

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

**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](http://Biblegateway.com))
- Shunem on the map (see [Bible Atlas.org](http://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.