

Lesson 145: God Heals Naaman's Leprosy

[2 Kings 5:1-16](#)

Youtube Link for Teachers: <https://youtu.be/O4-HLVnFPd0>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/oQ3gc0FCkKg>

Worship Theme: God wants us to be humble.

Memory Verse: "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up." (James 4:10)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. There's a River of Life <https://youtu.be/AP6fwLxUqK0>
2. My God Is So Great <https://youtu.be/QXEVqO94wpg>
3. Be Humble Before the Lord <https://youtu.be/7WO74xMesGU>

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: "Rubber band competition"

Materials Needed: 10 plates, 40 rubber bands, water, 4 chairs, skewer sticks

1. Divide the children into 4 groups.
2. Prepare 4 plates with 10 rubber bands with water and 4 empty plates. Then place each set on 4 chairs.
3. When the game starts, a child from each group will run to the chair while covering one of their eyes with their hand. With their eyes still covered, they will use a stick to move the rubber bands one by one to the empty plate.
4. The group who finishes first wins the game. You can play the game again if you have time.
5. After the game, explain to the children that they could win the game when they obeyed the directions from the teacher. We should also always obey directions from God.



Introduction:

There are times when it seems like our prayers aren't being answered or bad things happen to us. At such times, it may be hard to believe that God loves us. But keep trusting him, because he will never fail us! Today, let's learn about a man who learned the importance of being humble before God!

Bible Story:

One day a young girl who loved God was kidnapped by the soldiers of Aram, the enemies of Israel. She was taken far from her family and home to Aram and was made a slave. But she trusted God and had faith in his power.

Her master was a man named Naaman who was a great commander in the king's army. But Naaman had a big problem because he was sick with leprosy. Leprosy was the most dreaded diseases in those days because it caused your skin and bones to rot and die. There was no cure, and it was highly contagious.

But this young Israel girl knew that God could heal Naaman, so she told him to go to a prophet named Elisha. So Naaman went to see Elisha. Elisha did not even come out to greet him but just told Naaman, "Go wash seven times in the Jordan River, and you will be healed."

At this, Naaman was angry. He expected Elisha to show more respect to him since he was a great commander of the Aram king's army! He did not want to go and wash seven times in the Jordan River when Aram had bigger and cleaner rivers! But his servant talked to him and convinced him to do as Elisha told him to do.

When Naaman washed in the Jordan River seven times, he was completely healed of his leprosy! When Naaman humbled himself to obey a prophet, a miracle happened to him! God is good, and everything he does is done in love. God did not want Naaman to have faith in Elisha the prophet but trust in the power of God! He could only experience this power of God when he humbled himself to obedience.

Sometimes, we think that we have a lot of power to do whatever we want to do. Or sometimes, we think other people should treat us better because we feel we are more important than them. But it is very important to remember that we can only experience the power of God when we humble ourselves before God and trust only in God's power!

Questions to discuss:

1. How did the young Israel girl end up in Naaman's house? (She was kidnapped by the soldiers of Aram)
2. What did she think when she saw that Naaman suffered from leprosy? (she knew that God could heal him)
3. What did Elisha tell Naaman to do? (wash himself seven times in the Jordan River)
4. Why was Naaman angry? (he expected Elisha to show more respect instead of just telling him what to do)
5. What happened when Naaman humbled himself and washed seven times in the Jordan River? (he was completely cured of leprosy)
6. After studying this Bible story, what can we say that God wants from us? (to humble ourselves and trust only in God's power)

Game: "Jump!"

Material Needed: string (1.5 m), bottled water

1. Have the children stand in a circle.
2. Teacher stands in the middle of the circle with a string tied to a bottled water.
3. Teacher will place the bottled water on the ground and start to swing it left and right. If the bottle touches a child, they are out of the game. If they can jump up to avoid being touched, they continue to play the game.
4. Play the game until there are 3 children left, and they become winners.
5. After the game, explain to the children that there are many things in the world that want to hurt us. But God always wants to heal us and save us. We must always be humble before God.



Memory Verse:

"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up." (James 4:10)

Craft: "Naaman Humbly Obeys God"

Materials Needed: Printed craft sheet, crayons, scissors, glue, popsicle sticks (or straw)

1. Have the children color Naaman and Jordan River.
2. Cut out Naaman and Jordan River and glue a stick (or straw) behind Naaman.
3. Cut a line on the Jordan River so that you can put Naaman through.
4. Have the children put Naaman with leprosy into the River and say, "We need to be humble and trust God!"
5. After the seventh time, have the children change to Naaman who is cured and say, "God is powerful and he always helps us!"



