LESSON PLAN

TITLE: The Pots of Oil

TEXT: II Kings 4: 1-7

MEMORY VERSE: See Lesson sheet

KEY SCRIPTURE: Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction. ~ James 1:27

LESSON OUTLINE:

1. Long ago God had a special helper named Elisha. He loved to help others, and he was a friend to both rich and poor people.

2. In one home lived two boys with their mother, but she was unable to make a living for them after their father had died.

3. A man stopped by their home one day and said that he had come to collect the money the family owed him.

4. The poor lady didn't know what to do. Then she remembered God's helper. He would know what to do -- she would ask him.

5. She told Elisha that the man was going to take her boys for slaves if she didn't pay him, and that all she had left in the house was a pot of oil.

6. That was enough! Elisha told her to borrow as many pots as she could from her neighbors, close the door and -- start pouring!

7. This they did till all were filled.

8. Elisha told her to sell the oil, pay the man what she owed and live on the rest.

9. She did as Elisha said, with the boys helping her, even though it sounded impossible. God can do anything!

10. How thankful she was. And she didn't have to be separated from her two boys. God had taken care of them in their need.

MAIN OBJECTIVE:

▪ Jesus knows everything! He saw that the lady and her boys really needed help and He took care of them.

APPLICATION TO DAILY LIVING:

▪ We must do what we can, too, to be Jesus' helpers. (Think what may have happened if the boys had not minded their Mother!) Jesus cares about YOU and He will make sure that you have everything you need.

TEACHING AIDS:

• Dolls, small pots or containers, oil -- use to tell the story.

• Things Jesus gives us (or pictures of): article of clothing, fruit (or other food), shoes, doll bed, cardboard house, parents etc.

• Hand mirror -- Who does Jesus care about?

• Paper and pencil -- let each child draw something Jesus has given them.
• Empty purse (coin purse) to show that the widow had no money, (or empty piggy bank).
• Empty cereal or cracker boxes to show she had no food, (or milk carton, egg box etc.)

NOTES: