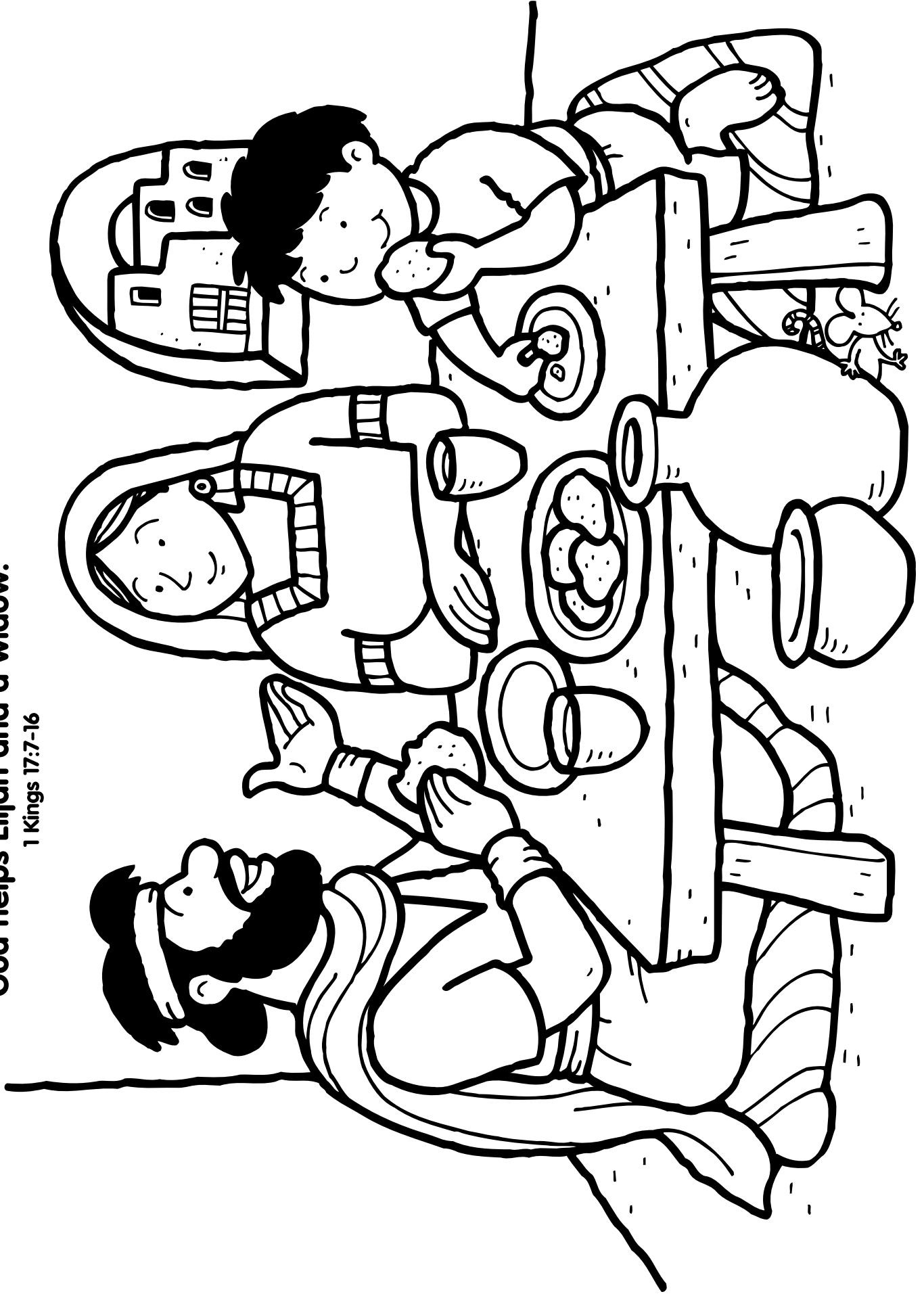


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In the land of the Israelites there had not been any rain for a long time. God had helped the prophet Elijah have enough food and water. But soon the brook near Elijah dried up. God told Elijah to go to a certain town. God said that a woman who lived in that town would give Elijah food.

Elijah walked to the town. Near the town gate, Elijah saw a woman picking up sticks. Elijah asked the woman to bring him some water to drink. As the woman left to get water, Elijah called, "And could you please bring me some bread?"

"Oh, I'm sorry!" the woman told him. "I have only enough flour and oil to make a little bread for my son and me. It's all the food we have left. After this we will die."

"Don't worry," Elijah said kindly. "Make a little bread for me first. Then make some for you and

your son. God has promised that there will be enough food for all of us until it rains again!" The woman did what Elijah asked. She mixed some flour and oil and patted it out flat. After it baked on the fire, she gave it to Elijah.

Then she began to make bread for her son and herself. She went to get the last bit of flour from the flour jar. She looked in the jar. There was still flour in it! Then she peeked into the oil pitcher. The pitcher still had oil in it! There was enough flour and oil to make all the bread they needed for supper!

And every day after that, the jar of flour and the pitcher of oil were never empty until there was food in the country again. The woman, her son and Elijah must have thanked God many times!