

Text 2 Kings 4:1-7
Focus God will provide for you in a time of need
Verse Philippians 4:19 “. . .my God shall supply
 all your need . . .” NKJV

Songs of Praise and Worship

Prayer/Offering

Story 1 The Widow’s Oil (Bible)

Craft 1 Widow’s Sons (coloring)

Snack Time

Story 2 Nancy’s Pool (people)

Craft 2 Nancy (stickers)

My Bible Verse

Story 3 More Than Enough (puppet)

Craft 3 Jar (gluing)

Story 4 Bring More Jars! (acting)

Craft 4 Clay Jar (building)

The Widow's Oil

2 Kings 4:1-7

Prison Scene (used as common home scene), City Street Scene, Elisha (63),
Mother (106B), Boy (109), Boy (113), Table (227), Jars (260)

1. **A mother needed to pay a man a lot of money.** *Display City Street Scene, Mother, Boys.*
 - A. She did not have any money.
 - B. Her two boys would have to work in the man's house to pay him.

2. **The mother asked the prophet Elisha for help. Elisha told her that God would provide for her.** *Add Elisha.*
 - A. She had only one jar of oil in her house.
 - B. Elisha said, "Ask your neighbors for empty jars. Get as many as you can. Then go in your house and shut the door. Pour your jar of oil into all of the empty jars."

3. **The boys helped their mother do what Elisha said.** *Display Prison Scene (used as common home scene), Table - Move and Add Mother, Boys.*
 - A. The boys got lots of empty jars. *Add Jars.* Their mother filled all the empty jars with her jar of oil. *Move a Jar to Mother's hand.* Her oil kept coming and coming. The power of God did this. It was a miracle!
 - B. *Move and Add Elisha.* Then Elisha told her, "Sell all the oil. Pay the man his money. There will be plenty left over for you and your boys."

4. **God will provide for you in a time of need.**
 - A. God wants your mommy and daddy to have enough money to take care of you.
 - B. God will work a miracle to help your family.



One jar of oil became many jars of oil
by the power of God

Nancy's Pool

Nancy's mommy was filling up Nancy's swimming pool. Nancy looked at the garden hose and said, "Mommy, how does the garden hose keep making water? The water keeps coming and coming until it fills my pool."

Mommy said, "There is a big tank of water on the hill. Pipes bring the water to the garden hose."

Then Nancy said, "We read a Bible story about a mother who kept pouring oil from her jar. The oil kept coming and coming until it filled a lot of jars. Did pipes bring the oil from a big tank on the hill?"

Mommy laughed and said, "No, Nancy. All that oil came from one jar. The power of God made the oil in the jar keep coming and coming. It was a miracle."

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More Than Enough

Characters: Teacher
Ginger (or your favorite puppet)

GINGER: Teacher, God always gives animals everything they need.

TEACHER: Yes. He gives them grass, seeds and things to eat. God also takes care of us.

GINGER: How?

TEACHER: When we trust in God, we will always have food and clothes. God will always give us more than enough.

