



# Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup>

September 14-15, 2013

DATE

2 Kings 5  
Adventure Bible for Early Readers pg.439-440

WHERE TO FIND IT

Naaman Is Healed

LESSON TITLE

God Heals Our Hearts

MAIN POINT

## schedule

**Hang out with kids (10 minutes):** Ask kids about their week. Get kids into groups and play games together.

**Large Group (30 minutes):** Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group. And don't be afraid to redirect kids who aren't!

**Small Group (20-30 minutes):** Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

## tips

Have kids gather back in front of the teaching area and watch the video from the lesson and do the songs together at the end of small group.

When parents come to pick kids up they will get a quick review of the lesson along with the kids.

## check-in/out

As kids leave, remind them to tell parents why they are carrying a heart with 5 Band-Aids.

## 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 and consider what “sick” vs. “healed” hearts look like!

**Why?** God’s transformation of our hearts can be a tough concept. We want to try to make it concrete for kids.

**Tip:** During the activity, you can ask kids to come up with traits of a “sick” heart and traits of a “healthy” heart too!

## small group

### CONNECT

1. Share your name and one word to describe the best part of your week (if you’ve already connected before large group, move directly to question #2).
2. What was your favorite part of today’s story? Why?

### REVIEW THE STORY / DIG DEEPER

3. What was wrong with Naaman?
4. Who could help Naaman?
5. How did the little girl help Naaman?
6. How did God heal Naaman?
7. Have you ever forgiven somebody, like the little girl? Tell us about it.
8. Has anybody ever forgiven you? Tell us about it.
9. Why do you think God wants us to forgive others? (He forgives us!)

### ACTIVITY

Give each kid a piece of **heart-shaped paper** to color. Tell them that God created our hearts to be healthy and perfect, but things happen that hurt our hearts.

- Let each kid choose a **marker**.
- Tell kids to make a big ugly spot on their heart whenever you call out something that hurts a heart. Then say:
  - People make fun of other people
  - People hit other people
  - People do not share
  - People leave others out
  - People call others names
- Stand back and look at your spotted hearts, like Naaman’s spotted body

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- Tell kids how God doesn't want us to have sick hearts. He wants to heal our hearts like Naaman. Give each kid **5 band-aids**. Tell them to cover up one of the spots every time you say something God helps us do when our hearts are healed:
  - We say, "I love you" to somebody
  - We hug others
  - We share with people
  - We make friends with everyone we see
  - We tell each other nice things

Remind kids that God wants all of us to have healed hearts and act with love, like the servant girl in today's story. We all mess up sometimes—just like we sometimes get physically sick—but God keeps healing us!

**\*Pray together, thanking God for healing bodies and hearts.**

*Extra time? Put kids in pairs. Ask each pair to **draw** their favorite part of the story. Then have each pair share it with the group and tell why it was their favorite.*

## special notes

“Sick” hearts really means sinful hearts in today’s story (we’re using the word “sick” to stick with the theme in the video). Make sure you communicate that meaning to kids!

## presenter tips

This story has important components. Pray the Holy Spirit makes certain parts stick out for each individual kid.

## script

Hi kids! Welcome to Kids’ Club. My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I’m so happy to see you here today. Today, we’re going to learn a really cool story about how God can heal us. But he doesn’t just heal our bodies, he also heals our hearts!

### **INTRO: SICK BODIES AND HEARTS**

(**Show picture of sick person.**) Before we talk about today’s story and what it means to heal hearts, I want you guys to think about what it feels like when our bodies are sick...just think in your head for a second. (Let kids think.) Now, let’s get some ideas! What do you guys think it feels like to be sick? (Let a few kids share various ailments.)

Great job! And being sick isn’t very fun, is it?

Now let’s think about being sick in our hearts. What do you think it means when our hearts are sick? Any ideas? (Let kids share if they have guesses.) Yep, it means we are mean or rude. When our hearts are sick, we don’t follow God and we make wrong choices. Raise your hand if you’ve ever done something mean (let kids raise their hands; raise your hand too.)

We all are sick in our hearts sometimes. Just like all of our bodies get sick sometimes. But the great news is, God can heal our sick hearts. He can help even the meanest people start following him.

### **INTRO: NAMAAN AND THE SERVANT GIRL**

Today, we’re going to hear about a guy named Naaman (**show picture of Naaman**). Can you guys say, “Naaman?” (Let kids say it.)



## script continued

Namaan was very, very important. But he was also very, very sick. See all those spots and bandages? (Point them out on the picture.) Namaan had a disease all over his skin. It was called leprosy. It was a bad disease that actually made his skin fall off. Leprosy can cause people to lose their toes and fingers...and even whole hands and feet.

**(Click to show the picture of the servant girl.)** There was somebody who knew how Namaan could be healed. ...A little girl. But Namaan had been very, VERY mean to this girl. He had killed her whole family, so she was left all alone. Nobody expected her to *help* Namaan!

### **GOD HEALS NAAMAN**

Let's watch a video about this story to see if the little girl decides to help Naaman. And to see how God heals Naaman's body...and his heart. As you watch this video, I want you to figure out what your very favorite part is. Are you guys ready?

### **Video: *The Servant Girl and the General* (Jesus Storybook Bible)**

Wow, what a cool story! I have so many favorite parts it's hard to choose just one. What are some of YOUR favorite parts? (Let a few kids share. If a couple kids repeat each other, ask kids to share other favorite parts.)

Yes, I love how Naaman was healed and how dirty water actually made him all better! I love that God healed Naaman's sick heart, so that he was kind. I love how the little girl forgave Naaman and helped him, just like God forgives us when we mess up.

