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# BASIC TRUTH

God made me.

### **STORY TIME:**

Draw It

# **CRAFT TIME:**

Mini Placemat

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Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

WHAT YOU NEED: Preschool Bible, butcher paper, and markers in various colors

**LEADER:** "Hello, friends. I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (hold up the Bible) is about a man named Elijah! (*Draw a stick man Elijah*.)

"Elijah was hungry. What happens when you're hungry? Does your tummy grumble and growl? (Draw shaky lines in and around Elijah's tummy.) Yes! And when you're hungry, that's what your brain thinks about! (Draw a thought bubble with a loaf of bread and a glass of water in it.)

"Elijah needed food. God told Elijah to go to a special woman and ask her for food. So that's what Elijah did. (*Draw a stick figure Elijah talking with a stick figure woman.*) But when he asked the woman for food, she said she only had enough to make a little bread for her and her son. (*Draw jars or a bowl with very little oil and flour in it.*)

"Elijah told the woman that God said her oil and flour would not run out and to go make the bread. So that's what she did. (Draw a stick woman holding a small loaf of bread.) The oil and flour did not run out, just like God said. (Draw stick figure Elijah, stick figure woman, and stick-figure son with jars full of flour and oil.) Elijah, the woman, and her son thanked God because they had plenty of food to eat. God is good! We can thank God for our food, too, because God is good."

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# **CRAFT TIME**

Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Mini Placemat" Activity Page; cardstock; dot markers; paper napkins; plastic spoons; glue sticks; hand wipes; and a pen

### WHAT YOU DO:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Mini Placemat" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Encourage children to dot marker their placemat. Help them glue the napkin and spoon to the placemat. Clean hands as needed.

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "We can thank God for our food just like Elijah, the woman, and her son. I have a placemat for you to decorate. Use the dot markers to make it fun and colorful. (Pause.) Great job! Let's add a napkin. (Rub some glue on the placemat to the left of the plate.) Super. Now let's add a spoon. (Rub some glue on the back of the spoon where it will touch the paper.) Press it down. (Pause.) You made a great placemat! (Clean hands as needed.) Every time we eat, we can thank God for our food because God is good."