

**Summer Children's Church**  
**H2Oh! God Keeps His Promises**

**Lesson 6**

**Cleansing H2Oh! Naaman Healed – 2 Kings 5:1-14 – God heals me**

**Bible Words:**

The Bible says: "Bless the Lord...who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases." We "bless the Lord" when we give Him thanks and praise.

Our Bible Words give us two reasons for thanking God. First, we thank God because He forgives our iniquities (sins), the wrong things we think and say and do. We can also thank God because He heals our diseases. That means that when we are sick and get better, it is because God has made us well. How does God do that for us? (He gives us doctors and medicine to help us get better, He answers our prayers, He gives us amazing bodies to fight off germs, etc)

Today you will hear about a man who had sores all over his body. Doctors could not make him better. But God had a plan to make him better. He had to wash in a dirty river to make him clean.

**Faith word:**

Iniquity – a big word for sin, all the wrong things we think and say and do

Prophet – someone that is regarded as an inspired teacher of the will of God, a person who speaks for God

**Key Point:** God pours out His healing love for us by cleansing us through water and the Word, giving me life and salvation.

**God Speaks:**

The last lesson we talked about how we can talk to Jesus in prayer and that God promises to answer our prayers.

Today we are going to hear another story from the Book of 2 Kings. It is about a great soldier named Naaman. Naaman was a leader for the army of his king. But Naaman was very, very sick. He had sores all over his body, and they would not heal. He had a terrible disease called leprosy. NO one knew how to help him get well.

Naaman's wife had many servants. One of the servants was a young girl. This girl was from the land of Israel. She believed in God. She knew God could heal sick people.

The girl told Naaman's wife, "My master should go see God's prophet Elisha, who lives in my country. He can tell him how God can heal his sores because Elisha is one of God's helpers."

Naaman decided to go to her country. He got in his chariot and rode far away to Israel where Elisha lived. The chariot bumped all over the rough road.

Finally, Naaman got to Elisha's house. He went and knocked at the door to ask for help. Knock, knock, knock. But Elisha would not see him! Instead, Elisha sent his servant to give Naaman a message. The servant told Naaman, "Go wash seven times in the Jordan River, and your sores will be healed."

Now Naaman was angry. He was an important man in his king's army. He wanted Elisha to do something special or say some special words to make him better. Naaman said, "I could have stayed home and washed in the rivers by my house. This is a silly thing to do. I'm going home." Naaman went back to his chariot and rode off, down the bumpy road towards home.

But Naaman's servant said, "You've come all this way. Why not go to the Jordan River and do what Elisha said? It's an easy thing to do." Naaman listened and went to the Jordan River. The water looked dirty and muddy. But Naaman dipped under the water just like Elisha said. Splish, Splash he went. He dipped seven times.

I wonder.... what do you think happened when Naaman came up out of the water on the seventh time? Yes, Naaman had a big surprise! His sores were gone! Naaman was healed.

Right away, Naaman went back to thank Elisha. Now Naaman believed in the True God. He said, "Your God made me well. From now on, your God will be my God too."

The water in the Jordan River was not special or magic. How did Naaman get better? Yes, it was God who made Naaman well! God heals us too. He gives us doctors and medicine to make us better when we are sick.

Best of All, God heals our sin. He does this through His Son, Jesus, who died on the cross for us. Through water and His Word in Holy Baptism, God washes away our sin for Jesus' sake and makes us His children. Now, someday, we can live with Him forever in heaven where we will never, ever be sick again. God, our heavenly Father, keeps all His promises.

### ***Review the Story:***

What problem did Naaman have? (He was very sick, and no one could make him better.)

How did God use the little girl to help Naaman? (The girl believed in God. She told Naaman to go see God's prophet Elisha, who was God's helper)

How did God use Elisha to help Naaman? (He told Naaman to wash in the Jordan River 7 times, and God would heal him.)

How did Naaman get better? (He washed in the river as he was told to do, but it was God, not the water, who healed him)

How did Naaman feel after he was healed? (He was happy. Now he knew there was only one true God, and he believed in Him.)

God healed Naaman's sores when he dipped in the river. God heals us from our sin-sickness through Jesus.

Who makes us better when we are sick? God Does!! God gives us doctors and medicine and moms and dads and other things to help us feel better. But it is God who heals us and makes us better.

