

LESSON 7

REFERENCES: 2 KINGS 5:9-14; PROPHETS AND KINGS, PP. 246-249.

Disappearing Spots

Have you ever done something really nice for someone else just because you wanted to? Naaman had some people doing good deeds for him. This is how it may have happened.

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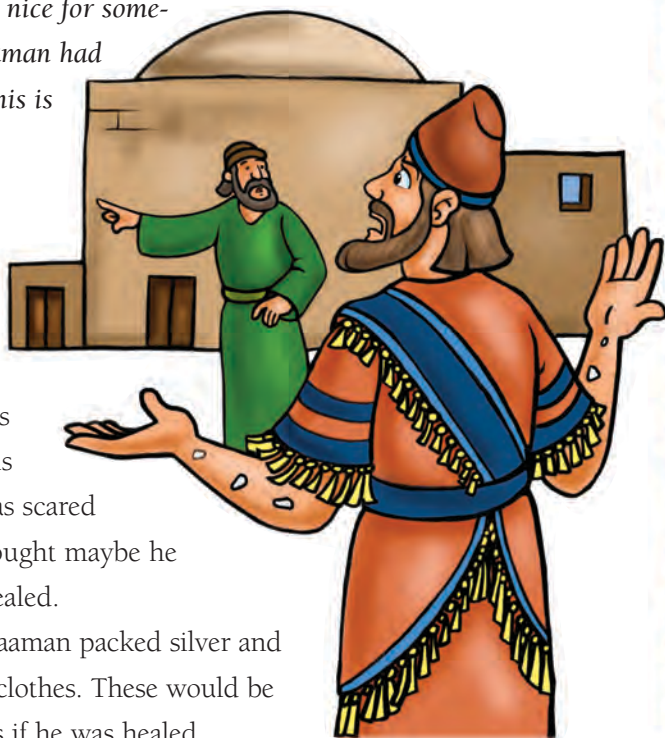
aptain Naaman was excited and afraid at the same time. He was on his way to see Prophet Elisha. He was excited because he might be healed of his

leprosy. He was scared because he thought maybe he wouldn't be healed.

Captain Naaman packed silver and gold and new clothes. These would be thank-you gifts if he was healed.

At last Captain Naaman and his servants arrived at the prophet's house. Elisha's servant greeted him. He would tell the prophet that Captain Naaman had arrived.

Captain Naaman waited impatiently outside the house. A few minutes later the servant returned with a message. "Prophet Elisha



Memory Verse

"For we are . . . created . . . to do good works."

EPHESIANS 2:10, NIV.

The Message

We serve God by doing good for others.

says you are to wash seven times in the Jordan River, and your leprosy will be healed.”

Captain Naaman’s face turned red with anger! *How rude! The prophet didn’t even talk to me*, he thought to himself. He didn’t like the message either. Captain Naaman stomped back to his chariot. He shouted, “Let’s go home!”

Captain Naaman’s servants looked at each other with confused looks. “Why are we going home?” they asked.

“Because I am not going to wash in the muddy Jordan River. If washing is all I need to do, we have better rivers at home,” he replied.

“Wait,” said one of the servants. “If the prophet had asked you to do something hard, you would have tried to do it. Why not do something easy?”

Captain Naaman stopped and thought about it. *They are right*, he thought. *I’ve come all this way. I’ll do what the prophet says.* “All right,” Captain Naaman said. “Let’s go to the Jordan River.”

Quickly they rode to the river. Captain Naaman took off his robes and sandals. He looked at the muddy river with a frown, but he waded right in.

Captain Naaman dipped under the water one time—but the spots were still there. Two times—the spots were still there. Three times—spots still there. Four times—spots still there. Five times—spots still there. Six times—spots still there. Seven times—spots gone! God healed Captain Naaman just as Elisha had said He would!

Captain Naaman leaped out of the river. He looked at himself. Yes! He really was healed! No more leprosy spots! He couldn’t wait to thank Prophet Elisha. He couldn’t wait to get home to tell his family.

Little Maid and Prophet Elisha had served God well by doing good for Captain Naaman. Little Maid told him about her God, and Prophet Elisha told him how to be healed by God. God wants us to do good things for others too.



Do and Say

SABBATH

Each day this week, read the lesson story together and review the memory verse:

- For we** Point to self, then to others.
- are** Move hands as if forming
- created** clay into a shape.
- to do good** Tap one fist over the other.
- works.**
- Ephesians 2:10 .** Palms together, then open.

SUNDAY

Read together 2 Kings 5:9-14. Ask: How do you think Naaman felt after he dipped the seventh time? Have your child close their eyes, then touch their hand. Ask: If you had leprosy, could you feel that? What might happen if you could not feel pain?

Take a walk to a river, if possible. Ask: Is it muddy or clear? What was the Jordan River like? (muddy) Do you think you'd like to wash in a muddy river? Naaman didn't either, but he obeyed God and God healed him.

Sing "Dip, Dip, Dip in the River" (*Little Voices Praise Him*, no. 56).

MONDAY

Have your child sprinkle some salt in water, stir it, and watch what happens. Talk about how God healed Naaman.



TUESDAY

As you bathe your child, have him or her dip into the water seven times and count each dip.

Have your child feel different textures (soft, fuzzy, rough, smooth, prickly, etc.). Talk about how Naaman's new skin must have felt.



WEDNESDAY

Use a baby doll to represent Naaman. Have your child dip it in a basin of water and count to seven as you tell or read the story.

Sing "Naaman's Song" (*Little Voices Praise Him*, no. 65).

THURSDAY

Encourage your child to share their Naaman picture with someone and tell them about Naaman being healed. (Or help them draw a picture of Naaman coming up out of the Jordan River.)

FRIDAY

Act out the story for worship. Use sticky white dots or chalk for leprosy spots.

Sing "Let Us Do Good" (*Little Voices Praise Him*, no. 263). Then thank God for giving us the ability to do good. Ask Him to help us be of service to others every day.