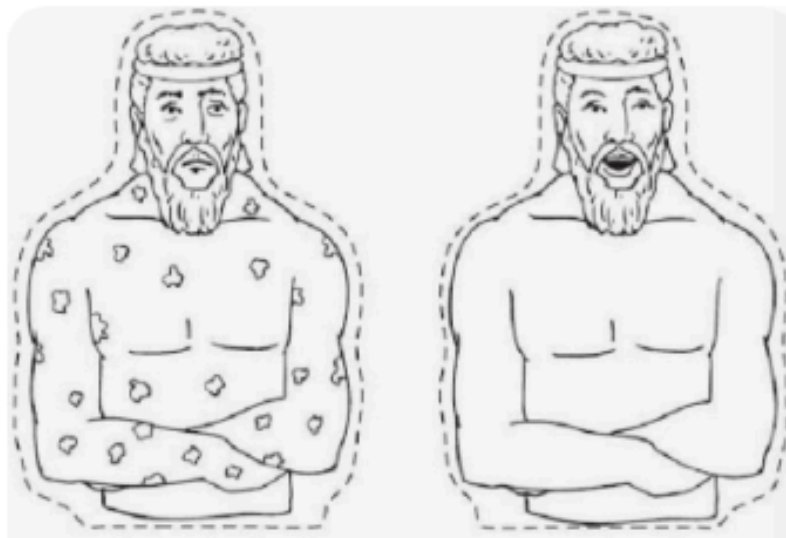
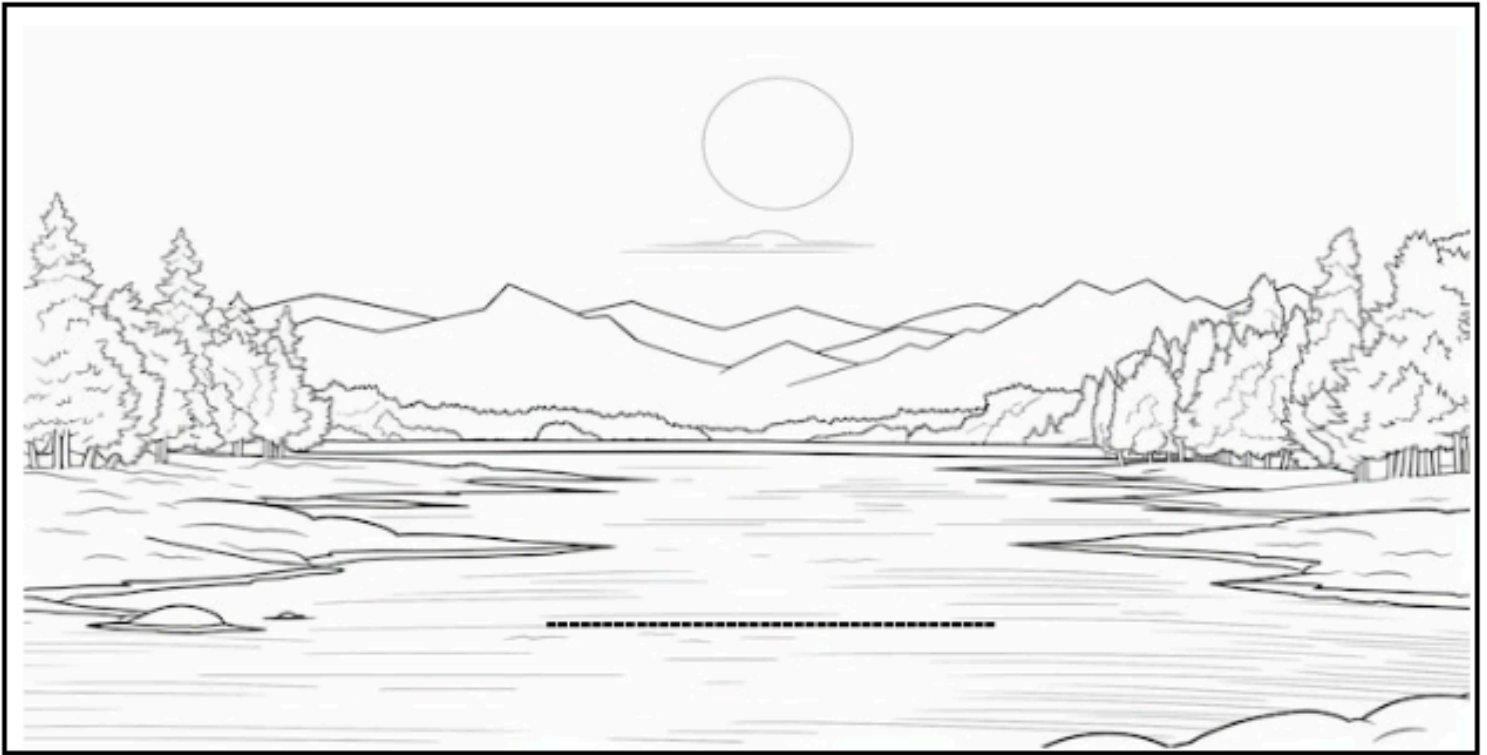
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Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

Jesus taught that we must be humble servants of God. Through our relationship with him, we can truly show the love of Jesus. How is having humility important in your role as a teacher? Having humility is essential to living out our faith. But it's also a must as we seek to keep our eyes on Jesus and teach his message of grace to others. Ask God to humble you and use you to build the faith of children.

“Naaman Humbly Obeys God”



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