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1 ~ The Prophet

Nara heard a knock at the gate. Her parents had warned her before going to the market not to open their gate to anyone unless she knew them.

"Nara, Nara, it's me. Hurry!"

Nara recognized the voice of her 16-year-old neighbor, set her kitty down, and happily opened the gate.

"Hi, Micah," she said, a large grin

on her face. "Come on in."

"Is your mother here?"

"I thought you came over to see me," Nara teased.

"This is important," Micah replied.

"Well, no, she isn't. Why?" she asked, picking her kitty up again.

"My mother sent me over to borrow something."

"Is it about your father dying?"

"Well, kind of," Micah replied. "We don't have much money now. A mean man came a few days ago and said he was going to take us kids as his slaves

if our mother didn't pay what she owes him."

"Slaves? That would be terrible. I could never be a slave."

"Well, that's what is going to happen to my brothers and me."

"What are you going to do? Run away and hide?" Nara asked.

"My father was friends with a prophet named Elisha," Micah said. "Elisha has come to our house to help."

"Does Elisha have money?" she asked, petting her kitty.

"No, he told my mother how to get her own money."

"How?"

"I don't know exact-ly. But he said to borrow all the pots we can. That's why I'm here. We need pots, bowls, vases—anything."

She looked around. "Well, a lot of our pots have grain in them for my mother to make bread. Some have water in them. Others have olives in them. And...."

Nara got a twinkle in her eye. "I know what I can do. There are sacks in our storeroom. Help me pour all the grain and dry things in the sacks."

"Won't your mother care?"

"If she does, I'll come get them back from you."

It took a few trips going back and forth to the house next door, but finally Nara got 5 pots, 1 vase, and 4 bowls for Micah's prophet, Elisha.

"Is this what you need, sir?" she asked the bald man sitting in a corner of Micah's family courtyard.

"That will be just fine," he said with a smile. "And thank you, little girl, for helping. God bless you."

Elisha turned to Micah's mother. "Do what I tell you, and you will be able to pay off the mean man plus buy all the food and clothes you need for your family."

Nara went home and told her mother what she had done. Her mother made her promise to bring back all the pots when the neighbor was done with them.

The next day, Micah returned. "Nara, guess what? My mother had one bowl of oil and poured it in one of the jars, but the bowl didn't empty. So, she poured oil into another jar, then more jars until our one bowl of oil filled all the jars. It was a miracle!"

Nara never saw Elisha again after that. But she heard plenty of stories of his miracles to help people where ever he went.

THINK & DO

1. When someone knocks on your door and you answer it, do you decide it is okay to invite them into your house if they smile? Do not do it. Bad people can smile. No matter what they tell you, just say, "I'm sorry" and close the door, or close the door without saying anything. If the person is a friend of your parents and it is important, they will return when your parents are there.

2. If someone asks to borrow something that they cannot buy, lend it to them. It may be a pencil or paper. God makes the sun shine on everyone. Be God's helper.