

## Bible background

2 Kings 4:8-17

## Aim of lesson

To teach that God likes us to show thoughtfulness and kindness to others.

## Preparation required

You will need colouring materials.

## Suggested outline of lesson

1. Describe Elisha travelling round the country, teaching people about God. Ask the children where he would sleep or eat. Bring out that some people would invite him in for a meal or offer him a bed, but sometimes he might have to sleep in a field if no one asked him home.
2. You may like to have one of the children 'be' Elisha and walk round the class. When he stops have one of the others invite him for a meal.
3. Tell the children about the kind rich lady who invited Elisha, her discussion with her husband and her plans to build him a little room on the roof of their house.
4. Ask the children what Elisha would need in his room. Give out the activity sheet and have the class draw round the dotted lines of the furniture she gave him. Ask what the lady is saying and what Elisha is saying. Tell how, because she had been so kind to God's servant, Elisha, God gave her a baby of her own.

## Alternative activities

1. If you have access to play figures and furniture e.g. from a dolls' house, Lego or Mobil play set, let the children make a room with Lego in a cardboard box or just on the floor or table top.
2. Cut out simple furniture shapes and get the children to colour them and stick them on to a large piece of paper.
3. Help the children to think of kind things they could do for someone and draw pictures to illustrate.
4. Help the children to make a simple gift for someone.

## Relevance to the children's lives

Ask the children if they like giving presents, and seeing people happy when they open them.

## Prayer

Ask the children to suggest what Elisha might have prayed after he saw the room. You might like to encourage them to thank God for their bedrooms, beds and furniture.

## Verse

'He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord.' Proverbs 19:17.

## Song

God is very kind (Tune: One man went to mow)



God is very kind  
 Kind to me and you  
 When he sees that we're kind too  
 God is very happy.

Music: Traditional.

If you have time the names of all the children in the class can be added one at a time instead of 'we' in the third line.