

When finished with activities, return all necessary items to bag and place in the hallway for pick-up.

Program C-1

Naaman is Healed

2 Kings 5:1-19

Elijah/Elisha Series: Lesson #7

Bible Verse: Give thanks to God. Psalm 136:1

Past: Be kind to each other. Ephesians 4:32

Help one another. Galatians 5:13

We will serve the LORD. Joshua 24:15

The LORD – he is God. 1 Kings 18:39

God is good to us. Psalm 73:1

God gives food to us. Psalm 136:25

Bible Story for children:

Focus on: Be obedient to receive blessings

Prop ideas: Kiddy Pool

SAMPLE STORY

Naaman was a commander in the king of Aram's army, an enemy of Israel. He was a great soldier. The king of Aram thought very highly of Naaman because of the success he had against Israel. There was one problem...Naaman had a skin disease called leprosy. It covered his whole body. Naaman's wife had a servant girl from Israel. She loved and worshiped the LORD God. This girl said, "Naaman should go to Samaria and see the prophet Elisha. He will heal him of this disease."

Naaman traveled to Samaria. He took with him a lot of money and clothing to give as gifts to Elisha. His servants went with him as well. Elisha had heard that Naaman was coming to see him. As Naaman approached Elisha's home, Elisha did not come out, but instead sent a messenger to meet him. "Go and wash yourself seven times in the Jordan River and your skin will be cleaned."

Naaman was upset. He thought that Elisha should have come outside himself, and waved his hand and called on the name of the LORD to heal him. Instead, he sent a servant to tell him to go wash in a river. Why the rivers back home are a lot better than the Jordan. He might as well have stayed home. Fortunately, Naaman's servants were wiser than he. They said, "If the prophet had told you to do something

great, you would have listened and obeyed. Isn't it a greater miracle to do something simple?"

Naaman listened to his servants and obeyed Elisha's instructions. He dipped himself in the Jordan River. One time, two times, three, four five, six and then seven times. After the seventh time his skin was healed. It was as smooth and clean as a young boy's skin, just as Elisha's messenger had said. Naaman became a follower of God after this miracle. He praised God, the God of Israel as the only one true God. Naaman knew that it was God who healed him, not the river and not even Elisha. Our Bible verse says, "*Give thanks to God.*" *Psalm 136:1* Naaman thanked God for being healed.

FYI

Second Session Classes will be:

Coloring a Jordan River Cup

Singing and Praising

Playing with Doctor Kits

JORDAN RIVER KOOL-AID

TEACHER EXTRA: Bring Blue Jell-O Jigglers for snack.

Materials: Blue Kool-Aid Packets

Sugar

Scoop

Pitcher

Mixing Spoon

Water

Plastic Cups

(In room)

Do:

Wash hands before beginning.

Let children help make the Kool-Aid.

Add one cup of sugar for one packet of Kool-Aid. (Use the scoop to let everyone have a turn to add something).

Serve during snack time.

Talk About:

The blue color of the Kool-Aid reminds us of the water of the Jordan River. How many times did Naaman have to dip in the water to be healed?

WASHING IN THE JORDAN

Materials: Blue Tablecloth or Large Piece of Blue Paper
Baby Powder

Do: Place the blue tablecloth or paper on the floor to be the Jordan River. (Use blocks to build a shore on the edges if desired).
Take turns being Naaman. Sprinkle "leprosy spots" on their arms using the powder.
Count together as a child dips in the river seven times...on the seventh time quickly wipe off the powder and come out clean.

Talk About: Leprosy was a very bad disease. It felt bad to have sores all over your body. No one wanted to be around lepers. Because Naaman obeyed Elisha's instructions, God healed him of this disease.

COLORING PAGE

Materials: Naaman Coloring Pages
Bible Verse Stickers
Crayons/markers (In room)

Do: Give each child a page to color. Write their names on the pages.
Add a Bible verse sticker when finished.

Talk About: God healed Naaman by having him dip in the Jordan River. How many times did he have to do it? Naaman thanked God for healing him.