

CHURCH SCHOOL LESSONS  
AUGUST 30, 2020

As I promised last week here are the answers to the math questions at the end of the lesson.

If the widow in our story had to pay debts totaling \$500.00 today, how many 16 ounce jars of oil would she have to sell at \$10.00 each to pay the debt? **50**

If the jars sold for \$15.00 each, how many 16-ounce jars would she need to sell to pay the \$500.00 debt? **34**

After paying the \$500.00 debt, if the widow had \$1,000.00 left over to support herself and her boys how many jars would she have sold for \$10.00 each? **150**

This week our Bible lesson shows us that God wants us to help everyone, not just the people in Israel. I am going to write out the alphabet, but I am going to leave a letter out each time. I would like you to find the missing letter and write it in the spaces below to find out "Who can God help?"

A B C D F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U W X Y Z

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In our story this week man named Naaman needed to be healed. Elisha helped him. This week our story takes place at the river. Have you visited a river (other than the Saginaw River)? What rivers have you visited? This week we are reminded that God's love is not just for one group of people.

Since we last saw Elisha, he has been traveling and performing miracle after miracle. Turn in your Bible to 2 Kings 5:1-6.

Who has the idea to send Naaman to Israel? Who is Naaman supposed to see? Who does he actually go to see?

Read 2 Kings 5:7-8.

Does the king of Israel know who Naaman is? How did the king react when he heard Naaman's request? Why?

Read 2 Kings 5:9-12.

Why is Naaman angry?

Read 2 Kings 5:13-19.

How did Naaman's servants convince him to follow Elisha's instructions? What happened when Naaman did? What was Naaman's response?

Because he was healed Naaman believed that Israel's God was the real God. Because Elisha extended God's love to an outsider, Naaman came to love God.

There were a lot of characters in our story. Can you identify who the characters were from the descriptions? You can use the Bible story to help you.

I'm an important general in the army, but I can't stop itching! Please help me. Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_

I have an idea! There is a prophet near my home who can help. Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_

Dear, please take the journey and see if you can be cured. It's time you were made well! Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_

I value Naaman's leadership. If he needs to take this journey, I will send money and supplies with him. Who am I?  
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What do I know about healing skin diseases?? I'm a king, for goodness sake! Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_

My God is so strong and mighty that I don't even have to touch Naaman for him to be healed. Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_

Sure, my job isn't flashy, but I am happy to serve a prophet of the Lord. Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_

We are tired of hearing about the itching. Sure, it sounds miserable, but enough is enough. We'll help Naaman try anything to be healed. Anything! Who are we? \_\_\_\_\_

Can you imagine yourself being any of these characters? Why would you be that character?

Naaman could not be healed until he had washed in the river seven times. Elisha did not give an explanation for this; but in the Bible the number seven often symbolizes completeness or perfection. Perhaps Elisha wanted to make sure Naaman was completely clean – or more likely, completely willing to trust God. Naaman learned a lesson about following God's directions, it is worth it!

Naaman was told to wash himself in the Jordan River seven times. Naaman did not want to do it, because the water was dirty. He thought the water where he came from was clean and would do a much better job healing him. He didn't think God could use polluted water to heal.

We are going to do a little experiment. You will need 4 cups of clear water. With the first cup I want you to add a few drops of vegetable oil to it. With the second cup of clear water add some dirt and paper trash to it. In the third cup of clear water add a few drops of dish soap. And with the last cup of clear water leave it clear with nothing in it.

Now, which one would you like to take a bath in? Which one would you like to drink? From people who travel in the area, we know that the river Jordan, was not a clean, clear river. God's power was so great that the water did not need to be clean in order to heal Naaman. That is because it wasn't actually the water that healed him, it was God working through Elisha that provided the healing.

Throughout this year we have been learning about the different sections of the Bible and the books that are in those different sections. Do you think if you had a blank Bible library, you could fill in the books of the Bible? Could you fill in the different sections of the Bible? With this knowledge of the different books of the Bible, you will be able to explore the Bible like a pro.

Next week we will start a new Bible curriculum. The lessons will be a little different than what we have been doing, but we will still have fun learning about the lessons in the Bible and applying them to our daily lives.

Let's close with a prayer. Thank you, God, for helping all people no matter where we are from. Help us to share your love with all the people we meet. Guide us to help others that we interact with and keep us safe. Amen.