

Old Testament

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Through the Old Testament in Two Years

Part One



Created for use with young, unchurched learners
Adaptable for all ages including adults

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Naaman is Healed

Last week we learned that Elijah was courageous. But when he learned that Jezebel wanted to kill him, he was afraid. Elijah went to hide in a cave. God sent an angel to strengthen Elijah. God spoke to Elijah and encouraged him.

II Kings 5:1-14

Read the Bible

READ: II Kings 5:1-14 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Memory Verse:

If you believe, you will receive
what you ask for
when you pray.
(Matthew 21:22 NIV)

Begin With Prayer

Elisha became the prophet after Elijah. 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!

Goals

1. Understand that a servant girl told Naaman and his wife about God's power.
2. Recognize Elisha asked that Naaman come to his home.
3. Learn that Naaman was offended because Elisha did not treat him the way he expected to be treated.
4. Understand that God healed Naaman.

There was a special little servant girl that lived in Naaman's house and helped his wife in their home. She loved God and worshipped 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. (II Kings 5:1-4) God wants us to tell others about His goodness and love, too.

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. (II Kings 5:5-6)

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. (II Kings 5:7-8)

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

Naaman is Healed — Bible Facts

1. She told about God's power.
2. The king was upset and did not know what to do.
3. Elisha invited Naaman to his home.
4. Elisha told Naaman to dip in the Jordan River seven times.
5. God healed Naaman.

to do. He instructed Naaman to dip seven times in the Jordan River and he would be cured. (II Kings 5:9-10)

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. (II Kings 5:11)

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 seven times like Elisha said. When he finished the seventh dip, his skin was clean!! He was well! God had healed him! (II Kings 5:12-13)

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. We can trust God to answer our prayers, too. "If you believe, you will receive what you ask for when you pray." (Matthew 21:22 NIV) Naaman 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. (II Kings 5:14-19)

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 God and obeyed Him. Naaman began to follow only God.

Review

1. **What did the servant do?** (She told about God's power.)
2. **What was the response of the king of Israel?** (The king was upset and did not know what to do.)
3. **What happened next?** (Elisha invited Naaman to his home.)
4. **What did Elisha tell Naaman to do?** (Elisha told Naaman to dip in the Jordan River seven times.)
5. **What did God do?** (God healed Naaman.)

Do You Know Jesus?

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 your teacher about how you can ask Jesus into your life.

Prayer Time

1. **Take a moment to listen to God.**
2. **Thank God for sending Jesus to cleanse us from our sins.**
3. **Ask God to help you trust and follow Him.**
4. **Pray for friends and family members who need to trust God and follow Him.**

Application

The young servant girl told Naaman and his wife about God's power. The king sent letters so that Naaman could get help. But the king of Israel did not know what to do. Elisha asked that Naaman come to his home, but Naaman was offended because Elisha did not treat him the way he expected to be treated. God healed Naaman. We can trust God to take care of our needs and answer our prayers, too. "If you believe, you will receive what you ask for when you pray." (Matthew 21:22 NIV)

Planning for the next week:

Elisha and the Army — II Kings 6:8-23

Preschool Lesson

Read the Bible

READ: II Kings 5:1-14 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Teachers: Tell the story from the little girl's point of view. Allow someone to dress up and pretend to be the little girl, Elijah, the king, Naaman, and his servant.

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 away 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!

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to cleanse us from our sins.
3. Ask God to help you trust Him.

Memory verse for younger children

If you believe, you will receive what you ask for when you pray. Matthew 21:22

Learning Activities

•**Memory verse activity** — Ask the children to draw pictures of praying hands. Write the memory verse on the pictures. Practice the verse.

•**Test your memory** — Bring a paper cup. Bring some toy soldiers. Put white spots on the soldier with baby powder and q-tips. Put another toy soldier inside the cup. Dip the soldier with the baby powder in the cup seven times. Pull out the soldier that does not have the baby powder. You may also use craft stick puppets. Cut a hole in the bottom of the cup and cause Naaman to dip seven times by lowering and raising the puppet.

•**Taste activity** — Bring gingerbread men. Sprinkle powdered sugar on them to make them look like they have leprosy.

•**Think about it** — Elisha was angry that the king of Israel did not know what to do when he received the letter. Talk about how some people don't believe in God's power to heal.

Naaman was angry because Elisha did not do what he expected him to do. Talk about how sometimes we expect things to happen and they don't. Talk about the importance of telling others what you expect them to do. Talk about the importance of communicating expectations.

•**Touch activity** — Tell the story from the little girl's point of view. Allow someone to dress up and pretend to be the little girl, Elijah, the king, Naaman, and his servant.

