

Our story begins with a famine (**Rub empty tummies**)

King Ahab was a bad ruler and he worshipped foreign gods.

Elijah said to King Ahab, “I serve the Lord, the God of Israel.

As surely as the Lord lives, I tell you the truth.

No rain will fall during the next few years unless I command it.”

God told Elijah Leave this place and go out to a narrow valley.

You may drink water from the stream.

And I have commanded ravens to bring you food there. (**‘Caw’ like a raven**)

Elijah did what God said.

The birds brought Elijah bread and meat every morning. (**'Caw' like a raven**)

The birds brought Elijah bread and meat every evening. (**'Caw' like a raven**)

When the stream dried up, God told Elijah to go to Zarephath.

'Go to a people who are not my people and I will use a widow there to provide you with food'. (**Rub empty tummies**)

Again Elijah obeyed God.

He arrived and went through the town gate. (**Pretend to open a squeaky gate**)

Just as God had said, Elijah saw a widow woman picking up sticks to make a fire. She was just by the town gate.

(Pretend to open a squeaky gate)

Elijah asked her for some water and he asked her for some bread.

The widow went to get Elijah some water, but when Elijah asked her for bread, the answer he got was a 'no'. **(Shake heads and say 'no')**

The widow said 'I don't have any bread, just a little flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug.

So I will take these sticks and make a fire and bake a little meal with what little I have left,

and then my little boy and I will eat it and who knows – it might be our very last meal together’. **(Rub empty tummies)**

So Elijah made a promise to the widow.
(Cross heart and say ‘promise’)

Elijah told her not to be afraid.

He said to her ‘Go home. Using your flour and oil make two loaves of bread, one loaf for me, and one loaf for you to share with your son.

Because God has told me that your little jar of flour and your little jug of oil will not run out until the rains return and the famine ends. **(Rub empty tummies)**

With great faith, the woman chose to believe what was said.

She made some bread.

(Pretend to mix ingredients in a bowl – clackerty, clackerty clack)

She gave Elijah a loaf and shared a loaf with her child.

They were hungry no more. **(Rub empty tummies)**

And just as Elijah had promised, her little jar of flour and her little jug of oil never ran out until the rains returned and the famine ended.

It just kept on going and going and going.

God was true to His word. God kept his promise
(Cross heart and say ‘promise’)

And that is why our story finishes with a Wow!
(Everyone shouts Wow!)

And even the ravens said Caw! **(‘Caw’ like a raven)**



All Age talk









Affirmation of Faith

Lord our God

You are a God of miracles.

You are a God who gets involved in our ordinary lives.

You are a God who is bothered by what bothers us.

You are a God who rescues us and goes with us.

You are a God who will lead us through good times and bad times.

You are a God whose love is so amazing we cannot understand it.

You are a God who chooses ordinary people to follow you.

You are a God who makes ordinary people extraordinary.

You are our God and we love you.

We bless your name.