

1 Kings 17:1-16



Elijah spoke God's words to God's people. One year, there was a drought. It didn't rain for a long, long time, and Elijah had no food to eat.

God said, "Elijah, go to a place called Zarephath. A widow there will take care of you."

How surprising! Elijah was a famous and powerful prophet. He was supposed to get help from a poor woman in a foreign land?

Elijah shrugged. "God doesn't work the way people think God should work," he thought. So he went to Zarephath and found the widow.

"If you feed me," Elijah promised, "God will make it so that your food doesn't run out until it rains again."

The widow cocked her head. "I will trust God," she said.

And sure enough, even though she had very little food, it didn't run out until the drought ended.



God's Care for All

God loves all of us, and especially cares for those who are lonely or hurting.



Did'ja Know?

Especially during Bible times, widows like the one in today's story depended on others. Can you think of groups of people or individuals who need to be remembered today?

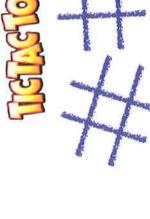
Color the picture of the Prophet Elijah and the widow in Zarephath.



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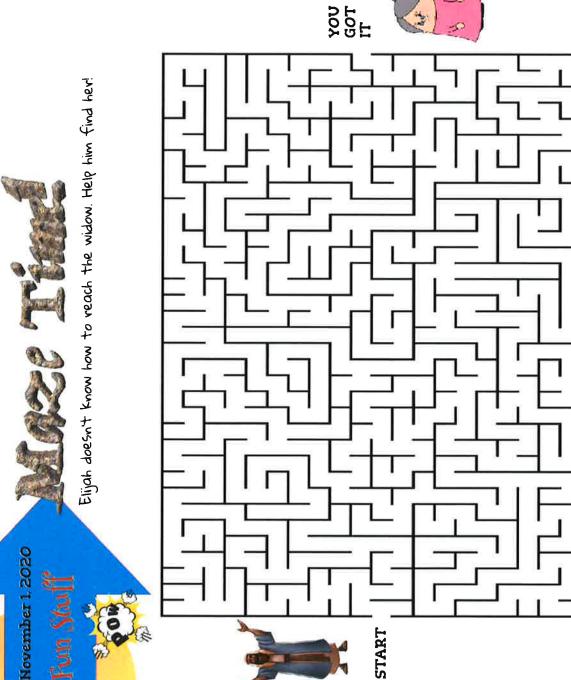


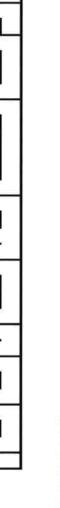
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During times of drought when it does not rain, it can be devastating for those who depend on the crops. Find out about ways you can give or help others when these things happen.