



Week 10: Flour and Oil

1 Kings 16:14 (NIV)

“For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says:  
‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of  
oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.’”

In the Bible, there are two books of Kings. The books tell about Kings of Judah and Kings of Israel. In these books, one of the most famous characters isn't a King. He is a prophet. His name is Elijah. Elijah is able to predict the future and to perform miracles with God's help. Elijah lives in a time when the Kings of Israel are not staying true to God. But Elijah is.

God has a plan for Elijah to prove the power of God to a King of Israel named Ahab.

First, God tells Elijah to tell Ahab that there will be no rain at all in their land - for years!

This prophecy makes Ahab angry. He blames Elijah when there is no water and no food.

God sends Elijah to a safe place where there is water. God even sends ravens - birds- to bring food to Elijah.

Still Ahab is refusing to change. Still God is not sending rain to Israel.

Elijah follows God's direction to travel to the home of a woman and her son. God tells Elijah that she will give him food and water. Elijah will be safe there.

So Elijah follows God's directions. When Elijah finds the woman, he asks her for bread. But she doesn't have any! She tells Elijah that all she has left in her house is a handful of flour and a little oil. She is planning to make one tiny loaf as a last meal for herself and her son. Elijah tells her to make her last loaf for the three of them, and that God will refill her flour and her oil every day until the rain comes.

Can you imagine? Every day, there is flour and oil enough for a fresh loaf of bread. By this miracle, God takes care of Elijah and of the woman and her son.

Later, God will show his power through Elijah in many more ways.

Color the picture.

