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Elijah

Narration It was the time of King Ahab's rule over the Israelites. King Ahab did not believe in God but served a false god named Baal. God sent the prophet Elijah to the Israelites.

Elijah We must not serve these idols. God is the one and only God.

Narration Elijah spent his life sharing God's words with the Israelites.

God Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there.

Elijah Yes Lord, I will do as you say.

Narration One day, God told Elijah to go to Zarephath and told him that he would meet a widow.

Elijah Let's see.. now which way should I go for Zarephath...

Narration Then, he saw a woman gathering sticks. She was a widow. Elijah spoke to the widow at Zarephath.

Elijah Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink and a piece of bread?

Narration The widow of Zarephath knew at once that Elijah was a man of God. But because she was extremely poor, Elijah's request was burdensome for her.

Widow I don't have any bread - only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son.
After that, I intend to die.

Narration Elijah was well aware of the widow's circumstance.

Elijah I am aware of your situation. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me. Then, the Lord, the God of Israel will ensure that your jar of flour is not used up and that your jug of oil will not run dry.

Narration The widow of Zarephath went away and did as Elijah had told her. So, during the three and a half years of famine in Israel, the widow's jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry.



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Narration Then one day, something sad happened to the widow of Zarephath. Her son who had been healthy suddenly became ill and died. The widow of Zarephath said to Elijah:

Widow (in a sad voice) What do you have against me? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?

Narration The widow of Zarephath burst into tears. Elijah took the son into his arms and lay him down on the bed in the upstairs room. Then he prayed to God.



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Elijah Lord, why have you brought tragedy even on this widow I am staying with by causing her son to die?

Narration Elijah stretched himself out on top of the boy three times and cried out to the Lord.

Elijah Lord, I pray in earnest. Let this boy live again!

Boy Mom!. I am hungry.

Narration The Lord heard Elijah's cry and the boy's life returned to him and he lived. The widow of Zarephath took her son in her arms and wept with joy. Then she knelt before Elijah.

Widow Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord from your mouth is the truth.

Narration The widow of Zarephath worshipped God and gave Him thanks.



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