their roots in open devil worship. No sincere Christian can knowingly accept the counterfeit in place of the genuine, no matter how widely it may be observed and taught by professed Christians. The Scriptures are the only safe guide in such matters. The following articles of this series will trace the history of the various doctrines of devil worship, contrasting with them the plain teaching of the word of God. From Murl Vance: 1940 = ^..^ =



## TRUE-STORY-TIME

### Faithful in that which is Least

As you read this story, see if you can tell how Katy lived out the first part of Luke 16: 10. How can you get ready to be "faithful also in much"?

Katy Gray had been to a missionary meeting, and here she heard a lady speak who for fifteen years had been a mission-ary in Africa. She had spoken only of the bright side, and Katy was interested and delighted.

"I have decided to be a missionary when I am about forty years old," she said to her mother.

"Why wait until you are forty?" asked her mother, looking up from her sewing.

"Well, there are so many things I want to do first," said Katy.

“Sure enough,” said Mrs. Gray. “But you know, there was Mrs. Stephens, who died last week, and she was just forty. Don’t you think it would be better to place it a little earlier?”

“Well, perhaps thirty-five would do.” “Yes, that would only be keeping seven-eighths of life for yourself, and giving one eighth to Christ. That might do, only Aunt Katy, you know, died at thirty-five. Would that be safe?”

“Well, thirty, then.” And Katy moved to the window and looked out.

“Thirty—that’s better. That is just the age of Cousin Mary when she was thrown from the carriage. You know she has never walked a step since.”

Katy felt restless. She hardly knew what to say next.

“Perhaps I could be a missionary at twenty-five,” she said at last, with a sigh.

“That is young enough to go to Africa,” said Mrs. Gray. “You know that Miss Robins who was buried last week at that age, thought of going to India.”

“I don’t see, mother,” said Katy, turning from the window, and laughing with tears in her eyes, “but I shall have to go right away, so as to be safe.”

“You would be safe, darling, if you would be one of Christ’s workers every day right here. If you should live for yourself twenty-five years, it would be rather hard work, all at once, to begin to live for others. Don’t dream of great things by and by, my dear, but be such a helpful worker every day in little things that at the last the Master will see that you have grown strong to bear great things.”

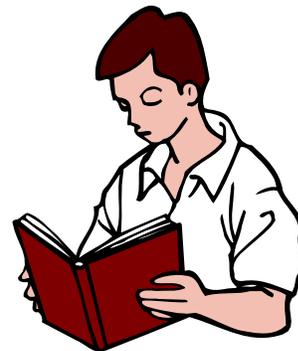
“I will try, mother. I can take care of the baby, and cheerfully do errands for you.”

And Katy did begin right then and there, and she began, too, in the true way. Home missionaries are as important and useful as those in foreign\* fields, and for them there is always an “open door.”

Katy followed up home missionary work in many ways. It was a blessing to herself as well as to those about her. There were many things that she could do to help her mother. There were errands upon which she could go as an angel of mercy. She could carry a basket of food to some poor widow and orphan children, even through the rain and snow. She could speak kindly to those in trouble. She could gather for Sabbath

school the little ones that lived near, who without her kindness would perhaps never have found their way into the fold of the Good Shepherd.

In this way Katy is getting ready for greater missionary duties by and by, should it please the Lord to spare her. And should it be His will early to take her from labor, she will be among those to whom the blessed Master will say, “Well done, good and faithful servant; . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.” = ^ .. ^ =



**Year 3: 3rd Quarter:**  
**“GOD’S MESSENGERS: THE PROPHETS”**  
**WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 4: “THE**  
**PROPHET ELISHA”**

This series of Bible Story Lessons is about God’s Messengers, His Prophets. For our Bible lessons we are going to use the King James Version of the Bible. Just like the boys and girls used to use to learn to read from in the pioneer days.

There will be some texts to look up for each day and you should practice your memory verse until you can say it without looking. Don’t forget to learn the text too.

**MEMORY VERSE: “He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.” Luke 16:10**

**Sunday**

**Text: 1 Kings 19:19, 20 “So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him. And he left the oxen,**

**and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee?"**

We have learned about the two main types of work the Prophets do;

They bring strong warnings of judgments when God's people forsake Him.

They encourage and help the people when they are trying to follow God.

Elijah's job had been the first of these and now as a check had been put to Jezebel and the terrible idolatry in Israel, some of the people at least, were returning to proper worship of the God of Creation.

Then God chose Elisha and called him from his work at his father's farm to serve Elijah. For several years he was Elijah's servant and pupil and worked for and with him. By doing faithfully the common ordinary jobs of life faithfully and well, he was getting ready for the larger work God would later give him to do.

You see if a person thinks highly of himself and is proud and always wanting to do 'something big and important', God can't trust him with heavenly power. He would get all puffed up like Satan and lose his eternal life. Elisha remained humble and teachable.

