

You will need...

- Apron
- A small jar
- A selection of jugs and jars, given to various mums around the circle beforehand.

The story

Story	Actions
This term, all our stories are about how God cares for everyone. This is a true story from the Bible about how God cared for a poor woman.	
It is a story about a man called Elisha, who lived a long, long time ago. Elisha's job was telling people about God. One day, a poor woman came to see Elisha. She was very, very sad.	Put on apron and mime crying.
"Please help me" said the woman. "My husband has died and I have got no money and no family to look after me. I don't know what to do. My children and I have nothing to eat. I know you are a friend of God - can you help me?"	
"I will help you" said Elisha. "What do you have in your house?"	
"We don't have anything" said the woman. "The only thing I have is a tiny little bit of oil, left in a jar."	Hold up small jar
"Go and ask all your friends and neighbours for empty jars and jugs" said Elisha. "Don't just ask for a few, ask for lots and lots and lots. Then take your little bit of oil and pour it into the jars".	
So the woman went and asked her neighbours ... "Do you have any empty jars and jugs?" "Can I borrow some empty jars?" "Have you got any empty jugs I could have?"	Go round the circle asking the mums who you primed earlier for their empty jars, and collect them up.



When she had gathered lots of jars, she went home, and started pouring her little bit of oil into them, one by one. She was amazed! The oil didn't run out. She kept pouring and pouring, and soon all the jars were full to the top.

Line up empty jugs on where the children can see, and mime pouring oil into them. Look more and more amazed as you 'fill' so many jugs from one small jar.

Now she had LOTS of oil! She ran to tell Elisha. "You won't believe it!" she said. "My little bit of oil has filled all these jars. Now I can sell them at the market, and get enough money to feed my children."

God cared for the poor woman, and so he used her little bit of oil to give her enough money for everything she needed. That's how good and generous God is. And God cares for us, too.

Sing - God's Love is the best love.



Top Tips

- Everything needs to be said with plenty of intonation, life, interest and volume to keep toddlers interested. It will sound odd!