We all do things that make God angry or sad. When we disobey God, we are sinning. And sins are even sores than being sick. God does not promise to heal us every time we are sick, but He does promise to heal our sin-sickness.

God used the water of the Jordan River to heal Naaman from leprosy. God uses water and His Word to give us faith in Jesus. Through Baptism, God forgives our sins for Jesus' sake and makes us His children.

One symbol that is used during our Baptism is the shell. The pastor will use a shell shape to pour the water over our head. He will say, "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

### ***Craft:***

#### **Wax Picture**

What you need: white construction paper, white crayon (if you don't have a white crayon use any crayon), watercolor paints and paint brush, water

Using the crayon write the words "I Am God's Child" on the white paper (press hard to make thick letters) you can also decorate by drawing a cross, a heart, or church reminders

Next paint the white paper with the watercolors. You can use one color or paint a rainbow, a pattern, a border. But make sure you paint over the crayon, the watercolor won't stick to the crayon print.

Then it will be like "magic" the words pop out and you can hang the picture as a reminder that you are loved and a special child of God

**Don't have watercolors...**no need to worry we can make some.

#### **Ingredients:**

1/2 cup of baking soda

1/4 cup of vinegar

1 tsp. sugar

1/4 cup cornstarch

1-2 drop of food coloring

#### **Directions:**

Mix the baking soda and vinegar in a large bowl. This will cause a fizzing reaction. Mix it until fully dissolved & then add the sugar until dissolved as well.

Add the cornstarch and stir well. The mixture kept clumping strangely, but it does soften when you stop mixing and will pour smoothly.

Pour the mixture into an ice cube tray, giving each compartment an equal amount of mixture. We filled them about halfway.

Mix in a drop or two of food coloring or however much it takes to get your desired color. Stir using a knife.

Set them out to dry overnight. In the morning, the colors should be hardened. It may take longer depending on the room temperature & humidity. Do not store anywhere too humid.



**Prayer:**

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for being with us and caring for us.*

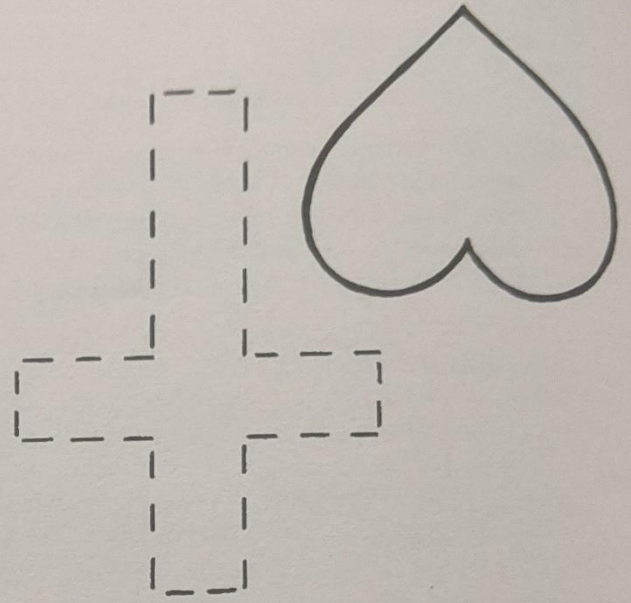
*Thank You for healing us when we are sick or hurt.*

*Thank you for taking away our sins for Jesus' sake  
and making us Your child through Baptism.*

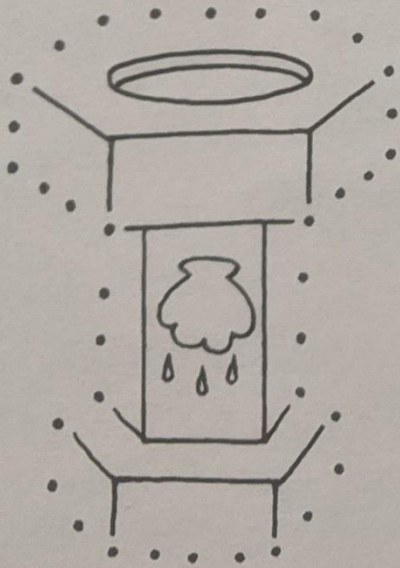
*Amen*

Last page: Print, color and deocrate, then fold the page horizontally and then vertically to make a book. And use a reminder that To bless the Lord means to Thank Him. And, God loves us and forgives our sins, because Jesus died on the cross to pay for them. And, when you were baptized, you became God's child.

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