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"Naaman and the Dirty River"
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Lesson #1: GOD HELPS ELISHA HEAL NAAMAN
(2ND Kings 5:1-19)



The Bible says that Naaman was commander of the army of the country of Aram (also called Syria.) Naaman had a terrible disease called leprosy. His skin was covered with sores and he was very sick. It was horrible to have leprosy because there was no medicine to make it better and Naaman could die.

Naaman's wife had a servant girl from Israel. She had been captured from her home and brought to be a slave in Naaman's house. Naaman and his family did not believe in God but the little girl did. Even though she was far away from home, she remembered the things that her parents had taught her. She remembered Elisha the prophet, and all of the good things he did for God.



The servant girl told Naaman's wife, about her God and about Elisha the prophet who could do miracles. Maybe Naaman could go to Israel and see Elisha.



Naaman decided to make the long trip to Israel and find out if Elisha could heal him.



When he got to Elisha's house, Naaman waited. Naaman was a very important man so he expected Elisha to come outside and give him a very special greeting. But Elisha did not come outside. Instead, a servant came outside and told Naaman, "Elisha said that you should go and dip in the Jordan River 7 times. If you do this, then the Lord will take away your leprosy and you will be well."

Naaman was very angry. How dare Elisha tell him to go and wash in the dirty Jordan River! If he wanted to wash in a river then he could do that back in the clean rivers in his own country. Naaman was so angry that he started to head for home.





One of the soldiers said to Naaman, "If the prophet told you to do something hard, would you do it?" Of course, Naaman thought. He could do hard things like conquer armies! "Why not try this simple thing of dipping in the Jordan River?"



Naaman went to the Jordan River. He dipped 7 times, just as Elisha had said. The leprosy spots were gone! His skin healthy, soft - smooth as a child's skin!



Naaman changed on the outside – but he was changed on the inside too! He went back to Elisha and said, "Now I know that the God of Israel is real. From now on I will worship the Lord!" Naaman left and returned to Aram.



God loves everyone. In Old Testament times the Israelites were His special covenant people. But God wants people of all nations to know what a powerful and loving God He is. His grace is for everyone!

Just like the slave girl, we can tell others about our great God!



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1. What do you learn about **GOD** in this lesson? _____
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2. What do you learn about **NAAMAN** and his attitude? He wanted to be healed, but _____
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3. Did Naaman change on the inside? How do you know? _____
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4. Describe a time when **YOU** were like Naaman. How can you grow to be more like God wants you to be?
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5. Be like the **SERVANT GIRL!**
   Think of someone who doesn't know God yet. _____
   Pray for him or her. Try to find times you can mention God.

Help Naaman follow Elisha's Instructions to be healed.

