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## “If the Lord Be God, Follow Him”

*There’s a lot of good content that could be discussed with this week’s lesson, but we felt like our kids really need a strong focus on tithing, so our plan is to use the story of the widow’s sacrifice to help them understand the sacrifices and blessings that come from giving a fraction of what we have to the Lord.*

1. [Elijah and the Widow of Zarephath](#) – Show them the picture on page 4 below (from the manual). Tell the story of Elijah and the widow of Zarephath in your own words (from 1 Kings 17:1-16), and ask them questions while discussing, such as:
  - Would you have been willing to give up the last food you had for someone else?
  - Do you think it was hard for her to give up what she had?
  - Why did she do it?
  - Was she blessed for sacrificing what they had to the Lord’s servant?
  - Spend time helping them see that this wouldn’t have been an easy decision to make.
  - Take some time to compare this to the sacrifice we’re asked of paying tithing.
  - Are we asked to give up ALL of the money we have?
  - How are we blessed for giving up just a fraction of what we have?
  - Is it hard to give up that money sometimes? Etc.
2. [Video](#) – Watch “[Elijah and the Widow of Zarephath](#)” 10-minute video from the church. Warn them beforehand that some of what they say is in another language, so just pay attention to the actions of what they’re doing. Have them watch really carefully at the end to see what happens after she gives up the last of what she had.
  - You could also watch the short “[Elijah the Prophet](#)” video from the church.
3. [Props/Acting Out the Story](#) – Use whatever props you can find at home to act out the story. Help them understand how big the widow’s sacrifice was (even though it was a small amount) and how amazing her blessings were.
4. [Sacrifice of Tithing \(Chocolate Gold Coin Practice\)](#) – We’re not asked to give up our last bit of food, but how much are we asked to sacrifice in tithes?
  - We bought some of the chocolate gold coins from WinCo to use to practice calculating tithing amounts. We’ll give them each ten and ask them to give one back to us to represent tithing. Help them see that even though they are giving up one of their chocolate gold coins (which is hard to do!), they still have nine chocolate coins that they didn’t have before.
  - Talk about what actually happens with our tithing money and how it’s used for good things.
  - This [Tithing Explained for Kids](#) video from Latter Day Kids could also be helpful to watch while teaching and practicing tithing.

5. More Tithing Practice/Stories/Songs – Depending on time/interest, we plan on reusing some stuff from this past lesson. Click on the picture below to take you to the lesson plan.



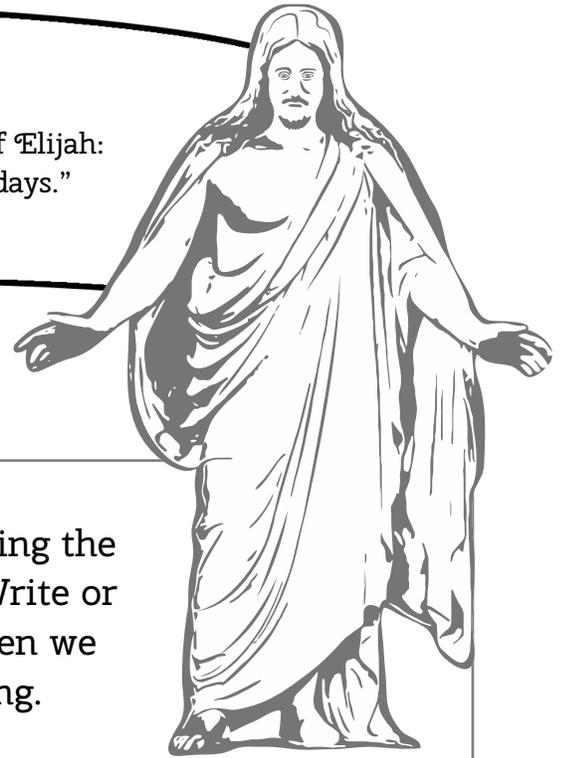
6. Scripture Draw – Do the scripture draw on page 3 below.
7. Cake – Since these verses mentioned cakes, we're planning on decorating a cake with some of the chocolate gold coins we used to practice paying tithing. We'll probably explain that the type of cake we're making is different from the one mentioned in the Bible, but it's a fun way to wrap things up. 😊

## Additional Ideas:

More Great Free Ideas at [www.theredcrystal.org](http://www.theredcrystal.org)  
[Old Testament Cartoon Videos from the Church Website](#)

**1 Kings 17:15**

“And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah:  
and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days.”



The widow of Zarephath was blessed for obeying the prophet and sacrificing the last of her food. Write or draw a picture of one way we are blessed when we sacrifice one tenth of our money for tithing.



*Widow of Zarephath*, by Rose Datoc Dall