

**He turned my
mourning into
dancing..**

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Readings: **Psalm 30**;
2 Kings 5: 1-14; Mark 1: 40-45

Naaman and the man with leprosy felt overwhelmed with joy when God healed them. Celebrate joyfully with these maracas.

Maracas

You will need: (per child)

- an old light globe
- masking tape
- 15cm length of dowel
- papier maché: white scrap paper and glue (wallpaper paste or PVA glue mixed with water: 1 part water to 3 parts glue)
- bright acrylic paints, paint brushes, water pots
- clear varnish (optional)

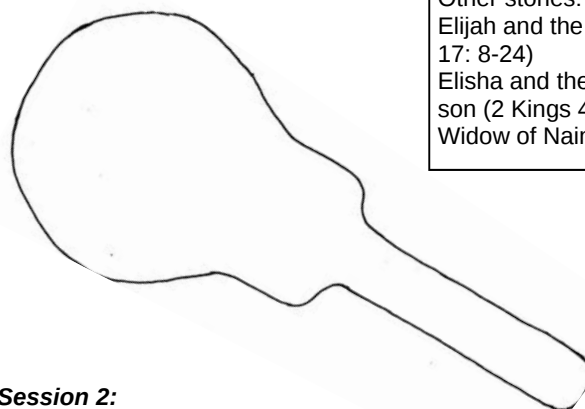
What to do:

Session 1:

- Fasten the dowel to the light globe with masking tape
- Cover the globe and stick with several layers of papier maché. You can make the handle thicker in the middle by putting more layers there. Make sure the join where the stick is taped to the globe is well covered.
- Leave for a week to dry.

Age: Older Primaries

Time required: 2 sessions



Praise and rejoice:

Psalm 30: 11 You have turned my mourning into dancing...

Other stories:

Elijah and the widow's son (1Kings 17: 8-24)

Elisha and the woman of Shunem's son (2 Kings 4)

Widow of Nain (Luke 7: 11-17)

Session 2:

- When the papier maché is quite dry, give the maraca several sharp taps on the table until the glass is broken inside. This will give a great sound when the maraca is shaken.
- Decorate the maraca with bright paints.
- Optional: when paint is dry, spray or paint with a clear gloss varnish.

Single Session Alternative

Prepare maracas as in Session 1 yourself beforehand, so children only need to paint and decorate the maracas in a single session. This would also make it easier for younger children to do.

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