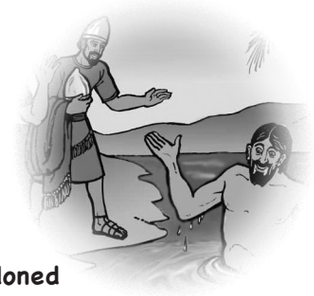
LESSON 2

NAAMAN IS HEALED



Aim: **To show the children that God healed Naaman only when he abandoned his trust in his own abilities and wealth. God blesses us when we are humble, because then we depend on him instead of on ourselves.**

Scripture Reading: **2 Kings 5:13-16 Read verses 1-12, too, to review the background of today's reading.**

Memory Verse: **Exodus 20:1-2 (the Ten Commandments) And God spoke all these words: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery."**

Review last week's memory verse and complete verse 2 this week.

Presenting the Lesson

Starting point

Before the class begins, arrange with three people (children or adults) to perform a play. Two people are having a disagreement when the third one comes in with a suggestion about how the problem can be solved. It could be about a ball that has been kicked into a neighbour's garden. Both players make excuses why they should not be the one to fetch it. The third person persuades them to go together and apologise to the neighbour.

Main Points of the Lesson

1. Naaman, the commander of the Syrian army, refused to follow the prophet Elisha's instructions to cure his leprosy because he was too proud. Why should he, a successful soldier who could pay for a complicated cure, go and wash in the muddy little River Jordan? Luckily for Naaman, his servants were wiser and humbler than their master. They persuaded him to follow the prophet's instructions (2 Ki 5:10-13).
2. **As you tell the story of Naaman washing in the Jordan, every member of the class can pretend to be Naaman and act it out.** After the seventh wash Naaman's leprosy was gone (5:14). **Show Picture 2 and point out the joy on everyone's face.**

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3. Naaman forgot all about his pride and importance. He had found out there was only one God, the God whom Elisha served. He wanted to give Elisha a gift to say thank you, but Elisha refused to accept anything. He wanted Naaman to understand two things. One, the cure was a free gift from God. Naaman did not deserve it and could not pay for it in any way. Two, it was God's power that worked the miracle, not Elisha's. Therefore, Elisha could not accept praise or payment for it (5:15-16).
4. **If you have time: Tell the story of Gehazi, Elisha's servant, who could not resist all that wealth and made a plan to get it (5:19-27).** His deceit did not bring him any blessing. Instead he became cursed. He fell ill with leprosy himself.

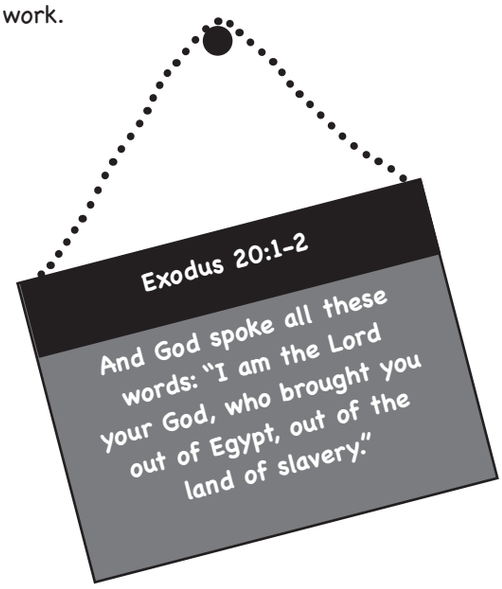
Our Response to the Story

Think of different things people put their trust in. Some examples: money, possessions, a steady job, a good education. These are all good things, but like Naaman we need to remember they are gifts from God. After Naaman was healed by the God Elisha served he no longer was full of himself. Naaman wanted to worship God and trust in God alone. This is an example we would do well to follow.

Instil the Memory Verse

This gives us another example of God's power at work.

Review the verses of Exodus 20 learnt so far.



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