

# SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

## LARGE GROUP LESSON

**BOTTOM LINE:**

God wants us to follow his direction.

**OBJECTIVE:**

Kids will learn why they need to follow God's lead.

**KEY PASSAGE:**

1 Kings 17:7-24, Elijah and the Widow

**INTRO**

How many of you guys like to build things? How many fans of Lego or Mega Blocks do we have here this morning?

If you're a building block fan, you're in luck, because for the next four weeks, we're going to be talking all about your favorite thing!

Legos are one of the most popular toys in the world. Legos, Mega Blocks, and other building blocks are incredibly flexible toys. You can use them to build just about anything you can imagine. You can make cars, rockets, boats, houses, skyscrapers, animals, monsters, and everyone's favorite - space ships!

Sometimes it's fun to freestyle and build whatever your imagination can dream up, but there are times when it's helpful to have some direction. For example, how many of you have ever received a Star Wars Lego kit? Or maybe a Super Heroes kit? Those kits come with specific parts made for a specific purpose. Kids and adults buy those sets because they want to make something specific, like a Millennium Falcon or a Batmobile. You can play around with the kits and build just about anything you can dream up, but if you want to build that Millennium Falcon or that Batmobile, the best way to do it is to follow directions.

Following directions is crucial to living for God. God made each one of us with a specific purpose in mind, just like those special Lego kits.

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Only you can fulfill that purpose, and the only way you can make it happen is to follow God's direction.

Today we're going to look at a passage from the Old Testament. In this story, a man and a woman are both asked to follow directions. The directions given to them seem foolish at first, especially to the woman, but when they follow the directions, we see how God blesses them both.

## READ 1 KINGS 17:7-24

### MAIN POINT

Elijah was a prophet. Elijah was in need of a place to stay and food to eat. God told him to find a poor widow who had almost nothing and ask her for food. Sounds foolish, I know, but it's God's direction.

The woman probably thought Elijah was crazy, asking her to sacrifice some of her food for him, but just as Elijah found God's directions to be good, the woman found them to be good as well. She kept on making food for her, her son, and Elijah, and her food never ran out.

Then tragedy struck. The woman's son dies, and the woman questions whether or not God really loves her. But God gives Elijah the power to raise the woman's son from the dead.

Had Elijah not obeyed God, he would have gone without food. Had the woman not obeyed Elijah, she'd have run out of food. She would also have lost her son forever. God blessed the prophet and the woman for following his directions and for showing us the way to live.

### DRIVE IT HOME

God has a plan for each and every one of you. You are as unique and special as the pieces created in each custom Lego set. You were designed to fulfill a plan that God has laid out for you. It's up to us to follow directions.

We can start following directions by following the Bible. God gave us the Bible to teach us who he is and how we should live. Through the Bible we learn to love others. We learn what sin is so we can avoid temptation. We learn how to live a life that pleases God.

We gain further direction when we pray. When we take our problems, our hopes, and our requests to God, he not only hears us, he answers us. God will open doors that need opening. He will close other doors to keep us from going the wrong way.

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God has big plans for you. Some of you in here may one day be full-time ministers or even mission workers. Some of you in here have a simpler plan. It may be as simple as being a friend to a new kid who moves into the house down the street. Whatever God's plan is, follow his lead. Big or small, obey God and follow his direction.

God blessed the prophet who obeyed him. He blessed the woman who obeyed the prophet. He will bless us when we obey his direction and do the work he gives us to do.

## CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER

*Dear God,*

*Give us direction so that we may live a life that brings glory to your name.*

*In Jesus' name,*

*Amen*