



In God I trust

Elijah and the Woman in Zarephath
1 Kings 17:8-16

Granny B sat on the farmhouse porch, rocking slowly back and forth. She was relaxing while she waited for her baking to be finished. Granny B closed her eyes, breathing in the delicious smells coming from the kitchen. When she opened her eyes, she spotted two familiar faces headed her way.

"Hello, my little ones," Granny B called, waving to Delbert and Lello.

"Baa. Hello, Granny B," Lello called in return.

Delbert and Lello ran up the steps and stood next to Granny B. Before she could say anything, Delbert had a request.

"Granny B, can you tell us more about Elijah?" Delbert asked excitedly. "We loved the story about the ravens bringing him food."

"Baa. God did a lot of powerful things through Elijah, didn't he?" Lello asked.

"He sure did. In fact, this morning I read another story about Elijah," Granny B said, pulling her Bible from her apron pocket. "Elijah met a woman and asked her for some water and food."

Delbert snorted. "Haw! Elijah was hungry alot, wasn't he?"

Lello turned to Delbert and whispered, "Shh. There wasn't enough food in the land, so everyone was very hungry."

"That's right, Lello. The woman said she only had a little flour and a little oil, just enough to make a little bit of bread," Granny B continued.

"Oh dear. What did she do?" Lello asked.

"I bet God helped them," Delbert offered in reply.

Granny B smiled at Delbert and nodded her head. "That's exactly right. God promised the woman's flour and oil would never run out."

"I bet God kept that promise ... right?" Delbert asked.

"Of course!" Granny B agreed, rubbing Delbert's ears.

Lello looked confused and asked, "You mean her jar of flour was never empty?"

"Yes," Granny B replied.

"And her jug always had oil in it?" Lello asked again.

"That's right. It was another miracle from God," Granny B answered.

Delbert could smell something baking in the kitchen that reminded him that Elijah was hungry. "What about Elijah? He was hungry, too."

"The woman had enough flour and oil to make bread for Elijah," Granny B replied.

"Baa! God is so powerful, He made sure they never ran out of food!" Lello said happily as she spun in an excited circle on the porch.

"Well, are you hungry, little ones?" Granny B asked.

"Haw! You bet!" Delbert shouted.

"What are you baking Granny B? It smells delicious," Lello commented.

"Why, thank you. It's a loaf of bread. It should be done any minute," Granny B said, looking down at her watch. As she looked up, the oven timer buzzed. When she opened the porch door to head into the kitchen, the scent of bread grew stronger.

"This bread will help us remember the story of Elijah," she said, as she walked out of the house carrying a warm loaf of bread. Delbert waited patiently for Granny B to give everyone a slice. Soon, their mouths were full and Granny B sat back in her rocker to tell them more Bible stories about Elijah and God's mighty power.