



LITTLE WORDS WITH GREAT RESULTS
(Children's Story)

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Bible text: “She said to her mistress, “If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy” (2 Kings 5:3)

[Optional supplies: white sticker dots, map, pictures of those in the story.]

Hello, boys and girls. Today I have a wonderful story for you about a little girl just about your age. This story is so famous that it is recorded in the Bible in 2 Kings, Chapter 5.

“Madam, you look so sad, what are you thinking about? I am sorry for asking you this question.” A little girl (let us call her Hannah) encouraged herself to ask this question to the wife of the army general of Syria.

Yes, for the last few days, Madam Naaman has been sad. “Hannah, I think you should know something. Your master, General Naaman, has leprosy. That is why I am sad. We have spent much money to find a cure for him, but everything is useless.”

Leprosy was a deadly disease. *[Place white sticker dots on arms and hands or let the children use them.]* There was no cure. In many places, those with leprosy would be isolated from the community. It was a disgrace to have this kind of disease.

Hannah was brought to the house of Naaman by force when she was captured by some Aramean soldiers from her home of Samaria, Israel. She is a sweet girl and loves to sing to the Lord. Her countenance reflects the love and peace of God.

Sadly, there is no way for Hannah to go home because Samaria is very far from Syria. *[map]* She did not have chance to say goodbye to her parents when the soldiers took her. But there is one thing Hannah always carries with her wherever she goes: her faith in God.

Hannah's parents taught her to be faithful to God wherever she might be, and that God should always be the center of her life. She was also taught to share God with others who don't know Him.

Hannah thought, “This must be the time for me to share my God with this family. I have to reach out to them.”

“Madam, if you allow me, I would like to make a suggestion for the healing of General Naaman,” Hannah offered.

“Really? Are you sure? Tell me, what can we do so that your master can be healed?” Naaman’s wife curiously inquired. There was a glimpse of hope, it seems.

“Madam, if only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.” Hannah conveyed this hopeful news to the wife of General Naaman.

Hannah believed in the Word of God, and she simply told the family about what she knew: “Have faith in the LORD your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful” (2 Chronicles 20:20).

Prophets are God’s spokespersons through whom He conveys His words to His people. Hannah knew about Prophet Elisha from her parents.

“Naaman, this little girl from Israel told me about this prophet in Samaria that can heal you!” Naaman’s wife told her husband. “Hannah?” asked Naaman. “She is trustworthy! I will tell the king to send me to Israel!” he concludes.

Now the simple words of testimony from Hannah even reached the king! That testimony caused Naaman to travel all the way from Syria to Israel just to see Prophet Elisha for healing.

Hannah was waiting prayerfully when Naaman and his guards went to Israel. Hannah did not know what was happening in Israel, whether or not her master would be healed. She just trusted in the Lord that her simple testimony would bring a good result.

A few weeks later, the city of Damascus was shocked by great news: Naaman was cured! High level officers, government leaders, Naaman’s family, and the king himself had a party to celebrate the healing of Naaman!

“Hannah, thank you very much. Thank you for your courageous advice!” Naaman and his wife appreciated the little girl Hannah for what she had done.

“Your master is completely healed!” Naaman’s wife continued.

Then Naaman told the story about how he was healed by Elisha. He then revealed a news even much greater than the news that he was already healed. “Hannah, your God is now my God! Now we worship the same God!”

A little girl like Hannah can do something great! Her little words have resulted in a great conversion of Naaman. Hannah just did what she could even in the very restricted situation she was in.

What is one thing that you can do to reach out to others? Let us pray.