



3PK

September 14-15, 2013

DATE

2 Kings 5

Jesus Storybook Bible (pg. 136-143)

WHERE TO FIND IT

Elisha

LESSON TITLE

God Can Heal Us

MAIN POINT

schedule

SCHEDULE for all sites:

First 10 minutes of the service hour:
Relationship-building time (kids get to know each other and the volunteers)

Next 25 minutes: Large group teaching and worship

Last 30 minutes: Story review, snack and small groups, activities/crafts

If you finish early, have kids engage group games as parents arrive. Check out the end of the activities section to find an idea for this week.

tips

Ten minutes before you head into large group, ask kids if they have to use the restroom. It should help eliminate the number of kids who ask to go during the story.

check-in/out

As kids leave, encourage them to retell the story at home (that will tip parents off to ask, too)!

large group heads up

Today, we're hearing the story of how God used Elisha to heal Naaman. But God didn't just physically heal Naaman, he changed his heart too!



instructions

Goal: to help kids review the story so they can retell it at home

Why? This story reminds us of how God loves to rescue us. And if families dive deeper at home, they'll see that God's rescue is about our hearts.

Tip: Adapt the reenactment to fit your group of kids. There are two options written below; or feel free to create a hybrid!

small group

**Serve kids a snack as you review the story:*

REVIEW THE STORY

**There are more questions than usual. Help the kids by retelling parts of the story. They probably won't be able to answer all of these, but it will help them to hear it again.*

1. What was wrong with Naaman? (he had leprosy; was sick and he was mean)
2. Who knew how to help Naaman? (a little girl)
3. What did she tell Naaman to do? (go find Elisha)
4. Where did Naaman go instead? (to the king)
5. Could the king heal Naaman? (No; only God!)
6. Where did Naaman go? (to Elisha)
7. What did Elisha tell Naaman to do? (wash in the dirty river seven times)
8. What happened when Naaman washed in the dirty river? (He was healed! He was healthy and kind.)

ACTIVITY (POPSICLE STICK "NAAMANS")

- Give each kid a **Popsicle stick and a strip of paper with 2 Naamans**
- Fold them so they are back-to-back
- Have the kids make spots on **one** Naaman, because he was sick. The other one can be colored however they want.
- Then use **glue** to stick Naaman onto the Popsicle stick.

Act it out! Here is the most basic version (for younger kids):

- Give each kid a turn to "dip" Naaman into the "dirty river" (**tub filled with brown, green and paper**) seven times

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- Have them turn him over (to the side with no spots)...because he's all better!

If you have older kids who can handle extra details, here are some steps you can add:

- Ask one girl to be the servant girl
- Ask one kid to be the king
- Ask one kid to be Elisha and stand away from the others with the "dirty river" (tub filled with brown and green tissue paper)
- Then act it out:
 - The girl says, "I know who can help you!"
 - The "sick Naamans" run to find the king
 - The "king" says, "Only GOD can help you!"
 - The "sick Naamans" run to "Elisha," by the river
 - Then give each kid a turn to "dip" Naaman into the "dirty river" (tub filled with brown and green tissue paper) seven times
 - Pretend to be grossed out
 - Plug your nose, etc.
 - Have them turn him over...because he's all better! (If they want, they can color a happy "Naaman.")

***Pray together, thanking God for rescuing Naaman—and us!**

*Extra time? Act out the story again...and again. Repetition will help kids remember it! But if you feel like you're losing them, try **Simon Says**:*

- Line the kids up in a row. Stand a few feet away, facing them. Explain that you will give them a command. It should be fun and silly like "touch your nose," "spin around," "jump on one foot," or "quack like a duck." Before most commands, you will say, "Simon Says." ("Simon says spin around!") If Simon says it, the kids should do it. But...if Simon doesn't say it ("Spin around!") the kids should stand still. To mix it up, let kids take turns playing Simon. Or turn it into "_____ (kid's name) Says."

special notes

There are no videos for today's story. But each section has a picture, a prop or an action to help you engage the visual and kinesthetic learners.

presenter tips

Use big, dramatic gestures and LOUD vs. *soft* gestures to make the story come alive for kids. Act gruff in the beginning to show how Namaan used to be; act joyful in the end to show how he was healed!

script

Presenter: Hi Friends! Welcome to Kid's Club. I'm _____ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend, HOPS. She's going to remind us of the kind of choices we can make today in Kids' Club.

