

HELP NEEDED

Lesson 2

These are pretty big problems. Thankfully there are people waiting to help fix these problems. Use your pencil and draw a line to connect the problem on the left side of your paper with the helper on the right.

Problems



Helpers



What is a problem you have had?

Who helped you with your problem? Write his or her name here.

How did this person help you? Write about what happened here.

Trusting God to Provide

Bible Story from 1 Kings 17:2-16

Remember how God warned He would hold back the rain because King Ahab and the people of Israel were worshiping the false god Baal? Well, the rain stopped, and things got dry as a bone in Israel. God, however, didn't forget about Elijah the prophet. God made sure that Elijah had everything he needed.

As you read this story, look up the Bible verse at each Discovery Point. Then fill in the blanks to learn how God provided what Elijah needed.

After Elijah told Ahab about God's punishment, God spoke to Elijah. "I will take care of you," God said. "Leave here and go to the brook east of the Jordan River. You can drink water from the brook, and I've told some

_____ to bring you food."

Read 1 Kings 17:4. Who brought Elijah food?

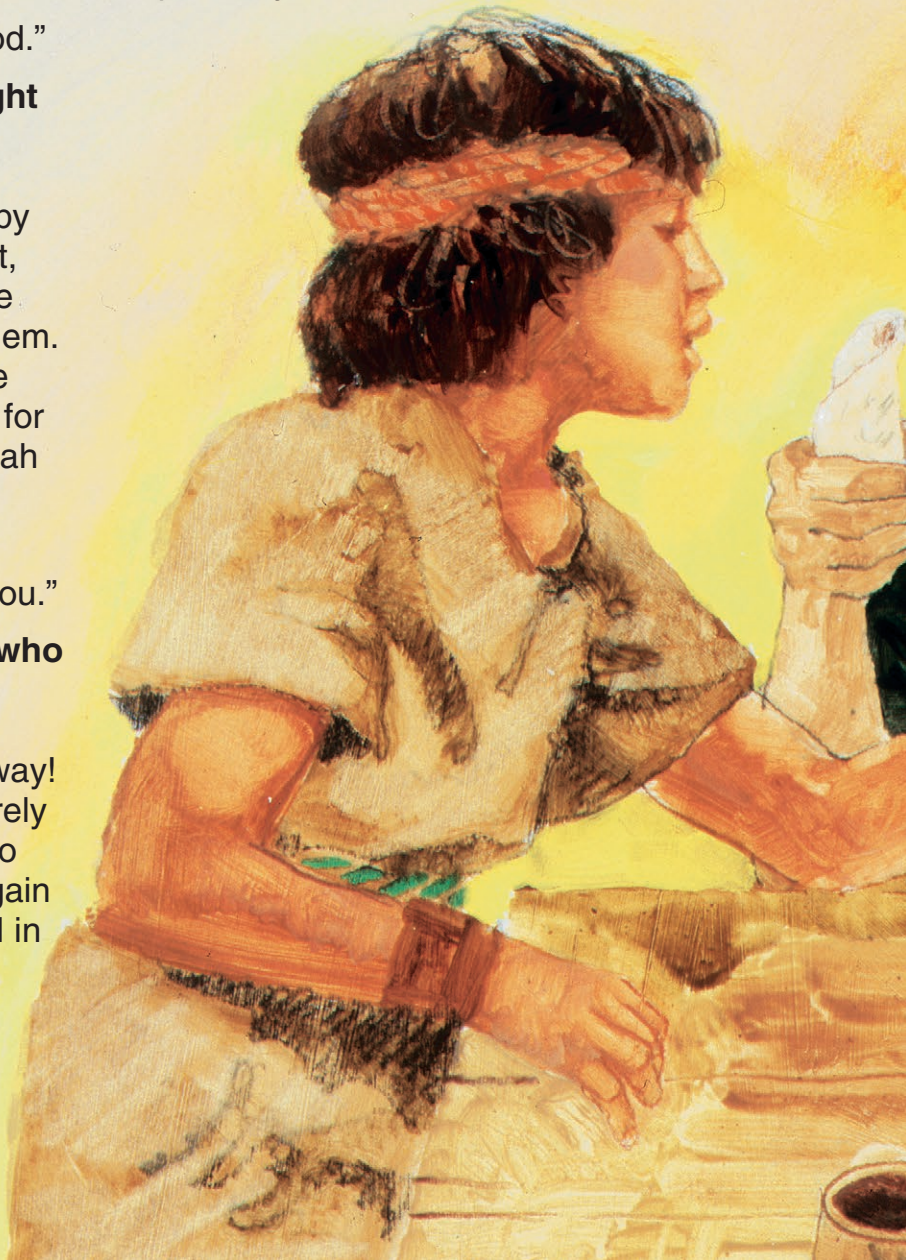
Elijah obeyed God and remained by the brook. Soon he had plenty to eat, both morning and evening. But some time later, Elijah faced another problem. Because there had been no rain, the brook dried up! There was no water for Elijah to drink. But God spoke to Elijah again. "Go to the town of Zarephath (ZAIR-uh-fath). I've told a

_____ living there to feed you."

Read 1 Kings 17:9 to find out who God chose to help Elijah.

Zarephath was miles and miles away! And Elijah was a stranger there. Surely there was water someplace nearer to his own people in Jerusalem. But again Elijah obeyed God. When he arrived in Zarephath, he saw a woman picking up sticks to build a fire. "Would you bring me some water and a little bread?" he asked her.

