



3rd – 5th

November 1-2, 2014

DATE

Elisha and Naaman

LESSON TITLE

2 Kings 5, Philippians 4:6
(Adventure Bible, pp. 417-418, 1306)

WHERE TO FIND IT

God wants everyone to know his healing

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (15 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (30 minutes): Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

Small Group (15 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

Think of a specific time when you disobeyed God and followed your own path; how did it turn out for you? How did God show you that his plan to rescue and heal us is better than anything we could come up with? Kids relate to stories where you can admit that you don't always do the right thing either.

check-in/out

Encourage parents to ask their kids about the body template they made in small group.

large group heads up

Today we're talking about healing, both physical and spiritual. Make sure to emphasize the importance of spiritual healing on the "inside", because kids might not have heard this concept before. We want them to know that no matter how badly they feel, Jesus can heal them and make them whole!



connect time

Goal: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

SNAKES AND LADDERS

**Break into small groups and have kids get in groups of 3 or 4.*

- Hand each group of kids a **“snakes and ladders” game board, game pieces and dice.**
- Explain that they have to roll the dice, and whatever number they get, they have to move their game piece that number of spaces along the path.
- If they land on a ladder, they follow the ladder up to the connected space.
- If they land on a snake, they have to follow it down to the connected space.
- Whoever gets to the end of the path first wins.
- Give kids about 10 minutes to play (most kids won't have time to finish the whole game).
- After 10 minutes, collect the game boards/game pieces and regroup. Ask kids:
 - **How did you feel when you landed on a ladder?**
 - **How did you feel when you landed on a snake?**
 - **What were the best and worst parts of your week?**

Before you head into Large Group, remind them about your expectations for their behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) retell the story of Elisha and Naaman, (2) recognize how God heals us physically and spiritually and (3) identify how they obey God in their own lives.

Why: It's easy to recognize when we need physical healing, but we also need to recognize when we need healing inside our hearts.

Tip: This lesson opens up conversations about how Jesus saved us and what we can do to accept his healing. Be ready to talk with kids about how God has a rescue plan for them and they can accept Jesus as their rescuer!

small group

REVIEW AND DIG DEEPER:

*Pass around a **bean bag** to the person who's speaking. Each group member should be prepared to hold the bean bag and answer questions.

1. Why did Naaman need healing?
2. Why did the little girl in the story help Naaman?
3. What did Elisha tell Naaman to do to be healed of his leprosy?
4. Why did Naaman think he needed to pay for his healing with silver and gold?
5. Have you ever felt that you needed to be forgiven of something? How did that feel?
6. What's one way you need healing? It could be physical healing, or healing on the "inside".

HOW CAN GOD HEAL US

- Hand out a **body template** and a **marker** to each kid.
- Tell kids we're going to write one way we need healing inside of this body drawing. Then they can decorate it and make it look like themselves!
- Remind them that it doesn't have to be physical healing; it could be something that hurts them on the inside. And all we have to do to get that "inside" healing is believe that God can do anything, and listen to what he tells us.
- After they've finished the body template, have them brainstorm some ways they can obey God this week on the other side of the paper.

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Prayer Ask God to give us obedience and help us make the choices he wants us to. Thank Jesus for paying the price for us to be healed.

Extra time? Ask some kids to share their maps with the group and explain why they wrote down/drew the pictures they did. Why did they choose to obey or not obey God on their path? You could also play the game from large group. Throw out different scenarios of someone being hurt in a physical way, and in a spiritual or emotional way. Kids can jump up or down, run to a side of the room, etc.

special notes

Today we're discussing physical *and* spiritual healing. It may be a sensitive topic for kids who suffer from chronic illness or who have family members who do. Emphasize that while we may not always receive physical healing like Naaman, Jesus is always here to heal our "inside" problems.

presenter tips

Here's a video we'll be watching about the story of Naaman and Elisha:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WoAXjfShqKk>

The worship videos can be found here:
All Our Hope: vimeo.com/99668247
Grow Up Like Jesus:
vimeo.com/49923932

script

**Click to play intro music*

Hey guys, good to see you all! Welcome to Kid's Club! Can I have a show of hands: who climbed a ladder while playing that board game? (Let kids respond.) Who slid down a snake? (Let kids respond.) Well I don't know about you, but when I play that game, I get so frustrated when I throw the dice and I'm ALMOST to the end, I'm about to win, and then...I slide back to where I started.

I'm going to show you some pictures of other games you might know, and as soon as you know what the game is, shout it out! (Click to show slides and let kids respond after each one.)

- **Candyland**
- **Connect Four**
- **Trouble**
- **Monopoly**
- **Hungry Hungry Hippos**

Well done! I love playing all of those, *but* there's this thing about board games. Usually, you have to do a lot of things before you win. **You have to earn your way.**

WE DO SOMETHING TO GET SOMETHING/NAAMAN INTRO

Let's break into groups for a minute. I want you to find a partner, and tell each other something in your life that you really wanted, but you had to do something to get it. (If kids struggle with this concept, suggest things like paying for a toy, or working hard at practice to win a game, etc. Let kids talk for a few minutes and then regroup.)