Video: HOPS 4 Share With Others (about 1 minute)

Wow, I can't wait to have some fun in Kids' Club today. Before we hear our story, can I see a big "thumbs up" from everybody who's ready to have some fun? (Let kids respond.) Great job! Now I think we're ready to hear God's story.

REVIEW

Presenter: (Hold up the **Bible** for kids to see.) This is where we can read about God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. It's God's Rescue plan.

Remember how God made the whole world and everything was good? The world was perfect! Give me a smile! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone:) But THEN, something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and sadness and death came into the world... Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.) This was *really* sad.

But even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God...God loved them anyway! And he planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve—and you and me—can be close to God again.

This rescue would save us from sickness and sadness and death...AND all the mean things we do and the times we don't follow Jesus. And today, we're going to see a story of how God rescued one man from a sickness and from being a mean person (**show picture of Naaman**).



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INTRO: NAAMAN AND THE SERVANT GIRL

This guy's name was Naaman. Can you guys say, "Naaman?" (Let kids say it.) Good job!

Naaman was very, very important. But he was also very, very sick. See all those spots and bandages? (Point them out on the picture.) Naaman had a disease all over his skin. It was called leprosy. Can you guys say "leprosy"? (Let kids say: leprosy.)

(Show picture of the servant girl.) There was one person who knew how Naaman could be healed. It was a little girl. Raise your hand if you're a girl. (Let girls raise their hands.) This was a little girl just like you!

But Naaman had been very, VERY mean to this girl. He had killed her whole family so she was left all alone working for him. So nobody expected her to help a guy like Naaman!

But guess what? The girl loved Naaman...instead of hating him. And she said, "There's a man in Israel named Elisha. He's part of God's family and he can help Naaman feel all better!"

NAAMAN FINDS THE KING

Naaman wanted to get better, but he was very, very important. So instead of going to find Elisha, he went to find the KING. He said, "Let's go find the king!" Everybody stand up! Say, "Let's go find the king!" (Let kids say: Let's go find the king!) Now let's pretend to find him. (Lead them in "running in place" or jogging around the room.)

Great job! Now have a seat. (Let kids sit.) Naaman found the king (**put on the crown**). But when Naaman asked the king for help, the king said (use your best "king" voice), "I can do lots of things. But only GOD can make you all better!" (Take the crown off and set it aside.)

Uh-oh. The king couldn't help Naaman... But just then, Elisha, the guy in God's family, sent a message to Naaman. He invited Naaman to his house.

GOD HEALS NAAMAN

So Naaman hurried to Elisha's house. But guess what? Elisha didn't invite him in. Instead, he took him to a slimy, smelly old river (**show picture of Naaman at the river**). Ewww-yuck! Everybody, plug your nose (let the kids plug their nose; keep talking with your nose plugged). Elisha told Naaman to wash himself in the dirty river SEVEN times! Naaman didn't want to AT ALL. (Stand with your arms crossed.)

But finally, he agreed to try it. Let's pretend to wash ourselves (lead the kids in pretending to be in the tub while you count to seven). Great job! And guess what happened...after he washed in the river 7 times, Naaman was all better! (**Show picture of Naaman healed.**)

Naaman tried to give Elisha some money—he was so thankful! But Elisha said, "Nope. GOD healed you...for free!"



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CONCLUSION

God made Naaman feel all better. He rescued Naaman from his horrible sickness, but he also rescued Naaman from all the meanness in his heart. And many years later, God sent his son, Jesus, to rescue ALL of us from all the wrong things in the world—all our sickness and sadness...and meanness and everything else bad.

Woo-hoo! I'm so glad God rescued Naaman—and us! Now let's pray together and thank God for sending a rescuer. (Pray together, breaking it into small, repeatable phrases.)

Pray: Hi God! Thanks for making Naaman feel all better. Thanks for helping Naaman to be kind. I love you. Aaaaaa-MEN.

WORSHIP

Now let's stand up! (Let kids stand.) Let's dance and sing to thank God for rescuing us.

