

## **Jr Church/Kids Club Lesson for 5/10 Week #11**

### **God Heals Naaman's Leprosy 2 Kings 5:1-16**

**Key Point:** We believe God knows best.

**Bible Passage:** 2 Kings 5:1-14 International Children's Bible (ICB)

Today, we are going to learn about someone who looked Gross! He had a terrible skin condition. Can you imagine what it would be like to have your body covered in sores? When a Jewish person had the skin disease, Leprosy, that person became an outcast because of Jewish law. Naaman wasn't Jewish, but being a leper still made it harder for Naaman to be accepted. And he went to a Jewish king and a Jewish prophet to be healed! Let's see what happened to this sick man named Naaman.

## **Naaman Is Healed**

**5** Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man to his master. He had much honor because the Lord had used him to give victory to Aram. He was a mighty and brave man. But he had a harmful skin disease.

<sup>2</sup>The Arameans had gone out to steal from the Israelites. And they had taken a little girl as a captive from Israel. This little girl served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup>She said to her mistress, "I wish that my master would meet the prophet who lives in Samaria. He would heal Naaman of his disease."

<sup>4</sup>Naaman went to the king. He told him what the girl from Israel had said. <sup>5</sup>The king of Aram said, "Go now. And I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman left and took about 750 pounds of silver. He also took about 150 pounds of gold and ten changes of clothes with him. <sup>6</sup>He brought the letter to the king of Israel. It read, "I am sending my servant Naaman to you. I'm sending him so you can heal him of his skin disease."

<sup>7</sup>The king of Israel read the letter. Then he tore his clothes to show how upset he was. He said, "I'm not God! I can't kill and make alive again! Why does this man send someone with a harmful skin disease for me to heal? You can see that the king of Aram is trying to start trouble with me!"

<sup>8</sup>Elisha, the man of God, heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes. So he sent a message to the king. It said, "Why have you become so upset that you tore your clothes? Let Naaman come to me. Then he will know there is a prophet in Israel!" <sup>9</sup>So Naaman went with his horses and chariots to Elisha's house. And he stood outside the door.

<sup>10</sup>Elisha sent a messenger to Naaman. The messenger said, "Go and wash in the Jordan River seven times. Then your skin will be healed, and you will be clean."

<sup>11</sup>Naaman became angry and left. He said, "I thought Elisha would surely come out and stand before me. I thought he would call on the name of the Lord his God. I thought he would wave his hand over the place and heal the disease! <sup>12</sup>Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, are better than all the waters of Israel! Why can't I wash in them and become clean?" So Naaman went away very angry.

<sup>13</sup>But Naaman's servants came near and talked to him. They said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, wouldn't you have done it? Doesn't it make more sense just to do it? After all, he only told you, 'Wash, and you will be clean.'" <sup>14</sup>So Naaman went down and dipped in the Jordan seven times. He did just as Elisha had said. Then Naaman's skin became new again. It was like the skin of a little boy. And Naaman was clean!

**International Children's Bible (ICB)**

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**Questions:**

1. Naaman wanted Elisha to come out and heal him. When that didn't happen the way Naaman wanted, he was upset. Tell about a time when something didn't go the way you expected.
2. Naaman's servant and officers were pretty smart. They gave him good advice. What advice would you write to Naaman, reminding him about the time God healed him.
3. Why are we, like Naaman, sometimes unwilling to trust God's direction?

### **Play with ideas:**

With a grown up or brother or sister, form a pair and stand facing each other with your hands behind your backs. See how good you are at guessing what is going to happen. The person wearing the most green gets to go first. On the count of 3, guess how many fingers your partner is holding up behind his or her back. Also at the count of 3, your partner will reveal the number of fingers. Play several rounds. Then switch roles and play a few more rounds.

Questions:

1. How well did you guess the number of fingers your partner was holding up?
2. Why couldn't you get it right every time?
3. Explain whether you believe God always knows what will happen.
4. How does knowing God knows the future help you trust that God will do the best thing in every situation?

God knows the future, so he always knows what's best for us. Naaman finally learned that lesson, but it took him a while. Let's not be like Naaman. Let's remember that God knows what's best in every situation.

**Let's watch a video on YouTube to see what this might have looked like:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Py6dl-jGMkw>

**Lets' Sing and move with this YouTube video about how God is a good father we can always trust:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eE\\_I-Klp2Uk&list=PLzSwkR28Y857krP9PVUByXDxcrdBNKano&index=8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eE_I-Klp2Uk&list=PLzSwkR28Y857krP9PVUByXDxcrdBNKano&index=8)

### **Let's Pray**

God, sometimes it's harder to see you at work when you don't do things the way we expect you to. But God, we believe you know what is best for us. Help us think about how we need to trust you the way Naaman learned that he needed to trust you. Lord, please continue to keep us safe and help us to persevere as we continue to work hard and finish up our eLearning this

week. We don't always know why you work the way you do, but we know we can trust you. We love you Lord, and thank you for the many blessings in our life. It is in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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