

***Oak Arbor New Church Sunday School: Lessons for Preschool – Kindergarten***

**Lesson 1.25: NAAMAN'S LEPROSY IS HEALED — 2 Kings. 5:1-19**

**TEACHER PREPARATION**

Read over 2 Kings 5:1-19.

**WORSHIP CIRCLE**

**STORY AND DISCUSSION**

Today we will talk about a prophet named *Elisha*. Elisha lived in the land of Israel, teaching people about the Lord.

Off in another country called Syria there lived a man named *Naaman*. He was the captain in the army of Syria. Naaman was a good soldier, very brave and strong. But he had a very bad sickness called leprosy. Leprosy made his skin dry up and turn white. If the sickness kept getting worse, it would make his skin start to die and fall off.

Naaman's wife was very sad that her husband had this leprosy. But she had a young servant girl working for her who used to live in the land of Israel. The girl said "There is a prophet in Israel who could make Naaman's leprosy all better!" The prophet Elisha.

When Naaman heard this, he wanted to travel to Israel. He took some silver and gold and some beautiful clothing. Then he and his servants traveled to the land of Israel.

First they went to the king of Israel. Naaman told the king that he wanted his leprosy to be made better. The king was very upset. He said "I don't know how to make someone get well! I am not God!" Then the prophet Elisha heard about Naaman. He sent a message to the king saying "Send him to me."

Naaman went with his horse and chariot to Elisha's house. But Elisha did not come out. Instead, he sent a messenger out, and the messenger said "Go and wash in the Jordan River seven times, and your leprosy will be gone."

When Naaman heard this, he was angry. He wanted Elisha to come out and wave his hands over Naaman to make him better. He said "Why should I wash in the Jordan river? We have better rivers back in my land. That won't make me well!" He turned and went away angrily. Naaman thought his own idea of how to get well was the best. He didn't know that the Lord really knows the best way to make us well, and we must do what He says.

But his servants said to him, "If Elisha had told you something great and brave to do, wouldn't you have done it? It would be so easy to wash in the Jordan. Why not do it?"

So Naaman decided to try it. He went to the Jordan River and dipped himself in the water one time. But he was not well yet. Elisha had said seven times. Down he dipped again two times! Three times! Four times! Five times! Six times! Then he dipped into the water a seventh time, and when he came up (turn over the figure of Naaman) he was all better! His leprosy was gone!

Naaman and his servants were overjoyed! They went back to Elisha's house. Elisha came out, and Naaman said; "Now I know that the Lord is the real God. I want to give you a present to say thank you."

But Elisha said, "I do not want a present. I did not make you well - the Lord did." Then Naaman said "From now on, I will not worship any other gods - only the Lord." And he happily went back home to his family.

### RECITATION

Now we will say something from this story in the Lord's Word. I will say a part, and then you say it after me.

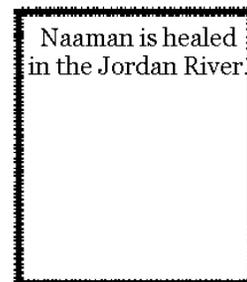
So he went down  
and dipped seven times  
in the Jordan,...  
and he was clean.

### PROJECT

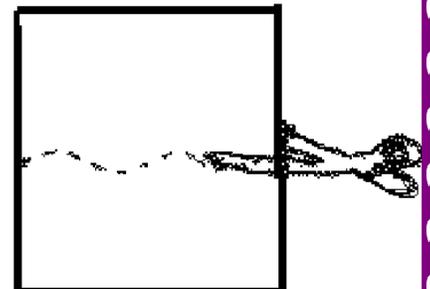
#### Ahead of time:

- 1) Using the pattern, trace and cut out a figure of Naaman for each child. (Do not use white paper—I suggest orange.)
- 2) Take a white sheet of construction paper. Turn it so that the short ends are at the top and the bottom. Write "Naaman is healed in the Jordan River." at the top. Make one for each child.
- 3) Take sheets of blue construction paper. Cut each in half, using a wavy line. Now you have two "Jordan Rivers". Cut enough so there is one "Jordan River" for each child.
- 4) Photocopy the picture of the servant girl talking to Naaman's wife. Have one for each child.

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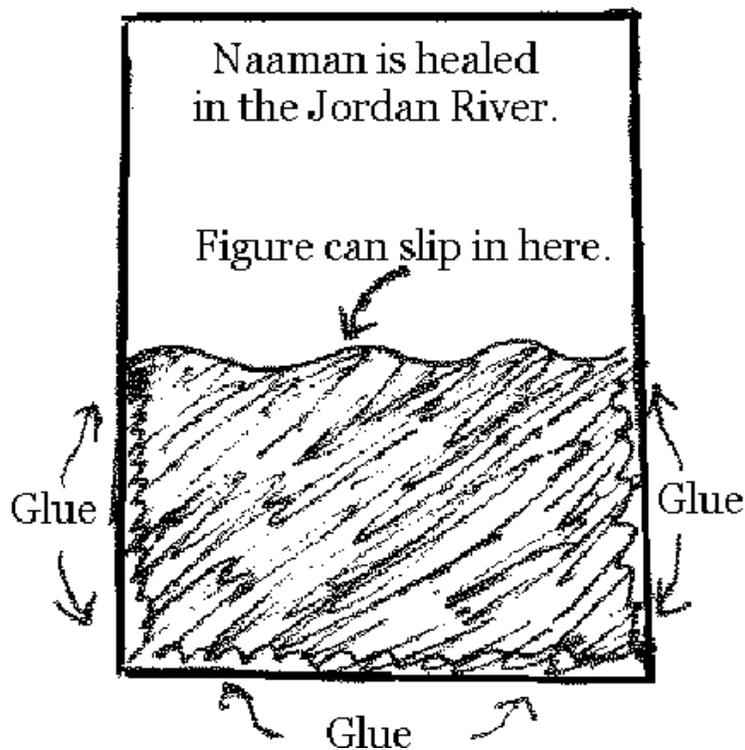


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### Doing the Project:

1. Have the children look at their piece of blue construction paper. Tell them that this will be the Jordan River. Tell them that the wavy side is the top. Have them rub some glue along the side edges and the bottom edge, but not the top edge.
2. Have them turn the blue paper over and press it onto the bottom half of the white paper.
3. Now have them take their figure of Naaman. Tell them who it is. Tell them that on one side they will make Naaman before he was made all better. Have them make a sad face on him, and have them color spots all over him with a white crayon to show his leprosy.
4. Next have them turn the figure over. Tell them that on this side they will make Naaman after he was made all better. Have them make a happy face, and color any other colors they would like on him (just no white spots).
5. Now they can show how Naaman was healed. Remind them that Elisha had told him to dip seven times in the Jordan River. Tell them to first show his sad, sick side. Have them slip the figure behind the blue paper to make him dip into the Jordan River seven times. After he has dipped seven times, have them turn the figure over to show how happy he is that his leprosy is gone!



# Pattern for Naaman

Trace and cut one for each child.