Song: Great Day

Song: Come With Me

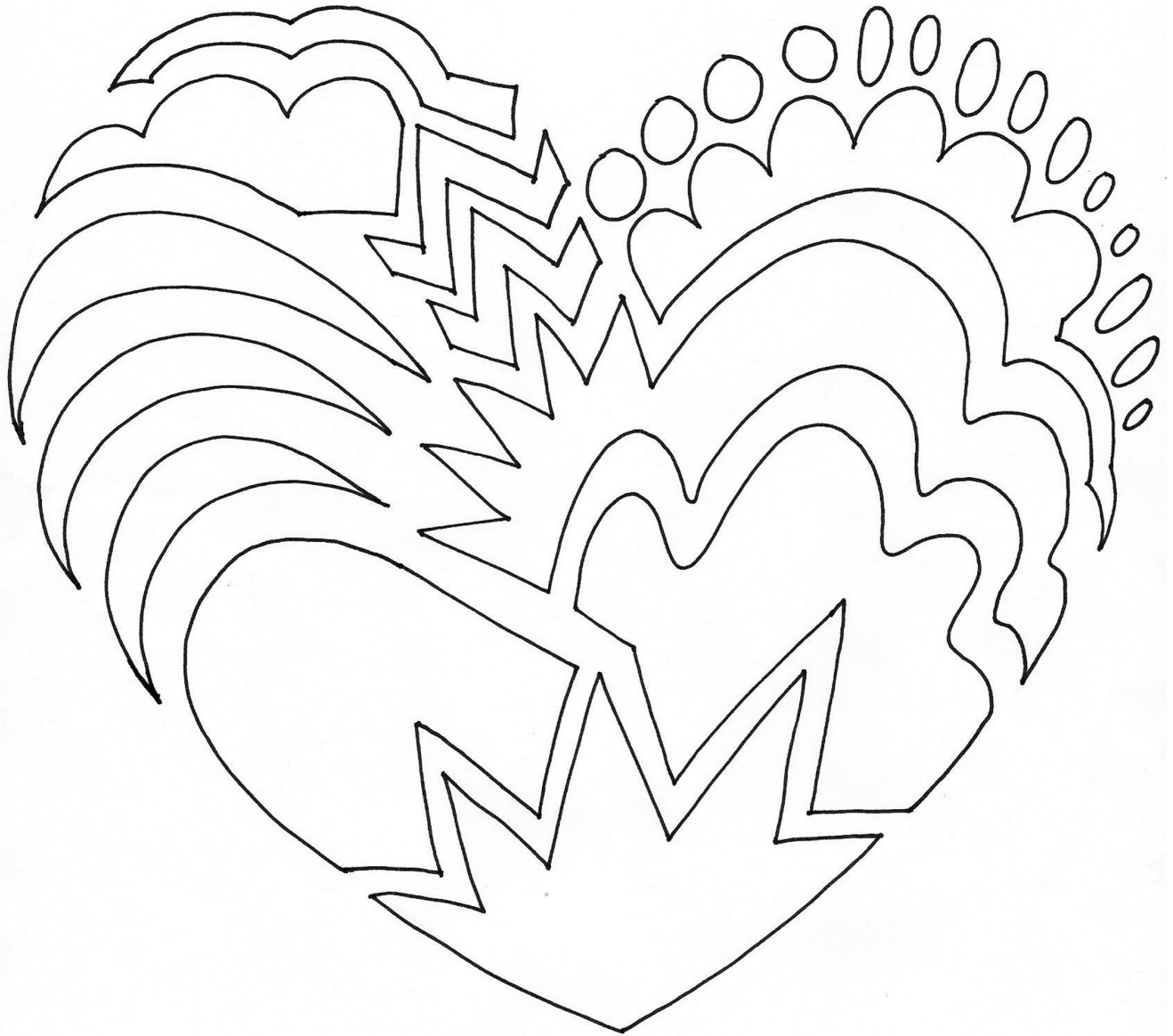
Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop to their groups.)



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PREP needs



small group supplies

Coloring pages: Heart

Per small group:

- Markers
- Glue sticks

Per kid:

- 1 strip of paper with TWO Naamans 1 popsicle stick

Per Room:

- 1 bin (shoebox-sized) filled with wads of brown & green construction paper

large group supplies

Jesus Storybook Bible (pg. 136-143)

Crown

a/v needs

1. Video: HOPS 4 Share with Others
2. Use the following images from the Jesus Storybook Bible (one image per slide in this order):
 - a. Pg. 136 (Namaan only; no text)
 - b. Pg. 137 (little girl only; no text)
 - c. Pg. 141 (sick Namaan by the river)
 - d. Pg. 142 (healed Namaan in the river)
3. Song: Great Day
4. Song: Come With Me (with hand motions and lyrics)

special room set-up

None needed

connect questions

Tell me about Namaan.

How did God rescue Namaan?

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The story of Namaan shows us how God freely rescues us not only from sickness and physical ailments but also from the cruelty in our own hearts. Ask your kid about it. You can also read it together in 2 Kings 5. And if you want to read a great kids' version, check out the Jesus Storybook Bible, pg. 136-143.