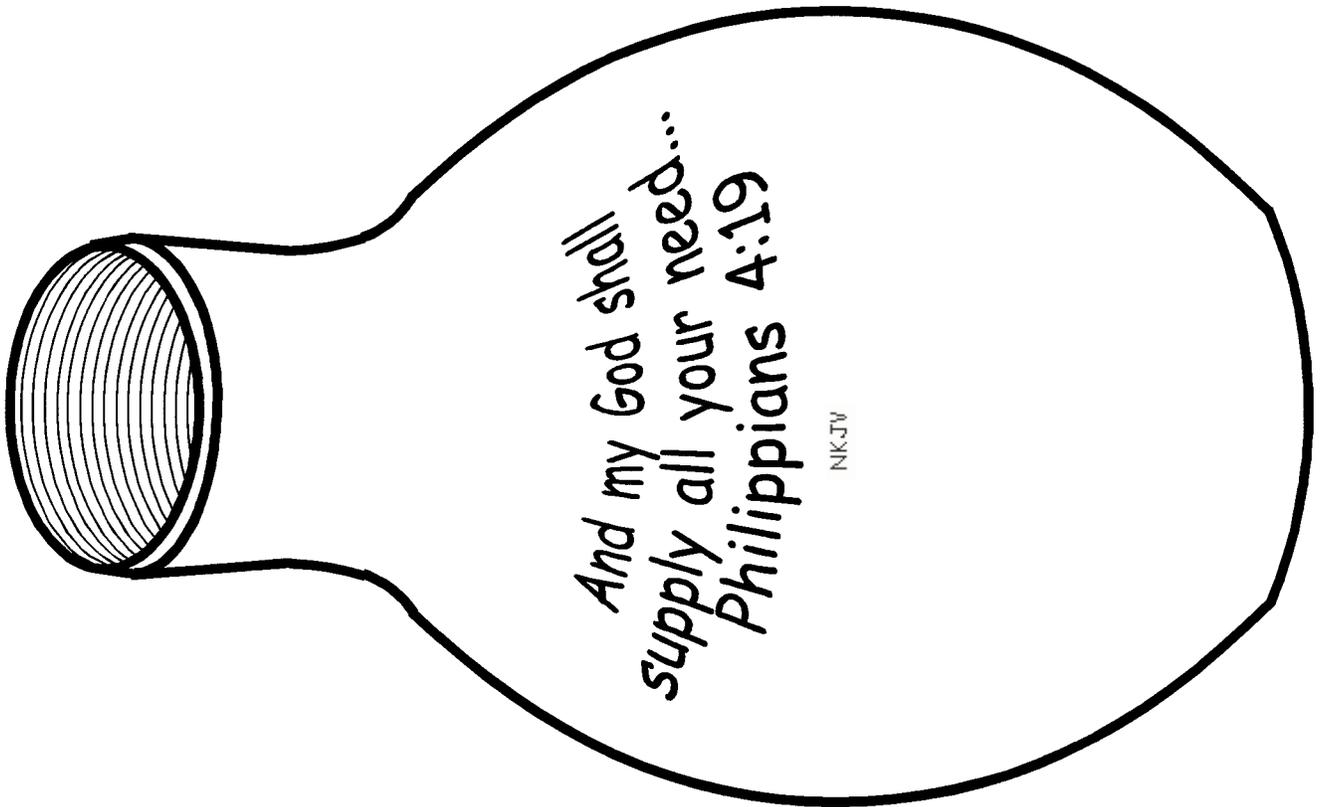
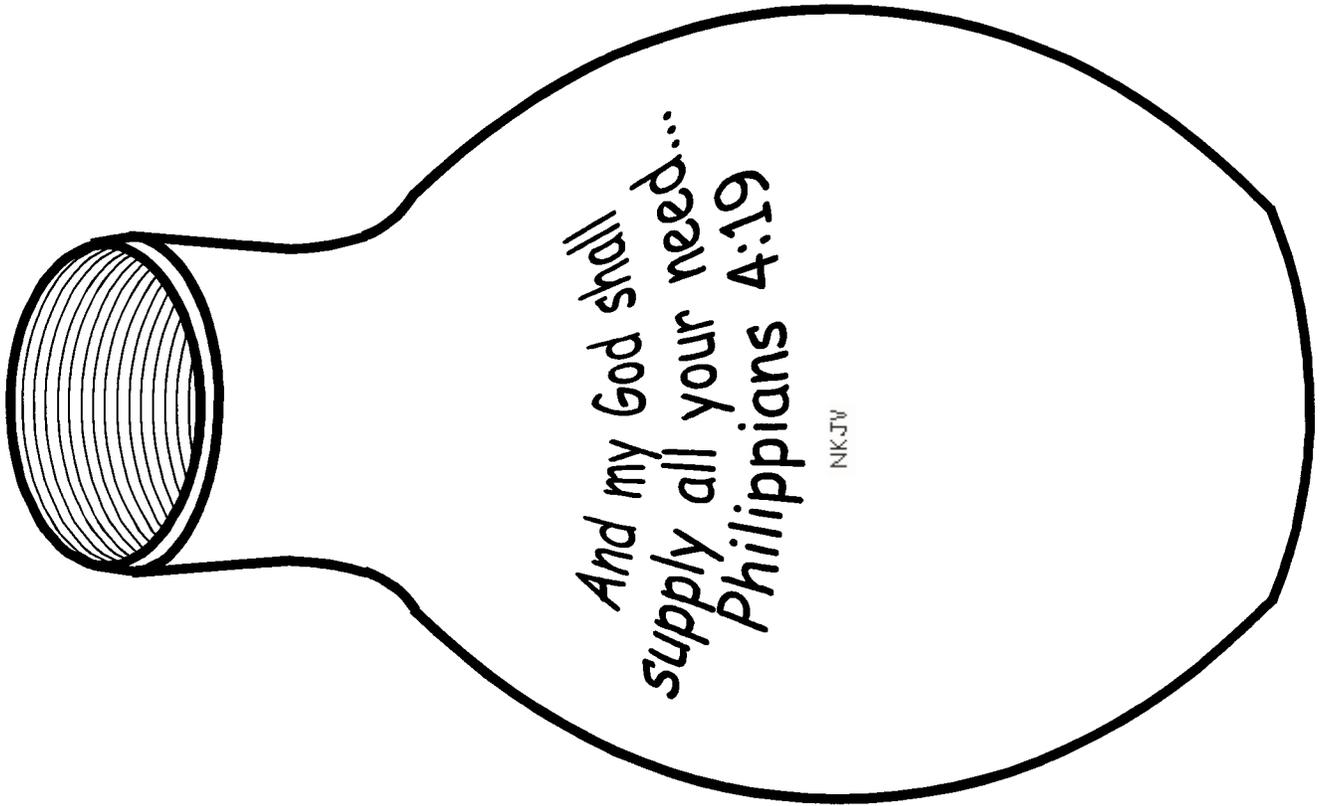
GINGER: All the time?

