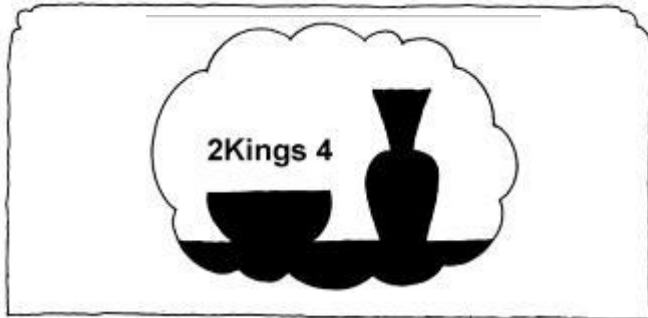


# ELISHA and the oil that never ran out

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I wonder how many jars  
I would have borrowed?  
How much faith to believe  
do I have?



A poor lady who was sad  
because her husband had died  
and owed a man lots of money,  
went to see Elisha, the man of God, for help.



Elisha asked, "What do you have in your house?"  
"Only a jar with a little cooking oil," replied the lady.  
"Borrow as many empty containers as you can.  
Fill them with oil from your jar," Elisha told her.



The lady was surprised.  
She didn't have that much cooking oil in her jar,  
but she did as the man of God said.  
The boys borrowed lots of empty pots and bowls.



They went inside the house and shut the door.  
They filled one jar full, then the next.  
The oil in the jar just kept pouring out,  
until every single jar was full!



She sold the cooking oil  
at the market and gave all the  
the bowls and jars back to her neighbours.  
Then she paid all the money her husband had owed.



I wonder how many jars I would have borrowed?  
How much faith would I have had?  
If the lady had only borrowed one bowl she would  
not have had enough oil to sell to pay back the money.



The family thanked God  
for looking after them and  
for the wonderful miracle.  
God will look after you too.