



HEIGHTS

Kids

Gospel Adventure Family Resource

Week of Sunday, 10/09: "Elisha & Naaman"

What did my child learn today?

Today's Bible text was 2 Kings 5. This story can also be found in:

- *The Jesus Storybook Bible*, "A Little Servant Girl and the Proud General" (pp.136-143)
- *The Gospel Story Bible*, "Naaman is Cured" (Story 66)

Key Lessons from today:

- Leprosy is not Naaman's biggest problem.
- God wants to heal our hearts of sin.
- God wants us to love everyone – even our enemies – so they can know about Jesus.
- God's people will come from every nation.

What should I ask my child on our way home?

Grades K-1: What did you read about in the Bible today?

Who wanted to help Naaman in the story? Why was that so surprising?

How are we like Naaman?

What cured Naaman? (*It was not washing in the river – it was putting his trust in the Lord.*)

Grades 2-3: What did you read about in the Bible today?

Why was it so surprising that the servant girl wanted to help Naaman?

Why do you think she was so kind to her enemy?

Are we more like Naaman or the Servant Girl? Why?

How does this story point us to Jesus?

Family Devotions for Extending Learning this Week

Notes: Resources taken from *Long Story Short* by Marty Machowski (Week 65)

Devotions are most age-appropriate for children in Gospel Adventure (Grades K-3)

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read 2 Kings 5:1-7.• Questions to ask:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Why was a little Israelite girl living in Syria serving Naaman's wife?2. When the servant girl learned about Naaman's sickness, what did she say?3. Why might Naaman believe the servant girl and travel all that way? <i>(The Bible doesn't tell us this, but it's a good critical thinking question for children. Maybe Naaman was convinced because her faith was so strong. Maybe he was desperate because he knew that eventually the disease would force him to leave his wife and king and become an outcast.)</i>• Pray and ask God to give you a strong faith in the power of God like the girl in the story had.
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read 2 Kings 5:8-14.• Questions to ask:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What did Naaman take along on his journey?2. Why did Naaman get angry once he reached the prophet? <i>(Naaman was a very important man, but Elisha didn't even come out of his house to greet Naaman. Naaman was full of pride, and he thought he deserved to be greeted by Elisha, and that he should not have to wash in such a dirty river.)</i>3. How does the healing of Naaman, a Syrian, remind us of God's promise to Abraham to reach all the nations?4. Naaman's servants helped him when he was angry by encouraging him to obey the Lord. Who has God placed in your life to help you when you get angry?• Ask God to heal the people you know who are sick – both physically and spiritually.
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read 2 Kings 5:15-19. In Luke 4:27 Jesus said, "There were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." Naaman had no idea that Jesus would use his story to show the stubborn people of Israel that God was going to rescue people from every nation, not just Israel. Just as the people of Israel in Elisha's day rejected God and followed idols, the people of Israel rejected Jesus and refused to believe in him. But God's plan was bigger than the nation of Israel – God planned to reach all the nations. That is why He healed Naaman, who was not from Israel; that is why everyone, no matter what nation they come from, can be rescued when they put their trust in Jesus.• Questions to ask:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What did Naaman do when he came out of the water and saw that his disease was gone?2. What did Naaman think about the God of Israel after he was healed?3. How are we like Naaman? <i>(Although we don't have leprosy, we all need God to heal us from sin. We can only be healed when we put our trust in the Lord.)</i>• Thank God for sending Jesus to heal His people from sin.