TEACHER: Yes, all the time.

GINGER: I'm glad God takes care of us.

TEACHER: Me, too.

Copy this page with "Jars" onto colored paper. Cut out "Jars." Have children glue a "Jar" onto another sheet of colored paper.



Bring More Jars!

Preparation:

Bring to class an empty pitcher, a colorful towel and a cloth strip long enough to tie around your head. First, place the towel over your head. Next, tie the cloth strip around the towel as a headband. Hold the pitcher in your hand.

What to Tell Them:

I'm going to pretend to be a mother with two sons. Elisha told us to get lots of jars to fill. Let's pretend that this pitcher is my jar of oil. *Speak the following with a woman's voice.*

Would someone like to bring me some jars? *Choose two children. Have them get imaginary "jars" from the other children and bring them to you.* Let's see how many we can fill. *Pretend to fill the "jars."* There is still more oil. Please bring more jars! *Continue filling "jars" for as long as the children's interest will allow.*

Now the whole room is filled with jars of oil! God has done a miracle. He made lots of oil to come out of my jar. It is worth a lot of money. When we sell the oil, we will have plenty for all of our needs.

Boys and girls, God will provide for you in a time of need. God wants your mommy and daddy to have enough money to take care of you. God will work a miracle to help your family.

Instructions for Clay Jar

Materials Per Child:

- one portion of salt clay (see Preparation section)
- one paper plate

Preparation:

Before class, make salt clay per the following recipe. This makes enough for four children.

1 cup all purpose flour	2 teaspoons cream of tarter
1 cup water	1 tablespoon vegetable oil
½ cup salt	5 drops food coloring

In a pan, mix all ingredients. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly. The dough is lumpy and takes about five minutes to thicken. When dough becomes very thick and gathers in a ball on the spoon, remove from heat. Let it cool, and knead until smooth. If dough is sticky, knead in more flour. Store in a sealed container.

Bring all materials to class.

What to Do:

During class, show the children how to shape the clay into a jar. Give each child a portion of clay on a paper plate and have them make their own jar.