

This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, *we want YOU to be the one to introduce* this part of The Big God Story to them.

For additional support in spiritual parenting and to learn more about creating transforming environments in your home, be sure to pick up **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** from your church or download at [HomeFrontMag.com](http://HomeFrontMag.com). You can also access the HomeFront app for your iPhone, iPad, or Android device.



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## God Is Powerful

Part of The Big God Story  
2 Kings 4:1-7, 38-44  
Elisha's Miracles

### JUST FOR FUN

One night at dinnertime, place a few empty jars or cups, a container of oil, and a roll or small loaf of bread on the table. Read **2 Kings 4:1-7** together. Pour oil into the empty jars or cups until the oil is gone, and then talk about what just happened in the Scripture passage. Now read verses **38-41**. Discuss the miracle in these verses. Finally, read verses **42-44**. Hold up the roll or loaf of bread and ask your children if they think 20 small loaves of bread could feed 100 hungry people. All of these miracles happened because God is powerful!

## Did You Know?

- In ancient Israel, God used prophets to communicate His words to the people.
- The prophet Elisha performed miracles, pronounced judgment, and defeated enemies as proof to the idolatrous Israelites that he was sent by God.
- Elisha was part of God's overarching plan to correct the course of Israel and its kings. But while God cared about Israel as a nation, He also used His power to miraculously provide for the needs of individuals.

Children this age are very curious about the world around them and often use their imaginations to try to make sense of everything. You can help your child separate fantasy from reality by providing her with plenty of hands-on activities to explore.

## Teachable Moments

After reading **2 Kings 4:1-7, 38-44**, discuss the following together:

- What does God have the power to do?
- How did God use His power to help people we read about today?
- How has God blessed you and provided for you through His power?

## Remember Verse

**YOUNGER:**  
For the Lord is good and his love endures forever.  
Psalm 100:5a

**OLDER:**  
For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.  
Psalm 100:5

## Blessing

For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource**.

### A blessing to pray over your child:

**In His awesome power, God created the heavens and the earth! (Child's name), may you know He loves you and cares for you. May you experience God's power and love in your life. (Jeremiah 10:12)**