The day came when Elijah was translated to heaven and Elisha was asked what he wanted. He asked that a double portion of the Holy Spirit that had been with Elijah would be with him. Why? Did he want to be greater than Elijah? No, it was because he felt his unworthiness and felt he needed extra help if he was to do the job.

As Elijah ascended into heaven in a fiery chariot, he flung his mantle down to Elisha, a sign he was to take over the prophet's job. When Elisha returned from the scene of Elijah's translation, he struck the river water and it opened up for him to cross as it had for Elijah. The people knew that God had passed the prophetic work on to Elisha.

**Thought** - It is by being faithful to God in little things that we get ready to be faithful in larger things.

### Monday

**Text: 2 Kings 2:19 "And the men of the city said unto Elisha, Behold, I pray thee, the situation of**

**this city is pleasant, as my lord seeth: but the water is naught, and the ground barren."**

When Elisha came over the river and the waters opened up for him, the students at the school of the prophets saw it and knew that the Spirit of God was now with Elisha. Now they asked Elisha if they could send fifty men to look for Elijah, for fear that God had put him down again on some mountain or something.

Elisha knew this was a wrong idea and told them not to, but they begged and pleaded until he said, "OK, but you won't find him." They searched for many days, but of course found nothing and came back tired. Elisha did not go with them but stayed at Jericho where there was a school of the prophets.

Jericho had been cursed of God when Israel first came into Canaan. Where it had been a fruitful place with nice gardens and trees, it became dry and barren. The city had been rebuilt but the water problem was very bad. There was a spring there but the water was not fit for use. The men asked Elisha to help.

He told them to bring a new cruise (jug) with salt in it. Then he said, "Thus saith the LORD, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or barren land." 2 King 2:21 Then he took the salt and threw it into the spring. Right away the water changed and became pure and sweet. Believe it or not, that spring is still sweet and running well even today!

God sometimes enables His prophets to work miracles; however, God's miracles are ALWAYS to meet a genuine need, NEVER to show off. I read of a heathen 'holy-man' who used to beg in India and sometimes he would make candy appear in his begging bowl for the children.

Was this a genuine miracle or a trick of Satan? It was from Satan, as the candy is not good for the children and did not meet a real need for them. Also this man taught heathenism and not the Words of God.

**Thought** - It is important to realize that a true Prophet or servant of God does not work miracles just when they feel like it. God had already told Elisha in his prayers that He was going to heal the water and what Elisha was to do. He just followed directions.

## Tuesday

**Text: 2 Kings 2:23,24** “And he went up from thence unto Bethel: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head. And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the LORD. And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them.”

Elisha was traveling on his way to one of the other Schools of the Prophets in Bethel. As he was going along the dusty roads he passed near a city and a gang of naughty boys came out of the city and started to make fun of him and mock him.

They said, “Go up thou Bald Head!” and by this they were making fun of the truth that Elijah had gone to heaven. They no doubt had heard their parents making fun of this story and refusing to believe it.

These boys did not go to the School of the Prophets, they were from homes that still continued in the Heathen Idolatry and rejected the True God. God saw that if something was not done about this rudeness, the work of His prophet to help Israel would be greatly hindered. So the Holy Spirit told Elisha to pronounce a curse against these rude fellows. It is important to understand that Elisha did not just get ‘mad’ and do this on his own; it was what God told Him to do. Elisha himself was a kind and patient man.

God was about to teach a lesson that would not be forgotten. Right away something happened! Two she-bears came roaring out of the woods and attacked this gang of hoodlums and slapped and slashed at them as they scattered in horror. It ended up that 42 of them were injured by the bears and probably had the scars to remind them for the rest of their lives.

This one terrible event caused people to respect Elisha for the rest of His life. For fifty years he went in and out of the gate of Bethel, and to and fro in the land, from city to city, passing through crowds of idle, rude, dissolute youth; but none mocked him or made light of his qualifications as the prophet of the Most High.

Every child should be taught to show true reverence for God. Never should His name be spoken lightly or thoughtlessly. Never should we joke or make fun of anything to do with God, His Word, or His workers.

*Thought* – It is so interesting that Nature stands always ready to obey God and do what He asks it to do.

## Wednesday

**Text: 2 Kings 3:13,14** “And Elisha said unto the king of Israel, What have I to do with thee? get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother. And the king of Israel said unto him, Nay: for the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab. And Elisha said, As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee.”

Ahab had died when he rashly went into a battle a true prophet of God had warned him not to go to and Ahaziah, Ahab’s son had died when he inquired of heathen gods instead of the Lord. Now Jehoram, his son was king. The King of Moab rebelled against Israel at this time, and refused to send them the sheep that every year they had promised to send as taxes.