Okay, can I have some volunteers tell us what you talked about? (Let 2-3 kids share their story.) Great, thank you guys! Well we are going to talk today about a man who wanted something *really really* badly. He wanted healing. Can someone tell me what you think healing



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means? (Let a kid respond.) That's right, it means you're cured of a sickness or disease. This particular guy, named Naaman, had a really painful disease called leprosy. Has anyone ever heard of leprosy before? (Let kids respond.) Well back in Bible times, a lot of people had leprosy, and they were pretty miserable. Other people didn't want to be around them, and a lot of them died from it.

Our guy Naaman was a high ranking general. He commanded an entire army and was really powerful. He also didn't know or love God. But someone in his life decided to show God's love to him and help him. We're going to watch a video about what happens. As you watch, I want you to pay close attention to what he has to give to God to get healing.

VIDEO: A Little Servant Girl and the Proud General

Hmm, so who can tell me what Naaman had to give God to get healing? (Let a kid respond. They may say something about washing in the river.) In the end, Naaman didn't have to give God anything! He thought he would have to give gold and silver, didn't he? But all he had to do was wash the disease off of himself in the river.

INSIDE VERSES OUTSIDE

Before Naaman got his healing, something else amazing happened. Who can tell me what the little girl in the story did? (Let a kid respond.) Wow, I don't know about you all, but that would be incredibly hard! Naaman actually kidnapped this girl, took her from her family and made her serve his wife! And the girl still loved him!

Why do you think she loved him? (Let a kid respond.) I think you're right. This girl loved God, and she believed that God would want her to forgive and love Naaman. This helped Naaman start to heal a different part of himself, the part that you can't see. The inside.

We're going to play a game, so go ahead and stand up! I'm going to tell you some different problems that people have that need healing on the outside, or on the inside. If you think it's a problem that needs physical healing (outside), run to *this* side of the room (point to one side of the room) and then come back to the middle. If you think it's a problem of the heart that needs spiritual healing (inside), go to *this* side of the room (point to the other side of the room) and then come back to the middle. Ready?

- Sarah broke her leg after falling down the stairs, and is afraid that she won't be able to play soccer anymore.
- Joe cut his arm playing in the woods, and now he has to get stitches.
- Kayla lied to her parents, and now she feels really bad that she kept the truth from them.
- Max has a disease that causes him to need a lot of hospital visits and medicine.
- Alice is jealous of her best friend, and has bitterness in her heart towards her.
- Steve's brother made fun of him in front of his friends, and now Steve's feelings are hurt.
- Cindy was playing hockey when one of her teammates ran into her and pushed her down, so she sprained her wrist. Her teammate made fun of her for being a bad player, so Cindy felt hurt and angry. (This last one should stump the kids since it could be either!)



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ELISHA AND NAAMAN

So let's look at our story again. So far, Naaman has been forgiven and helped by a young girl and led to Elisha to be healed. At this point, Naaman is sure that he will have to pay a lot of money for healing. Why do you think he thought that? (Let a kid respond.) Because back then, a lot of people had false gods that promised to heal, but only for a price. And it wasn't real healing.

God's healing, however, is totally different! You don't have to pay for it; God gives it freely! What was the only thing Naaman had to do? (Let a kid respond.) That's right, he had to wash himself in the river! Now did Naaman do it at first? (Let kids respond.) Nope, he tried to do it his own way, by paying for it with money. And it didn't work. But when he finally obeyed God and washed in the river, he was healed.

JESUS HEALS US TOO

We've all done bad things before. None of us are perfect, and we never will be. The amazing thing is that there is someone who forgives us, just like that little girl who forgave Naaman. Do you all know who that is? (Let kids respond.) That's right, Jesus. God sent him to take our place, so that we wouldn't have to pay a price to get healing. Jesus paid the price by dying for us! Just like in those games we talked about earlier, we don't have to earn our way. God gives us healing for free!

Take a minute to think about something you need healing from. It doesn't have to be a physical sickness. It can be something inside yourself that you need help with. Maybe you have trouble listening to your parents, or being kind to your siblings. Maybe you've done wrong things that are making you feel bad. Jesus wants to forgive you and heal you of those things right now! So picture that thing in your head, and then quietly ask him to heal you of it.

Let's all take some time to thank Jesus for forgiving us and healing us! We're going to sing some worship songs, so get on your feet and raise your voices!

VIDEO: All Our Hope

VIDEO: Grow Up Like Jesus

PRAYER

Thank you God for asking all of us to be in your family and share in your kingdom. We love you, Amen.



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

Per group of 3-4 kids: 1 snakes and ladders game board (card stock printout), game pieces, and dice

small group supplies

Per kid: 1 body template, markers
Per group: 1 bean bag, 1 Adventure Bible, pp. 417-418, 1306

large group supplies

Adventure Bible, pp. 417-418, 1306

a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Slide: Candyland
3. Slide: Connect Four
4. Slide: Trouble
5. Slide: Monopoly
6. Slide: Hungry Hungry Hippos
7. Video: A Little Servant Girl and the Proud General (Start at 0:13)
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connect questions

How was Naaman healed?
How does Jesus heal you?

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