

Monthly Theme:

God knows what's best for me

Monthly Memory Verse:

"God's way is perfect. The word of the Lord doesn't have any flaws."

Psalm 18:30

This Week's Focus:

Naaman finds it very hard to obey what God wants him to do in order to be healed, but once Naaman lays aside his pride and does it, then he is healed!

2 Kings 5:1-17

This Week's Lesson Flow:

1. ENGAGE Activity
 - Jump In, Jump Out
2. DISCOVER Time
 - Worship songs: Peace Like a River, Happy Day
 - Bible story: Naaman is Healed
3. CONNECT Activity
 - Elisha & Naaman Finger Puppets

Engage: (get kids excited to interact and learn together!)

9:15 Service: Jump In, Jump Out

SUPPLIES

- large blue sheet or blanket

ENGAGE

Invite your kids to join you in the middle of the room. Spread the blanket or sheet out on the floor and have the kids stand around it. **Look at this big river! Who wants to jump in with me?** Let kids respond. **Ok, everybody, jump in! Let's jump seven times! One, two, three, four, five, six, seven! Now everybody jump out of the water. Everybody back in! One, two, three, four, five, six, seven!** Repeat as desired, changing it up each time. (You can do it faster each time, or change the motion from jumping to something else, etc.) **That was a lot of fun! Today in our true story from the Bible, God tells a man to do something seven times. Let's get ready to hear all about it!**

Discover: (teach kids who God is & learn Bible verses together!)

Worship Songs:

"Peace Like a River" song with Mrs. Mandy

"Happy Day" song with Mrs. Mandy

Resources for teaching this Bible lesson

This lesson is from 2 Kings 5:1-17 – Try to find this story in a children's Bible, retell it from your Bible to them, or watch the Bible story video below.

[Bible Story & Memory Verse with Mrs. Jenn](#)

Animated Videos: ["Naaman Goes to Elisha for Healing"](#) & ["Naaman is Healed"](#)

Here are some Bible books that have this story:

The Read and Share Bible

The Beginner's Bible

The Jesus Storybook Bible

Why this Bible lesson matters: Naaman was a very important commander of an army, and people liked him because he was brave and had won many battles. Naaman developed a skin disease and it was not getting better. His wife's servant girl told them about a man named Elisha who loved the one true God, because she knew that Elisha could help Naaman. So Naaman traveled to see Elisha, but when Naaman arrived at the door of Elisha's house, Elisha sent a messenger to see Naaman. The messenger told Naaman to wash himself in the Jordan River seven times and he would be healed. Naaman was very angry! He was an important person and Elisha didn't even talk to him but instead had sent a messenger who then told him to do something silly like wash in the river! Naaman wanted Elisha to do something extraordinary to heal him because he thought he deserved to be treated in a special way since he was an important person. Naaman finally decided to do what Elisha told him to and he was healed. Just like that! It was then that Naaman knew that God is the one true God, and he apologized to Elisha for his wrong attitude. In the same way that Naaman needed to be healed from a sickness on his skin, we ALL need to be healed from the sickness in our hearts called sin. We ALL have sinful hearts that disobey God and keep us from having a relationship with Him (Sin = anything we think, say or do that disobeys or displeases God). Just like there was only one way for Naaman to be healed, there is only one way for our sinful hearts to be made clean. God sent Jesus who died on the cross for our sins, was buried and then rose again 3 days later. Jesus is alive and if we believe that He did this for us we can have a relationship with God and live forever with Him in heaven someday. Because of God's great love, we can be sure that He knows what's best for us, and we can show that we trust Him by obeying what He says!

Connect: (reinforce learning the Bible truth with a fun activity!)

9:15 Service: Elisha & Naaman Finger Puppets

SUPPLIES

- Elisha and Naaman Finger Puppets (printout included at end of lesson)
- Crayons or Markers
- Scissors
- Tape

ENGAGE

Have your kids color the finger puppets, help cut them out and then tape the puppets around their fingers (one per finger). Place sick Naaman on the thumb, Naaman's master on the first finger, the king on the middle finger, Elisha on the ring finger and healed Naaman on the little finger. Use the puppets to help review the Bible story with your kids:

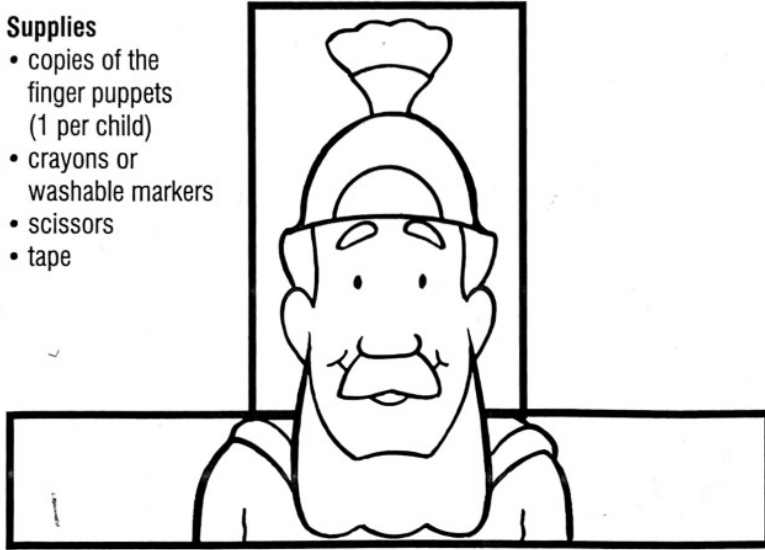
- 1.) Naaman was sick (hold up thumb)
- 2.) Naaman wanted to get well and went to see his master (add the first finger).
- 3.) Naaman's master wanted him to get well and sent him to the king (add middle finger).
- 4.) The king could not help Naaman and sent him to Elisha (add the ring finger).
- 5.) Elisha told Naaman to dip in the Jordan River seven times and he would be healed (bend the thumb up and down seven times and then add the little finger showing the healed Naaman).

Today in our true story from the Bible, Naaman did what God told him to do, even though he didn't want to do it at first. Naaman didn't like what God asked him to do, he thought it was silly and that it wouldn't help him. Naaman finally dipped seven times just like God told him to do. What happened once Naaman obeyed what God said? Let kids respond. That's right! God healed Naaman's skin and he was all better. Do you think Naaman was glad that he did what God said? Let kids respond. I do, too! We should do what God tells us to do because God's knows what's best for us and He loves us very much!

Elisha and Naaman Finger Puppets

Supplies

- copies of the finger puppets (1 per child)
- crayons or washable markers
- scissors
- tape



Naaman's Master



The King

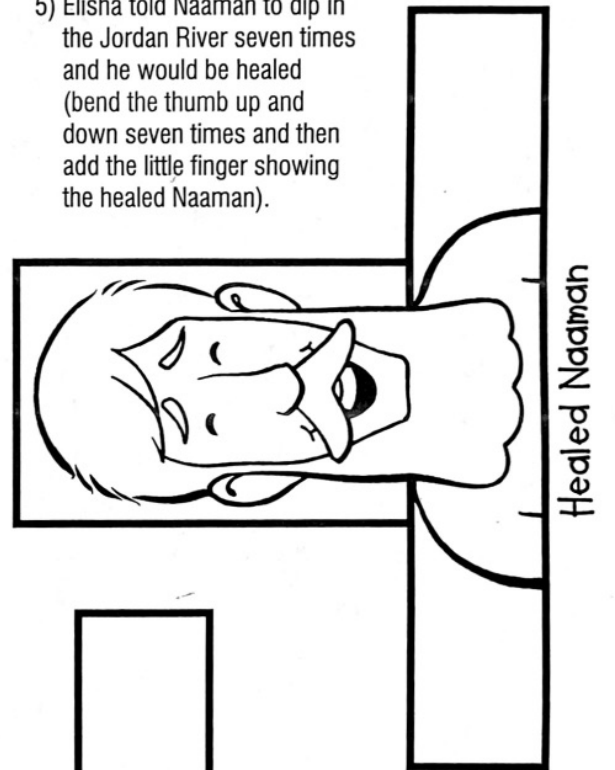


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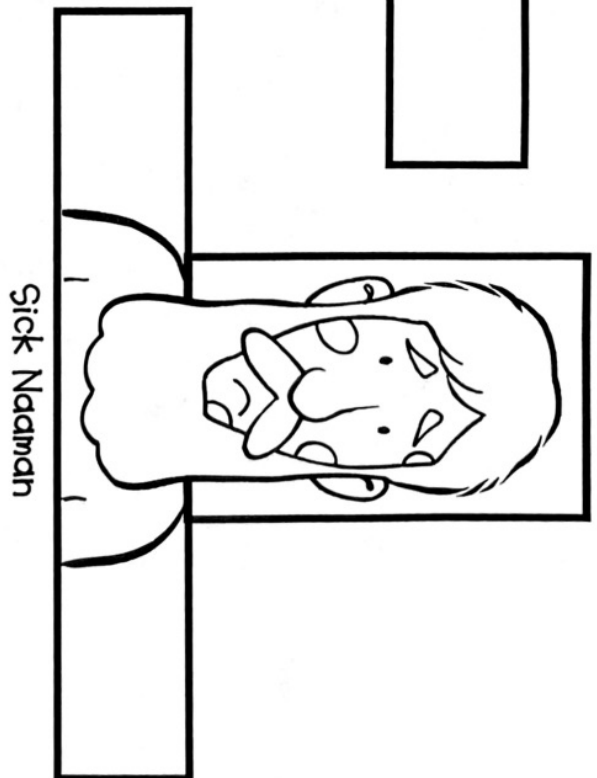
Directions

Help children color and cut out the five finger puppets. Tape the puppets to fit around the children's fingers (one per finger). Place sick Naaman on the thumb, Naaman's master on the first finger, the king on the middle finger, Elisha on the ring finger, and healed Naaman on the little finger. Children can use the finger puppets to retell the story of Elisha and Naaman:

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Healed Naaman



Sick Naaman