Allow the children to put baby powder on their arms with cotton balls. Talk about Naaman's leprosy.

•**Run and play** — Have the children stand in rows. Ask them to bend at the knees and pretend they are dipping in the Jordan River.

•**Listen** — As the children take time for silence, remind them that God wants to meet our needs.

•**Sing** — Sing "Nothing But the Blood," "Trust and Obey," "Only Trust Him," or another song related to the story.

•**Reach out** — During class, pray (by name) for kids that did not come today. Ask the children to go with you to deliver the handouts to those who were absent. Take the praying hands with a verse for each child. Pray with the children who were absent. Encourage them to read the story in the Bible.

Memory Verse

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Matthew 21:22

Word Puzzle

Trace the letters.

Elisha

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Word Search

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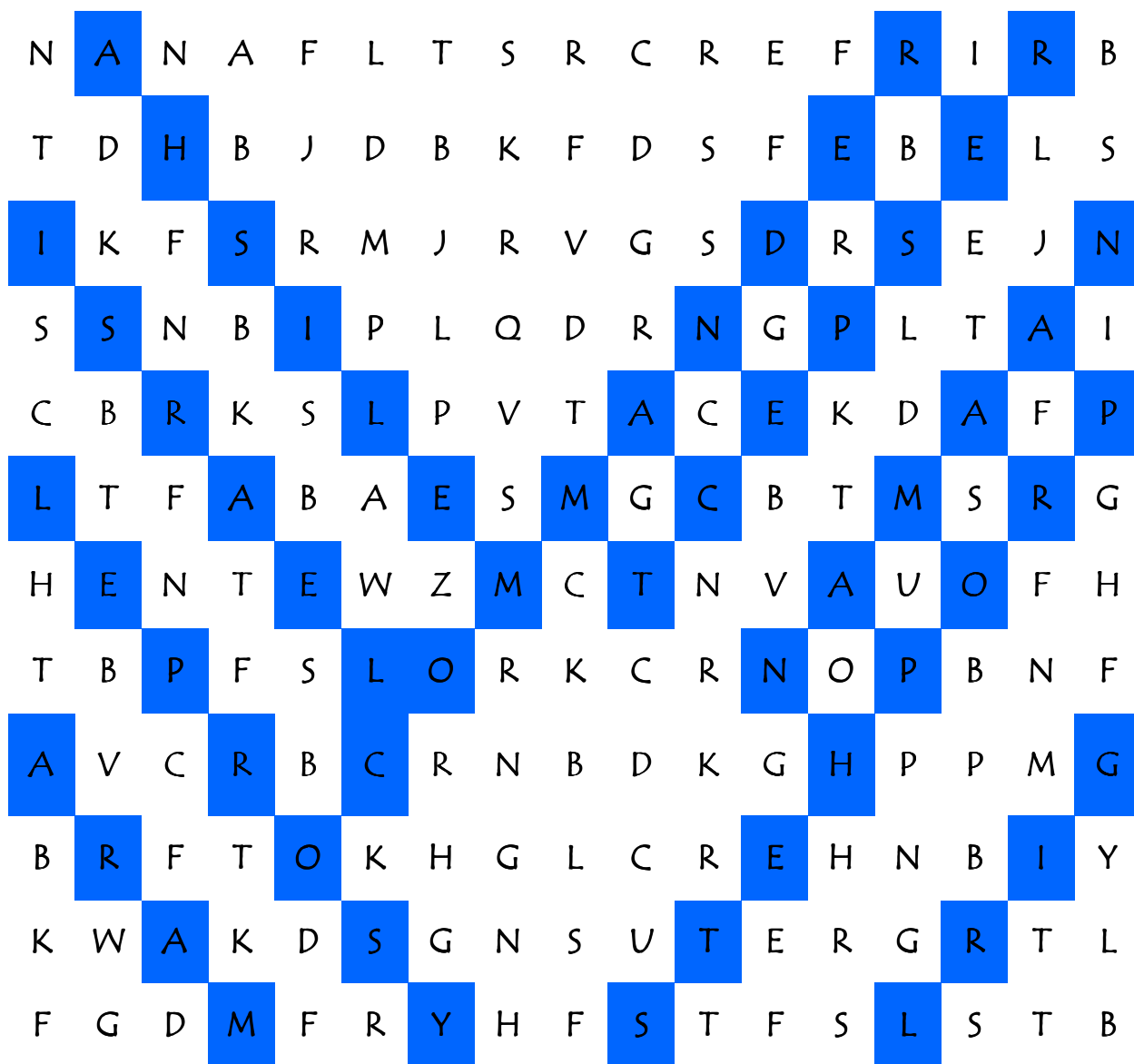
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