### **CONCLUSION**

God rescued Namaan from his horrible sickness, but he also rescued Namaan 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. So now, no matter who we are or what we've done, we can follow Jesus and choose to be part of God's family!

### **WORSHIP**

Now stand up! (Let kids stand.) Let's sing to thank Jesus for healing sick bodies and sick hearts, and wanting *everybody* to be part of his family

**Song: *I Am Somebody***

**Song: *Come With Me***

### **PRAY**

Ask somebody to come pray and thank Jesus for loving each of us.



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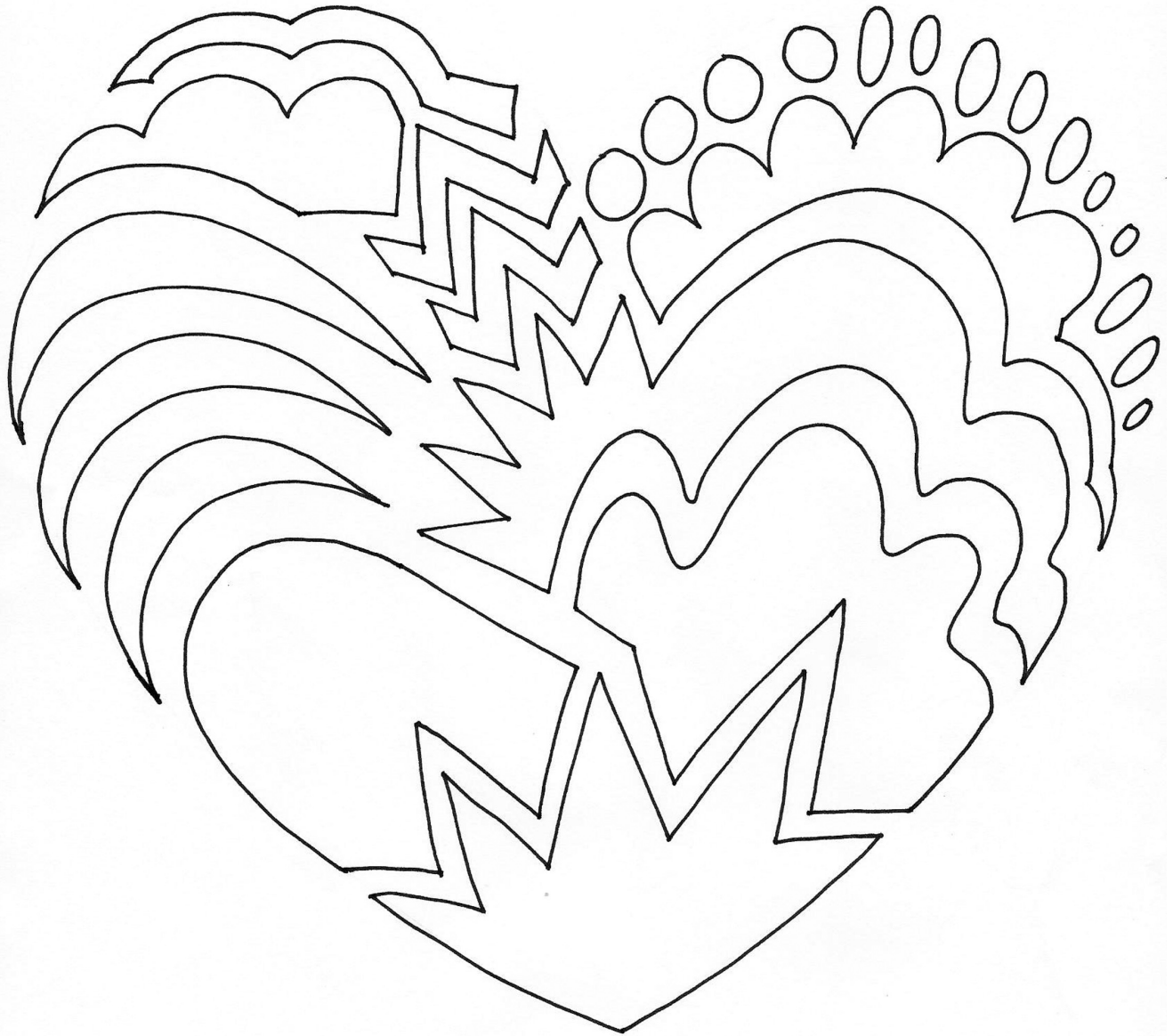
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# PREP needs



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## small group supplies

Coloring pages: Heart

**Per group:**

Markers  
White paper

**Per kid:**

- A piece of heart-shaped paper (can use something like OT: IN-57/6515 or IN-57/6069)
- 5 band-aids

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## large group supplies

Adventure Bible for Early Readers (pg.439-440)

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## a/v needs

1. Image: sick person (jpeg in curriculum folder)
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)
3. Video: The Little Servant Girl and the General (Jesus Storybook Bible;

available for purchase here:  
<http://www.jesusstorybookbible.com/>,  
but should already be on Crossroads' server)

4. Song: I Am Somebody
5. Song: Come With Me (with hand motions and lyrics)

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## special room set-up

None needed

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## connect questions

Tell me about Naaman.  
How did God heal Naaman?

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## parent page

Today, we talked about a guy named Naaman who had a sick body and a "sick" heart (he had done some pretty hurtful things). But when a little servant girl forgave him, she helped him find healing from God...for both his physical ailments *and* the cruelty in his heart. Ask your kid about it. You can also read it together in 2 Kings 5. If you want to read a great kids' version, check out the Jesus Storybook Bible, pg. 136-143.