

Old Testament

Naaman gets well

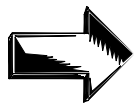
2 Kings 5:1-19a

Younger Verse

Do not be afraid. John 14:27

Older Verse

Peace I give you...Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27



Teachers: This new unit is designed to help your children understand some of the stories in the Old Testament.

PLEASE remember always to include the New Testament verses—this helps each child see how God's ultimate plan was fulfilled in Christ!

Welcome Time

Have you ever wanted to tell a grown up person something important but they did not listen? In today's story, a little girl has an opportunity to help a grown up. Let's see if the grown up listens to her.

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Teachers: We are not sure if Naaman had leprosy or another horrible skin disease. The original language is not clear on exactly what kind of skin disease Naaman had. It was most likely leprosy.

Back in Elisha's time, there were other countries besides Elisha's country of Israel. One of Israel's neighbors was Aram. The people of Aram would sometimes raid Israel and take things back to their country. There was a famous hero in the country of Aram. His name was Naaman. He was the commander of the army and had won many battles or victories. He was very respected in his country.

Even though Naaman was a powerful man, he still had problems. He caught an awful disease called leprosy. This disease affected the skin. It caused the person to have white spots that were like big sores. The disease was also contagious, so others could get it from you!

Naaman had a special little girl that helped his wife in their home. She loved God and worshiped Him only. One day, the little girl told Naaman's wife that she wished he could visit Israel and see the prophet Elisha. She knew that he could help cure Naaman's leprosy.

When Naaman heard this news, he immediately went to the king for his support. The king gave Naaman a letter to take to the king of Israel asking for a cure. Naaman packed much gold and silver and even clothes to take as payment for the cure.

Lesson Goals

**Share how we can tell others about God like the little girl did
God can help us with our problems like He helped Naaman**

When the king of Israel read the note, he was upset. He did not know what to do. He did not think to call Elisha. However, Elisha heard the news and sent a note to the king asking Naaman to come to his house.

Naaman eagerly traveled to Elisha's home. His horses and chariots raced as fast as they could. When Naaman knocked on the door, he got a surprise. Elisha did not greet him. Elisha sent his helper to the door to tell Naaman what to do. He instructed Naaman to dip 7 times in the Jordan River and he would be cured.

Naaman was furious! He stormed off very upset. He couldn't believe that Elisha would not personally come to the door and help him. After all, he was a very important man and he expected people to treat him that way. He also thought Elisha would stand over him and wave his hands and pray to God.

As Naaman and his helpers were traveling back to his country, his helpers came to him and convinced him to do as Elisha said.

So, Naaman stopped at the little Jordan river. It was dirty but he dipped into the water 7 times like Elisha said. When he finished the 7th dip, his skin was clean!! He was well! God had healed him!

Naaman went back to Elisha's house and thanked him for his kindness. He told Elisha that he knew that God was the only true God. He offered the gold, silver, and clothes to Elisha but Elisha refused. He wanted Naaman to see that it was God not him who did the miracle.

Naaman traveled back to his country a different person inside and out. Outside, his skin was clean. He was well. Inside, he knew in his heart that God was the only real and true God. He trusted Him and began to follow God alone.

God can do the same thing in our lives. God made a way to help us clean out all the dirty sin that we have in our life. Jesus died and came back to life to pay the price for all of our sin. He did this for US. If we believe in Him, and ask Him to come into our life and forgive our wrongs, Jesus will clean out our sin and make us pure. He will come into our life and help us live and do things for God. If you want to know more, talk to us about how you can ask Jesus into your life.

We can also learn from our lesson how to help others know about God. The little girl spoke up and told her friends about God and how to find Him. We can do the same thing!

Learning Activities

Try activities to help the kids learn something from the lesson.

Memory Verse Activities

Use signs and symbols to mime the verse. Have fun and let the kids help so that they remember it!

Prayer Time

God wants us to help with our problems. Take time to ask for prayer requests and pray for each one.

Snack Time/CleanUp

Dye frosting blue and spread on cookies to resemble the Jordan River!

Planning for Lesson 65
Gehazi is greedy
2 Kings 5:15b-27

Preschool Lesson
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Tell the story from the Little girl's point of view.

Hi! I want to tell you what happened to a friend of mine very long ago.

I lived with some special people and I helped them in their house. They were very kind to me.

My friend, Naaman, was a very important man. He took care of the soldiers for the king. One day, he began to get very bad skin sores. He was very upset and did not know what to do. No one had ever been cured of this disease.

I spoke up and told him that in my country there was a man of God named Elisha, who could cure his problem. He was so excited. He packed his clothes and hurried off to visit the man.

When he got to Elisha's door, a helper came instead of Elisha. He told Naaman to dip 7 times in the Jordan River and he would be clean.

Naaman was upset. He was disappointed that Elisha did not come to the door. He went way mad.

On the way, some of Naaman's friends talked to him and asked him to go to the Jordan river. They stopped and Naaman dipped in the water 7 times. (Count to 7—maybe in English and Spanish!)

When Naaman came up out of the water, he was clean! Naaman was well! God cured his sickness!

Naaman saw that God was the only real God. He believed in God that day and only followed Him.

Sing this fun song to the tune of "Mulberry Bush." (song from an old unknown VBS curriculum)

Seven baths did Naaman take, Naaman take, Naaman take,
Seven baths did Naaman take, count them all right now.
(Count to seven)

Seven baths and Naaman's well, Naaman's well, Naaman's well
Seven baths and Naaman's well count them all right now.
(Count to seven)

Thanks to God who made him well, made him well, made him well,
Thanks to God who made him well, All-le-lu-ia!

Hands-On Activities
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Color a paper cup to resemble the Jordan River. Glue a picture of Naaman to a straw and poke it into the bottom of the cup. Now have Naaman “dip” 7 times up and down in the “Jordan River” cup.

Make Bubble prints. Put a small amount of dishwashing liquid in a pan of washable paint. Have the kids blow bubbles in the pan using straws. Now place white paper over the bubbles. The bubbles will pop on the page and leave a pretty design. Use blue to signify the Jordan River.

Bring Baby powder and let everyone put “leprosy spots” on their arms. Bring a blue tarp or sheet as the Jordan river. Take turns being “Naaman” and dip in the river. When they go down the 7th time, the kids will quickly wipe off the powder and come up clean!

Dye water blue in a bottle. Add a little figure to represent Naaman. You can use a cork, craft stick, etc. Tip the bottle as if Naaman is dipping in the water 7 times. Write the verse on the bottle too.

The little girl in today’s lesson knew God and spoke out to help her friends know him. Challenge the kids to speak out to tell others that they believe in Jesus.
