

LESSON 13

NAAMAN THE LEPER

2 Kings 5:1-15

Naaman was a great man in the land of Syria. He was captain of the king's army. But Naaman was a very sick man. He had leprosy.

A young girl from Israel who worked in Naaman's house heard about his sickness. She told Naaman's wife that there was a man of God, a prophet, in Israel, who could make him better. Naaman went to Elisha the man of God in Israel and took presents and a letter from the king.

Elisha's servant told Naaman to wash seven times in the Jordan River and he would be made better. At first, Naaman was angry, and did not want to wash in the river, but finally, he did as Elisha had told him, and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan River.

Naaman was healed, and wanted to give Elisha the presents that he had brought with him. But Elisha would not take them. He knew that God had made Naaman better. So Naaman thanked God for healing him.

ACTIVITY

Colour the illustration. Cut a slit in the water, and cut out or draw a double-sided man to be Naaman. Make one side white, the other leprous. Glue onto a pop stick and dip in and out of the water, through the slit seven times, the seventh time turning Naaman over to become clean.

FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

Make a scene of the river Jordan. Decorate the blue river with glitter. Make tree trunks brown and use green crepe paper for the reeds on the bank. Cut a chariot out of silver paper. Draw Naaman on the bank of the river.

Make a chariot out of cardboard, using split pins to enable the wheels to "turn". Place presents in the chariot, for Naaman to offer Elisha.

Fill a container with water. Use a plastic doll dressed appropriately for Naaman, and carefully count to seven as he is completely immersed in the water.

On a paper plate make the scene from playdough, using blue and green colours for the water and land respectively. Make Naaman in the river, out of pipe cleaners.

Naaman dipped seven times in the river Jordan.