"All I have is a bit of flour and a little oil," the widow said to Elijah sadly. "I'm building a fire so I can fix one last hot loaf of bread. After my son and I have eaten it, we'll have nothing left. We'll probably die."



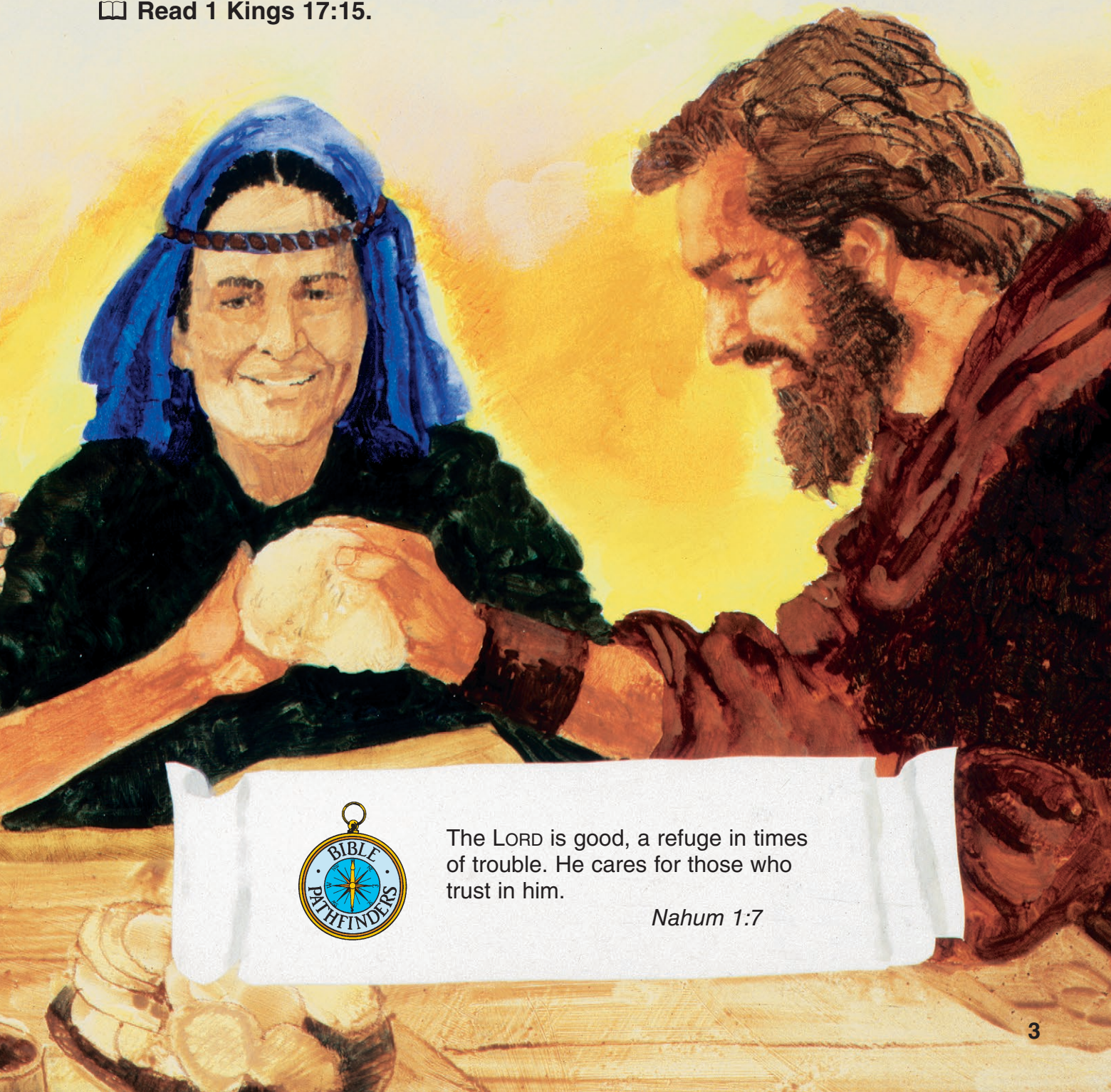
“Don’t worry,” Elijah told her. “Go home and make a small loaf of bread for me. The Lord says you are not to worry about running out of food.”

The widow had never seen Elijah before. How could she be sure God had really spoken to him? If she shared her food with Elijah, she wouldn’t have much left for herself and her son. Did the widow believe Elijah and do what God commanded?

 **Read 1 Kings 17:15.**

Elijah and the widow had some hard choices to make. Sometimes what God told them to do must have seemed confusing. But Elijah and the widow obeyed because they trusted God.

The story had a happy ending! There was food every day for Elijah and the widow and her son. The flour never ran out, and the oil jar never ran dry. The widow learned that God cares for those who trust Him to provide for their needs.



The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him.

Nahum 1:7

people in the Bible who trust God

Many people in the Bible trusted God to help them in times of trouble. God rewarded the faith of these people in many ways. Look up the Bible verses written below and match the story to the picture on the right of your page. In the space under the Bible verse, write the name of the person who trusted God.

1

Look up Genesis 41:15-16, and verses 39-40 in your Bible. Put the name of this person who trusted God here.

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Look up Joshua 6:2-5, 15-16, and verse 20 in your Bible. Put the name of this person who trusted God here.

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Look up Esther 4:15-16 and Esther 7:3 in your Bible. Put the name of this person who trusted God here.

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Look up Acts 27:33-35 and verses 41-44 in your Bible. Put the name of this person who trusted God here.

