



3PK

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LESSON TITLE

2 Kings 5

The Jesus Storybook Bible (p. 136-143)

WHERE TO FIND IT

God Can Heal Us

MAIN POINT

schedule

First 10 minutes of the service hour:

Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

Next 5 minutes: Connect Time

Next 25 minutes: Large Group

Last 25 minutes: Snack and Small Group

Finish early? Repeat the activity! Kids this age learn through repetition. Or, 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!



connect time

GOAL: *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (10 minutes after the service start time, when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter)**
- Line Up
- While in line, tell kids we're going to hear about how God healed a guy on the outside... and the inside!
- Point to outside boo boos, like:
 - Knees (touch your knees)
 - Elbows (touch your elbows)
 - Head (touch your head)
 - Etc.! Let kids choose body parts where they might get hurt. (Spend most of the time on this.)
- Right before you go into Large Group, point to "inside" boo boos, like:
 - Sadness (pretend to cry)
 - Meanness (make an angry face)

Tell kids the guy in today's story was sick on the outside and the inside (point to your heart). Then remind kids to stay quiet for Large Group and tip-toe in together to find out what happens to him!



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

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: NAAMAN CRAFT

- Give each kid a **Naaman cutout**.
- Have kids color him with **crayons/markers** (Color his skin to show he was sick.)
- Give each kid a turn to "dip" Naaman into the "**dirty river**" (tub filled with brown and green tissue paper) seven times
- Then *give them a Band-Aid* to put on Naaman to show that God healed him. Remind kids that God healed Naaman's skin... and his heart!

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

As parents come in, give kids the **coloring page**. Have them make the river dirty and muddy so they you can use that and their Naaman to reenact the story at home!

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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 Naaman used to be; act joyful in the end to show how he was healed!

script

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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 1 Have Fun! (*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 sickness and from being a mean person (**show picture of Naaman**).



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INTRO: NAAMAN AND THE SERVANT GIRL

This guys 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. A little girl. Raise you’re 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 you 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 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.) Cross your arms too and make your “ewww” face! (Model and have kids repeat.)

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: Be Strong

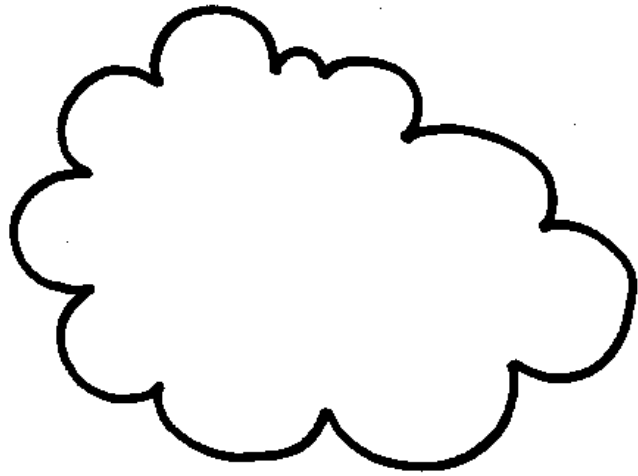
Song: Come With Me

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



connect time supplies

Healing “boo-boos” activity – no supplies needed

small group supplies

Coloring pages: Clouds/Water

Per small group:

- Markers/crayons
- 1 bin (shoebox-sized) filled with wads of brown, green, or yellow tissue or construction paper

Per kid:

- 1 Naaman (template; cut in half)
- 1 band-aid

large group supplies

The Jesus Storybook Bible (p. 136-143)
crown

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. Video: Fall HOPS 1 Have Fun (<http://vimeo.com/99633581>)
3. 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)
4. Song: Be Strong
5. Song: Come With Me (with hand motions and lyrics; <http://vimeo.com/49923933>)

connect questions

Tell me about Namaan.
How did God heal Namaan?

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