



LESSON 8

REFERENCES: 2 KINGS 5:15-17; PROPHETS AND KINGS, PP. 249, 250.

Naaman Serves God

What things are very important to you? Is it your family or your friends? What about God? Why did Naaman say that God was the true God? Find out in the story below.

Perhaps Naaman ran his chariot horses as fast as they would go. The God of Israel and of Little Maid had healed him.

He just had to show Elisha.

Dust swirled around the horses as Naaman and his servants stopped in front of Elisha's house.

Naaman knocked on the door. He couldn't stop smiling.

Maybe this time Elisha came to the door. Naaman might have smiled from ear to ear. It made Elisha smile. Naaman showed Elisha his skin. It was smooth and healthy looking. Over and over he thanked Elisha. Elisha probably just nodded and smiled.

"Now I know that there is no God in all the world like the God



Memory Verse

"Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel."

2 KINGS 5:15, NIV.

The Message

We serve others, but we put God first.

of Israel,” Naaman exclaimed. “Please take these gifts.” Naaman’s servants began to unload all the silver and gold and new clothes they had brought.

Elisha held up his hand. “No,” he said, shaking his head back and forth. “I will not take any gifts.” Elisha did not want to take presents from Naaman, because he did not want Naaman to think he could pay to have God heal him. Elisha wanted God to have the glory for healing Naaman. He was just happy that Naaman now knew the true God.

Naaman begged Elisha to accept the gifts. “Please, take these gifts. I want to show you how thankful I am.” Still Prophet Elisha shook his head no.

Naaman bowed his head in thanks to Elisha and Elisha’s God. His servants packed the gifts. Naaman stepped into his chariot and shook the reins as he shouted, “Let’s go home!”

Mrs. Naaman may have been watching the road from her window. A dust cloud formed on the road. Her husband! She likely ran to meet him. She couldn’t believe her eyes! The white leprosy spots were gone. “You’re well!” she may have shouted with joy. Now *she* couldn’t stop smiling! Naaman may have smiled and laughed as he told his wife all that had happened. “I am so happy that Little Maid’s prophet has healed you,” she might have said.

“Yes, but it wasn’t the prophet who healed me,” Naaman said. “It was God. There is no other God like Him. The God of Israel is the true God. I have decided to worship only Him from now on.”

The whole country heard that Naaman’s leprosy was gone. The whole country knew now that there was a God in Israel who could do mighty things that their idols could never do.



Do and Say

SABBATH

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

Now I know . . . Point to forehead.

that there is . . . Shake head no; point

no God . . . upward.

in all the world . . . Outstretch arms.

except in Israel. . . . Bring arms back together and clasp hands.

2 Kings 5:15. . . . Palms together, then open.

SUNDAY

Read 2 Kings 5:15-17 together. Ask: Why did Naaman want to give Prophet Elisha gifts? Why didn't Elisha take them? Did Naaman worship idols anymore? Whom did he worship?

Pray with your child every morning. Ask God to help your child serve Him throughout the day.

MONDAY

Encourage your child to share the first-place ribbon they made in Sabbath School with someone and tell them about Naaman putting God first in his life. (Or draw a ribbon on a blue piece of paper and write "God is first" on it.)

Sing a happy song.

TUESDAY

Help your child make modeling clay coins

by using bottle lids as cutters. Talk about the gold and silver gifts that Naaman wanted to give to Elisha. Ask: Why didn't Elisha take the gifts? Should we help others just to get a gift? Why?



WEDNESDAY

Talk about why God should be first in our lives. What can we do today to make God first in our lives? Do something your child suggests.

THURSDAY

Let your child draw and decorate a thank-you note. Send it to someone who has helped your child know Jesus better.

Help your child put coins in order of their monetary value. Ask: Which is worth the most money? Which is next? Do some people put money first in their lives? Let's pray that God will help you always to keep Him first.

FRIDAY

Act out the Bible story with your family for worship. Ask: How can we give Jesus first place in our lives?

Sing "Into My Heart" (*Little Voices Praise Him*, no. 195), then ask God to help your family keep Him in first place.

