

Naaman

This page has been designed for you to photocopy and place in your Bible as a ready reference.

You may wish to read from God's Word the Scripture verses listed.

Scripture:

2 Kings 5:1-15a.

Memory verse:

"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ" (Ephesians 2:13).

Central truth:

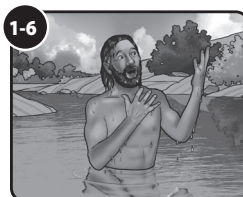
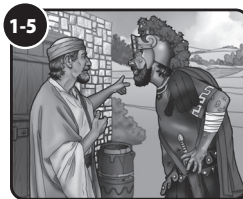
God's way is the only way.

Application for unsaved:

Believe in Jesus to have your sins forgiven.

Application for saved:

Tell others about God's one way.



I. INTRODUCTION

Can you tell me a word you would use to describe yourself?

II. PROGRESSION OF EVENTS

- A. Naaman sounds very impressive. (2 Kings 5:1) **CT**
- B. Naaman has a terrible skin disease called leprosy.
- C. A young girl, who works for Naaman's wife, knows that God can help Naaman.

D. The girl tells Naaman's wife the good news about the way to be healed. (1 Corinthians 15:3) **CT CTS**

E. Naaman tells the king of Syria—he sends Naaman to Israel.

F. The king of Israel tears his clothes when he read the letter from the king of Syria. (2 Kings 5:6b)

G. Elisha sends a message—let Naaman come to me. (2 Kings 5:8b)

H. Naaman is angry and wants to go his own way. (2 Kings 5:10, Acts 10:43b) **CTU**

I. A. Naaman's servants convince him to wash in the River Jordan.

III. CLIMAX

Naaman is healed.

IV. CONCLUSION

Naaman tells Elisha—he wants to worship God. (2 Kings 5:15b)



LESSON

INTRODUCTION

Can you tell me a word you would use to describe yourself? *(Allow response. Draw a line down the middle of a whiteboard and write some words on one half of it. E.g., sporty, creative, clever. Alternatively, you could use printed wordstrips.)* The Bible describes the man in our story with the words great, honourable (which means he deserved to be respected) and mighty. *(Write these words on the other half of the whiteboard.)* He sounds impressive, doesn't he? Can you pretend to look mighty? *(Do with children.)*

PROGRESSION OF EVENTS

The man's name was Naaman, and the Bible also says he was commander of the Syrian army and that the Syrian king thought highly of him.

After we read all these impressive things about Naaman, the Bible tells us something sad—something that caused difficulties in every part of Naaman's life. *(Read 2 Kings 5:1 from your Bible.)* "Now Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great and honourable man ... He was also a mighty man of valour, *(pause)* but a leper." *(Write 'leprosy' over the top of the other words which describe Naaman.)*

Flashcard 1-1

Leprosy is a terrible skin disease that caused painful sores on Naaman's body. At that time there was no cure for this disease, and it was likely Naaman would die from it. How sad that, at the end of all the impressive things we learn about Naaman, we read about such a terrible problem.

(Refer to whiteboard again.) Do you know that, even though there are lots of impressive words to describe you, the Bible tells us about a problem that affects each one of us—a problem which is much worse than having a sickness in your body? God's Word says, "all have sinned" (from Romans 3:23). *(Write 'sin' over the top of the other words.)* Everyone in the world, including you and me, is born with sin. Sin is doing things God says you shouldn't do, and not doing things God says you should do—like being cheeky to a grown-up and not being kind and helpful. Because God is perfect and fair, He hates sin and will always punish sin. Sin separates you from God now and will one day separate you from God for ever. By yourself, there is nothing you can do about your sin.

Although he was an important, wealthy man, there was nothing Naaman could do about his leprosy. I'm sure it made his wife very worried and, in his home, no doubt the servants whispered sadly to each other about their master's terrible disease. Can you show me your sad face? *(Do with children.)*

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Flashcard 1-2

One of the servants was a young girl who had been taken prisoner during a battle. She was from the land of Israel where they worshipped the one true God. She helped Naaman's wife—perhaps she swept the floors, cooked meals or washed the clothes. *(Act out some of these jobs with the children.)*

When the young girl heard about Naaman's terrible disease she became very concerned for him. Then God reminded her of someone in Israel who could help—the prophet Elisha. A prophet was chosen by God to speak for God. The people in Naaman's country worshipped gods that weren't real. But the girl knew the one true God is powerful and He cares about people, even you, even me, even people like Naaman. The fake gods in Naaman's country were useless, but the servant girl believed the real God could use His prophet to help Naaman.

Flashcard 1-3

The young girl bravely spoke to Naaman's wife, saying *(have a helper read the girl's words)*, "I wish master Naaman could go and see the prophet of God in my country. I know he could heal my master of his leprosy."

I'm sure Naaman's wife was so pleased to hear this good news—that there was a way for Naaman to be healed of his leprosy. Show me your happy face. *(Do this.)*

I have some good news for you too—because God loves you, He has made the way for you to be forgiven for your sin. A way so that your sin no longer separates you from God and you will not have to take the for ever punishment you deserve. It is God's way, through His perfect Son, Jesus. Jesus never sinned; He always did what was right. But He allowed soldiers to nail Him to a cross to die. The Bible says *(read 1 Corinthians 15:3)*, "Christ died for our sins..." As Jesus hung on the cross, He took the punishment you and I deserve for our sin. He willingly suffered so you wouldn't have to. After Jesus died, He was buried. But on the third day He came back to life. Today He is alive and ruling in Heaven. Believing in Jesus is God's way for you to be forgiven for your sin and God's way is the only way! *(Show the central truth and say it with the children.)*

Isn't it wonderful that God planned for the young girl to be a servant in Naaman's home where she could tell him about God's prophet and about the way to be healed?

(If you are teaching in a purely evangelistic setting, you may wish to omit the following application.) If you have already believed in Jesus, God wants you to tell others about the only way for them to be forgiven. There are people in your class at school and friends who live near you who do not know about Jesus—will you tell them? Perhaps you could tell a friend about this club and

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