

Unit Title : **FAITH**
Lesson 4 : **NAAMAN' S FAITH**
Bible Story : **Naaman Is Healed of Leprosy**
Lesson Scripture : **2 Kings 5:1-16**

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

By the end of this session, the student will be able to:

1. define what leprosy is;
2. identify Naaman as the man healed from leprosy;
3. know that God will help them to serve others;
4. feel happy when serving others;
5. to recite the memory verse

BIBLE REFERENCE

[2 Kings 5:3](#)

"And she said to her mistress, "I wish that my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! Then he would cure him of his leprosy."

WORDS TO REMEMBER

Leprosy– *This disease was regarded as an awful punishment from the Lord (2 Kings 5:7)*

It "begins with specks on the eyelids and on the palms, gradually spreading over the body, bleaching the hair white wherever they appear, crusting the affected parts with white scales, and causing terrible sores and swellings.

Commander - *a person in authority, especially over a body of troops or a military operation.*

PRE-SESSION ACTIVITY

Play a game, sing a song or give them activity to introduce the new lesson.

(Activities may vary depending on age level and purpose of the lesson either for Sunday school or outreach ministry.)

Sort and play with sevens

Guide kids to sort objects into groups of seven—sorting by color, size, or kind of item. Use the objects in ways your kids enjoy. Make a pattern using seven items; ask kids to copy the pattern. They may create patterns for each other or for you to copy. They may string paper clips into patterns.

Naaman Was Healed Coloring Page

This coloring page shows Naaman being healed in the river and will help kids learn the value of trusting and obeying the Lord.

A. PREPARATION and MOTIVATION

Teacher, review the past lessons.

1. Who is Rahab?
2. Why did Rahab hide the spies? *she believed their God would be victorious and wanted to be saved*
3. What did the spies report to Joshua? *that the whole area was afraid of them*
4. How many spies went into Jericho? *two (2)*
5. What reward did God give Rahab? *her family was saved, she became an ancestor of Christ*
6. What did the centurion ask Jesus to do?
7. How did the centurion show his faith to Jesus?
8. What happened to the sick servant?
9. Why do you think Jesus was so impressed with the centurion?
10. What does it mean to be blind?
11. Why did the blind man cry out to Jesus?
12. Why didn't the man stay quiet when everyone around him told him to be quiet?
13. Why did Jesus heal the man?
14. What did the man do when he was able to see?

B. INTRODUCTION

Have you ever seen a miracle? What is a miracle? Is it always something big and spectacular like fire coming down from heaven or can it be a small thing to help us in our daily lives? The dictionary says that a miracle is a thing, fact, or event happening apart from the normal order of events.

Background Study:

Aram (modern Syria) was the country northeast of Israel. Naaman was commander of the king's army in Aram. The king of the Arameans was pleased with Naaman's military victories and referred to him as his servant (2 Kings 5:6), a term used for high officers in the army. He was a brave soldier, having led his army to victory many times. Naaman was probably a wealthy man. He owned servants and a young girl from Israel was a servant to his wife. This little girl had been taken away from her parents in a raid and brought to this foreign country of Aram.

Naaman was ill with leprosy, which made him physically unable to perform his duties. He would not be able to lead the army to further victories for Syria if the disease was not stopped. Leprosy was a highly contagious disease so people would shun anyone with it. Because of Naaman's position, he was permitted to stay in his own home, possibly living in separate rooms from the rest of the family.

C. LESSON

Read today's story aloud from the Bible, or by showing pictures, or tell the story in your own words. *(Focus on Obedience: God's plan is simple. Just follow His directions)*

Naaman Is Healed of Leprosy

There was a commander in the army of the king of Syria. His name was Naaman and he was considered great and honorable but he had leprosy. The Syrians had gone out on raids and brought back a girl from Israel. She was a servant helping Naaman's wife. The captive servant told Naaman's wife **"It's too bad that the prophet that lives in Samaria isn't here because he could cure Naaman."**

Naaman told the king of Syria what the servant had told his wife about Elisha the prophet. The king of Syria sent a letter to the king of Israel, along with gold & silver and 10 changes of clothing.

The letter stated that he, the king of Syria, was writing to inform the King of Israel that He has sent his servant and commander of his army, Naaman, to him so that he could cure Naaman of his leprosy. When the king of Israel received the letter, he tore his clothes in frustration and said Am I God? To kill or make someone live? Am I supposed to cure this man of his leprosy? Why does this king of Syria have a quarrel with me?

Elisha heard that the king had ripped his clothes and asked the king to let Naaman come visit with him. Elisha would let Naaman know that there was a prophet of God in Israel. Naaman went in his horse and chariot and stood at the door of Elisha's house.

Elisha sent a messenger to tell Naaman to go wash in the Jordan River 7 times and he would be healed.

But, Naaman was furious! He said to himself "Well, surely he can come to me himself and wave his hand over me and cure me! And, why that river? There are other rivers! Why can't I wash in one of the other better waters?" So he left in a rage and his servants went to Naaman and asked him **"If Elisha the prophet told you to do something great, wouldn't you do it?"** The servant told Naaman that Elisha told him to "Wash and be clean."

Naaman went down in the Jordan River, just like Elisha told him to. He dipped himself 7 times and he was healed!

The skin from the leprosy was just like a child's! Naaman went to thank Elisha and said he would only worship the God of Israel, the true God, and not idols anymore. He begged Elisha to take gifts for healing him, but Elisha didn't want any gifts.

Points:

- God can use anyone, great or lowly, if we are just willing to speak up.
- Sometimes God doesn't work the way we expect, but He is still working!
- God requires our obedience.

- Naaman's healing from leprosy is a wonderful picture of our salvation from sin, freely bestowed by the grace of God in response to faith.

MEMORY VERSE

Hebrews 11:1

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

1. Who is Naaman?
2. Where did Naaman live?
3. What disease did Naaman have?
4. Who told Naaman how to make his leprosy go away?
5. What message did Elisha's servant give Naaman?
6. What happened when Naaman dipped in the Jordan River seven times?

LIFE APPLICATION

The story of Naaman is a good picture of salvation through Jesus. We have all sinned. Like leprosy, there is nothing we can do to help our condition. But, when we come to Jesus and ask Him into our hearts, believing and receiving God's gift of salvation, we will be made clean. May we come to Him with humble hearts, acknowledging our need of a Savior.

Remind the children that God used the young servant girl from Israel to lead Naaman to Elisha for his healing. God can also use them to lead others to come to know Jesus as their Savior.

ACTIVITY

Naaman in the River / 7 Dips for Naaman

Instructions: Use blue plastic cups or give each kid a foam cup to color blue to represent the Jordan River. Cut out a "Naaman" or "Seven" outlines for each cup. Each kid may draw a sad-faced Naaman with red spots on one side of a figure. On the other side, draw a happy-faced Naaman with no spots.



CLOSE IN PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to be humble when they come before the Lord and to submit their will to His.

If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.