

## 1 Kings 17:8-16

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### Teachers Dig In

#### Dig In to the Bible

- Read: 1 Kings 17:8-16
- In This Passage: Elijah needs food, so God sends him to a poor widow. She's down to her last meal's worth of food and has nothing to give, but she generously gives to Elijah anyway. God is generous as well and continues to replenish the widow's food supply for as long as she needs.
- Bible Point: God is generous...
- Application: ...so we're generous.
- Summary Verse: "He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us" (2 Corinthians 1:4).

#### Dig Deeper

- You'll Be Teaching: *God is generous.* Generosity is hard for kids. Even just sharing can be a challenge, but generosity is giving above and beyond what most people would consider reasonable. Help kids see God's generous heart in how he provided for the widow...and in everything he has given to them.
- Think About: What's the most generous thing anyone has ever done for you? How does that reflect God's heart?

#### Dig In to Prayer

- Pray that God will open your kids' eyes to his own generosity and that they will give generously as a natural response.

#### Quick Tip

- If you collect an offering as a regular part of your children's ministry programming, don't pressure kids to give out of compulsion. Instead, help them appreciate God's generosity toward them. As they see his loving, generous heart, you can gradually open their eyes to the true meaning behind offering—giving back to him.