

OUR STORY TODAY COMES FROM THE PART OF THE BIBLE CALLED II KINGS. TODAY'S STORY IS ABOUT A MAN NAMED ELISHA.

ELISHA LIVED IN THE TIME BEFORE JESUS CAME TO LIVE ON THE EARTH. ELISHA LIVED IN THE TIME BEFORE ALL OF THE BIBLE WAS WRITTEN. IN THAT TIME GOD USED PROPHETS. PROPHETS WERE MEN THAT GOD CHOSE TO BE HIS SPECIAL HELPERS. PROPHETS HAD A VERY SPECIAL JOB TO DO— GOD TOLD SPECIAL MESSAGES TO THE PROPHETS, AND THEN THE PROPHETS TOLD ALL THE PEOPLE WHAT GOD HAD SAID.

WE DON'T HAVE PROPHETS TODAY BECAUSE WE CAN READ OUR BIBLES AND FIND OUT WHAT GOD SAID, BUT A LONG TIME AGO GOD DID USE PROPHETS AND ELISHA WAS A GOOD PROPHET.

ONE DAY A POOR WOMAN CAME TO SEE ELISHA.
THE WOMAN WAS VERY SAD, SHE TOLD ELISHA ABOUT
HER PROBLEM. SHE SAID, "ELISHA ^{MY HUSBAND IS DEAD}
AND WE ARE SO POOR NOW THAT WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO LIVE
AS A FAMILY. MY SONS MAY HAVE TO GO AWAY AND WORK AS SERVANTS."
_{WITH NO PAY}

ELISHA ASKED, "WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP YOU?
WHAT DO YOU HAVE IN YOUR HOUSE?"

THE WOMAN TOLD ELISHA, "ALL I HAVE IS JUST ONE POT FULL
OF OIL."

ELISHA TOLD HER, "GO AND BORROW LOTS OF ^{EMPTY} POTS AND JARS
FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS. THEN BRING THOSE EMPTY POTS AND
JARS HOME AND POUR OIL FROM YOUR POT INTO THE EMPTY
POTS AND JARS."

THE WOMAN AND HER SONS ^{BORROWED MANY} EMPTY POTS AND
JARS FROM THEIR NEIGHBORS. WHEN THEY GOT HOME, THE
WOMAN Poured OIL FROM HER FULL JAR INTO AN EMPTY JAR.
GOD USED A SPECIAL WAY TO TAKE CARE OF THE WOMAN AND
HER SONS. WHEN THAT FIRST EMPTY JAR WAS FULL, THE POURING

