



2 Kings 5

Aim: to see that God's healing is for anyone and that we should bravely share that good news



Leprosy carried a dreadful stigma and condemned a person to the status of 'unclean'. It is obvious that this disease was no respecter of status as in this account the sufferer was a valiant soldier, who had been victorious in battle and who had won the favour of the king. It seemed, that is fate had been sealed now that leprosy had taken hold, if it hadn't been for the bravery of a young servant girl from Israel daring to speak up. The young Jewish slave girl in the household was a brave girl of faith who cared enough for her master to speak out and tell them about the prophet Elisha and of his healing powers. Naaman didn't like what he was told to do by Elisha, seeming too proud to simply take 7 dips in the Jordan River. However, he was persuaded to climb down from his high horse and to obey the prophet's instructions. As soon as he came up the 7th time from the waters he found his skin totally restored and like that of a young child. He had had preconceived ideas of how a healing should take place. Now he knew it was to do with obedience and trust. Things that are still important in our friendship with God today.



Prepare a treasure chest (decorated box) containing a couple of items that are special for you but hold no great value.

I have brought some precious treasure today. I wonder if you will guess what is in the treasure chest? Very rich people might have some treasure. The King of England has lots of gold and precious jewels!

Show your treasure and explain why it is so precious to you



There are lots of different sorts of treasure and a lot of them are not worth much money. Today's story is about God, the mightiest king, of all the world, giving some awesome treasure to a man called Naaman. Who can guess what his really great treasure might be?

Read Elisha and Naaman, pg. 83

Naaman was very sad and worried when he was ill. He didn't know how he could ever be healthy again. God loved Naaman so he made him totally better and that was the best present he could have wished for.



- I wonder how bad it felt to have sore skin
- I wonder how good it felt to get better again
- I wonder if Naaman said a big thank you to God



Explore the work of [The Leprosy Mission](http://www.theleprosymission.org) and talk about how much fear and prejudice there was about the disease in Naaman's time and until quite recently. Talk about the illnesses that people are still frightened of and prejudiced against, and what you can do to make things better.

Say this prayer together - (Gently pour water into a bowl) God has chosen the rolling tide the flowing river the rushing stream the flooding burn to hold all of heaven and her promise (Pour water more fully into the bowl and let it overflow quite a bit) in the pouring and stirring and spilling and running comes the act of heaven and her promise (Scoop up water from the bowl and let it dribble through your fingers) so come and be soaked in the spirit as the story of salvation teems around us parables whispered in the drenching and baptism becomes the soothing rush of heaven and her promise of Jesus



- Recreate the story using sponges with red paint spots and a bowl of water to dip them 7 times. Follow this link for the full instructions: [Bible Class Creations: Naaman is Healed](#)

- **Water play:** A supervised activity. Let children wash toys in soapy water to encourage talk about how good it is to see things get cleaned up.
- **Gingerbread men.** Bake together or decorate prebaked gingerbread men. Give everyone 2 biscuits. Remind them that the man in the story had sores until God made him better again. Use icing and raisins or small sweets to decorate on one of the biscuits but only decorate the face on the other to represent the man when he was healed.



Let's learn the signs for 'ill' [Ma-katon](#) for 'ill' [- YouTube](#) and 'healthy' <https://youtu.be/7FIdkMXGLHE>

Help me with the signs when I say the words ill and healthy.

Dear God,

Thank you that you made the ill man in the story **healthy** again.

When we feel ill we feel sad

Please help us to be **healthy**.

When our friends are feeling ill

Help them to become **healthy** again.

Thank you



- When you're happy and you know it
- Our God is a great big God
- My God is so big



Watch a a video clip of the story: <https://youtu.be/CUiS305f-1I>
Or <https://youtu.be/ZuzMNR6MFb4>

Every time you wash your hands sing a song thanking God for water and making people better