Jehoram, who was an Idol worshipper like his Mother Jezabel, went to Jehoshaphat, king of Judah and asked if he would come to war against Moab with him. Jehoshaphat asked if there were any prophets of God he could ask about this and he was told about Elisha, who they said, “Poured water on the hands of Elijah”; in other words, had been his servant and student.

So Jehoram, Jehoshaphat, and the king of Edom went together to see Elisha the prophet where he lived. Now what do you think Elisha said when these 3 kings came to call on him? Do you think he said, “Oh, my! Isn’t this wonderful? Three kings coming to see me! I must be sure to make them feel at home and flatter them so they will like me!”

Oh, no! He said the words in our text, he told Jehoram to go home and ask his own heathen prophets and the gods of his parents. You

see if Jehoram would have been ready to repent and follow God, he would speak kindly to him, but he was in open rebellion against God. Elisha went on to say that it was only because of Jehoshaphat, who did worship the True God, that he would even listen to these guys at all.

He asked for someone to play hymns while he prayed to God for guidance. Then he received some very strange instructions from God. He told them to dig a whole lot of ditches in the valley and in the morning there would be no rain or anything but the ditches would be full of pure water they and the animals could drink.

Then he said also that He would deliver Moab and his army into their hands and they were to destroy him and waste his land. Sure enough in the morning at the time of the morning offering, the ditches were all full of water.

**Thought** – They hadn't asked for water; what did these ditches have to do with winning the war?

### Thursday

**Text: 2 Kings 3:22,23** “**And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Moabites saw the water on the other side as red as blood: And they said, This is blood: the kings are surely slain, and they have smitten one another: now therefore, Moab, to the spoil.**”

When the army of Moab came over the hills in the morning to attack, they saw a red reflection on all these ditches and right away they thought that the two kings had fought with each other and killed each other. “Come on!” They shouted, “Let's go and get all their stuff!”

They hurried down into the valley thinking to get riches and instead the army of Israel and Judah, who were hiding, and rushed out and attacked them. They kept attacking them and went into their land and destroyed just as God had said. A Great victory was won that day.

There are a couple of very strange texts in the Bible about last day events and they talk about the valley of Jehoshaphat. Here is one: “Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.” Joel 3:12

Why is the Lord telling us about the Valley of Jehoshaphat?

Well what happened there? The heathen

thought they had all of God's people destroyed, didn't they? They thought they could just run down and steal away all of what they had and they were gone forever. Instead God had set a trap and a snare for them and they were defeated and driven away.

Notice too, this text talks about judgment and when this thing happened at the time of Elisha, God had judged Moab and was about to bring them to their end. In Prophecy a 'valley' means a place of decision. The 'Valley of Jehoshaphat' refers to the time when the people of earth are making their final decision whether or not to obey God.

Those who reject God's warning and follow the false religion of Rome and try to force all to keep Sunday, and reject the 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath, are going to think they have won. There will be a point when they are sure they are about to be rid of God's faithful ones forever and all they have to do is run out and take all their goods and lives.

This will be just before God pours His plagues upon them. God told the kings through Elisha, “And ye shall smite every fenced city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all wells of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones.” 2 Kings 3:19 And this is just what will happen with the 7 last plagues, they will ruin the cities, throw down the trees, (governments and powers) and fill the land with stones, (the final huge hailstorm of the 7<sup>th</sup> plague).

**Thought** – Many happenings of the Old Testament have meaning for us in these last days.

### Friday

**Text: 2 Kings 4:1** “**Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the LORD: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen.**”

There was a faithful man in Israel who served the True God and learned in the Schools of the Prophets. He died and left a widow with two young boys to raise. But sadly, he also left a large debt.

Soon the man the money was owed to, came to the house of this poor widow and demanded

his money back! The poor woman pleaded that she did not have the money to give to him. Well if she didn't have it soon, he was going to take her two fine young boys and sell them for slaves! Oh, how very sad! What could she do?

She headed to Elisha to ask the prophet for help. "And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil." 2 Kings 4:2

Notice he asked her what she had- she had a pot of oil for making bread. Not very much, not enough to sell and pay the debt, but a small pot of oil.

"Go and borrow from your neighbors lots of pots and jars and pans, as many as you can get. Then go into your house with your sons and shut the door. Then pour the oil into all those pots and pans."

They could have said, "Oh, that is silly!" and not done it, but she obeyed and did it. There they were in their house with the door shut and all these empty pots and jars all over the place. One pot was brought and the lady took her little pot of oil and poured into the big pot. It filled it up! She could hardly believe her eyes!

The boys brought her another one, and more and more; each one was filled from the little jar of oil. Finally, there were no more empty pots, they were all full! The woman hurried back to the prophet to tell him.

"Go and sell the oil", he said, "and pay your debt." And so she did.

So God worked through His prophet to help great ones like the kings, and little people like the poor widow, and people grew to know more about the True Creator God.

**Thought** - God did the same as he did many years later with a little boy's lunch, didn't He?  
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