

# Widow's Oil Skit

(Based on 2 Kings 4:1–7)

**Parts:** Creditor, Widow, Son 1, Son 2, Elisha, Narrator (Teacher)

**Props:** one small cup as the widow's jar, stack of large foam/plastic cups (10–20), table

**Scene:** Pass out large cups to the students not in the skit. They will be the widow's neighbors. Place a small cup on a table at the front next to the widow and her sons. Have Elisha stand on one side and the creditor on the other.

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**Narrator:** One of the prophets of God died, leaving behind his widow and two sons and a debt that needed to be paid. One day, the man who was owed money came to the widow's house. Let's see what the creditor said to the prophet's widow.

**Creditor:** Your husband owed me a lot of money. Do you have it?

**Widow:** We've sold everything we have, and we still don't have enough. Please, show mercy!

**Creditor:** No! You have to pay it all. If you don't have the money, I'll take your sons as slaves. They will work until they pay off the money their father owed.

**Widow:** Please, don't take my children! Just give me more time!

**Creditor:** You have until tomorrow. I'll be back. If you don't have my money, your sons are mine!

**Narrator:** The creditor left the widow. *Have creditor return to seat.* He was allowed, by law, to take her sons to pay their father's debt. But the widow wouldn't give up that easily. She knew the prophet Elisha was a true man of God, so she went to find him. *Have widow and sons hurry to Elisha.*

**Widow:** O man of God! Your servant my husband is dead, and you know he feared the Lord. But the creditor has come to take my two children to be his slaves.

**Elisha:** What shall I do for you? Tell me; what do you have in the house?

**Widow:** I have nothing except a jar of oil.

**Elisha:** Go borrow vessels from all your neighbors. Get empty vessels, as many as you can. Then go into your house and shut the door. You and your sons should pour oil from your jar into these vessels. When one is full, set it aside.

**Widow:** We will! Come on, boys. Let's go! Hurry to the neighbors and ask for any vessels we can borrow.

**Son 1:** Like jars and bowls?

**Son 2:** And pots?

**Widow:** Yes, any containers they can spare. Let's get as many as we can and bring them to the house.

**Narrator:** So the widow and her sons did what Elisha said. They hurried to all their neighbors and asked for vessels and brought them to their house. *Have the widow and sons run to each student and ask for a jar. Students should give them their cups. Have the widow and sons place large cups on the table at the front. Then she shut the door. Have widow pretend to close a door.*

**Widow:** I will pour the oil from the jar. You boys, bring me the vessels.

**Narrator:** So the widow poured oil from her jar into the first vessel. And something miraculous happened! The oil kept coming from her small jar until the larger vessel was full! *Have widow pretend to pour from her small cup into one of the big cups.*

**Widow:** It's full! Quickly, bring me another!

**Narrator:** Her sons brought her each jar, bowl, and pot, and she kept pouring oil from the same small jar into each one. *Have sons continue to bring large cups to the widow while she pretends to fill them.*

**Son 1:** This one is full!

**Son 2:** Here's another one!

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**Widow:** Bring me another jar.

**Son 2:** There is not another!

**Son 1:** They are all full!

**Narrator:** When the last vessel was filled, the oil stopped coming from the small jar. The widow and her sons were amazed at how much oil they got from one small jar. They ran to tell Elisha. *Have widow and sons run to Elisha.*

**Widow:** O man of God! My small jar of oil has filled all the vessels we borrowed from the neighbors!! What should I do now?

**Elisha:** Go, sell the oil and pay your debts, and you and your sons can live on the rest.

**Widow:** God is so good!! Thank you!

**Sons:** We're saved!

*End of Skit*

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