

Activity	Materials
<p>Warm up / welcome game: I know what that is called (Furniture fun)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look at all this furniture ... Are they tables? Are they beds? Are they cupboards??? Let's sort these chairs out into their different colours. <who knows what colour this one is?> There is a chair in our story today ... let's see... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flashcards with pictures of furniture OR dolls house furniture OR toy plastic chairs
<p>Attention grabber:: coughs, hiccups and sneezes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can you tell me what a cough is? What does it sound like? What about a hiccup? What does that sound like? In this story someone sneezes seven times ... does a sneeze sound like a cough or a hiccup? <see if the group can pretend to sneeze seven times> Don't forget to listen for the sneezes in our story. 	
<p>Story and question time: A room for a special visitor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using a drawing or feltboard pieces <table, chair, lamp, bed> tell the story. Give each child the chance to retell the story with the pictures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> drawing of a room with pictures of pieces of furniture to add to the image (feltboard style) illustrations of the story (eg. Sweet Publishing CC-BY-SA 3.0)
<p>Song time: Elisha walked to Shunem (Tune: "Sing a song of sixpence") Elisha walked to Shunem and visited one day, A lady there did see him and asked if he would stay, They helped this man of God - they made a room for one, Elisha prayed to God and the lady had a son.</p>	
<p>Craft time: A son</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give everyone a cardboard figure Dress him with crepe paper clothes Draw his face and add small googly eyes (optional) Talk about the different clothes that he might wear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Precut templates of a boy Crepe paper and tissue paper to make clothes Googly eyes Glue, scissors
<p>Craft time: Furnishing a room</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give everyone a piece of cardboard (A4) Match sticks to make the table Draw a lamp / candle and add a cellophane flame Draw a bed and add some fabric for a blanket Draw a chair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cardboard Match sticks Fabric Cellophane Pens Scissors, glue
<p>Activity time: Building things</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design your own furniture with play dough 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play dough
<p>Memory verse: Be kind to one another. Ephesians 4:32</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone likes it when we are kind to each other ... I wonder if you know what kind means? Is it kind to share? Is it kind to be gentle? Is it kind to pinch people? Is it kind to snatch things? <p>(clap a rhythm as you say the sentence over a few times)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memory verse sheets Stickers
<p>Take home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colouring sheet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colouring sheet (p. 53 in Action Heroes 1 teacher's book)

NB: mix and match the activities to suit your students and the materials you have available

Notes:

Familiarizing yourself with the story

- Read 2 Kings 4: 8 – 37 (see Biblegateway.com)
- Shunem on the map (see Bible Atlas.org)

Making props

- FLASHCARDS: Make your own flashcards using clip art or pictures of furniture from magazines
- FURNITURE: If you have a dolls house or furniture from a dolls house they make good props OR you could draw the furniture simply on a white board as it is added to the room
- STORY ILLUSTRATIONS: The Bible story illustrations from Sweet Publishing are Creative Commons licenced and can be reproduced for Sunday School props. <http://distantshores.org/resources/illustrations/sweet-publishing/2-kings>

Play dough

- Play dough keeps very well. I store it wrapped in a plastic bag in the cupboard for months quite successfully. I usually double the recipe - that makes enough to fill an icecream container. This recipe comes from the McKenzie Creme of Tartar box.

Ingredients

- 2 cups plain flour
- 4 tbs creme of tartar
- 2 tbs cooking oil
- 1 cup salt
- food colouring
- 2 cups water

Method

1. Mix the dry ingredients.
2. Add the water and oil.
3. Stir all the ingredients together and cook over low-medium heat.
4. Keep stirring (you'll get your forearm workout for the day in). The mixture will start to thicken up and pull together. Keep going a little bit longer until it is no longer sticky when you squeeze a piece of the mixture between your fingers.
5. Once it's no longer sticky, dump it out onto a clean surface.
6. While still warm (but not hot) knead together until smooth. Be careful because it is hot in the saucepan and when you first take it out.