

Miracle After Miracle

When have you experienced a miracle—whether it was big or small?

Read 2 Kings 4:1-44 (NIV).

1. What made the olive oil flow for the widow?
 - A. She did everything the prophet told her to do.
 - B. Her faith.
 - C. Elisha's faith.
 - D. Having so many empty containers available.
 - E. An act of God.
 - F. Her great need.
 - G. Luck.
 - H. God owed her a favor.
 - I. Other.

2. Why did the woman show such hospitality to Elisha?
 - A. That's just the kind of person she was.
 - B. Her parents had trained her to be like this.
 - C. She had plenty of money, so she could share.
 - D. God had given her the gift of hospitality.
 - E. She hoped to get a favor from God.
 - F. Elisha reminded her of her relatives.
 - G. It was her way of serving God.
 - H. She had nothing better to do with her time.
 - I. Other.

3. Why didn't Elisha know the lady wanted a son until Gehazi told him?
 - A. Elisha lacked intuition.
 - B. The woman wouldn't tell them her deep longing for a son.
 - C. Gehazi knew things Elisha didn't know.
 - D. Elisha was just on the wrong track with his guesses.
 - E. God hadn't revealed it to Elisha (yet).
 - F. The topic was too sensitive.
 - G. Elisha's supernatural powers were up to God, not him.
 - H. Prophets only know secrets when God reveals them.
 - I. Other.

4. What can you relate to in the woman's actions after her son died?
 - A. Her singular focus was unstoppable.
 - B. A sense of desperation.
 - C. Well-meaning people aren't necessarily helpful.
 - D. Sometimes only one specific person can help you.
 - E. She had a hard time telling the truth.
 - F. Others had no clue what she was going through at that time.
 - G. She felt as if God had disappointed her.
 - H. Elisha's attempt to have Gehazi take care of it wasn't enough.
 - I. Other.

5. What made the difference—what caused the boy to come back to life?
 - A. His mother's persistence.
 - B. Having Elisha there.
 - C. It took more than Gehazi.
 - D. Mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.
 - E. It was all God.
 - F. Elisha's prayer.
 - G. It was God working through humans.
 - H. Sneezing seven times.
 - I. Other.

6. What do you glean from Elisha's food miracles (vs. 38-44)?
 - A. The famine made people famished.
 - B. Just because you're a prophet doesn't mean you always have food.
 - C. What seems obvious isn't always obvious.
 - D. People miscalculate.
 - E. Food isn't a problem for God.
 - F. It's good to be around a spiritually potent person.
 - G. We're more dependent on God than we often realize.
 - H. Other.

7. How often did Elisha experience miracles? How often do you?

8. Reflect on the miracles in 2 Kings 4. What was God's part in them? What was the human part?