

Story 6: General Naaman

Main Bible verse
[2 Kings 5:14]

So Naaman went down to the Jordan River. He dipped himself in it seven times. He did exactly what the man of God had told him to do. Then his skin was made pure again. It became "clean" like the skin of a young boy.

Aram was a neighboring country to Israel, and Naaman was a respected commander of Aram.

The King of Aram really liked Commander Naaman, but Commander Naaman had leprosy.

Leprosy is a disease which causes a person to lose their sense of touch completely.

Even if a person loses a finger, foot, or eyebrow, the person doesn't feel anything.

In the house of Commander Naaman was a young servant girl from Israel.

The young girl believed in God. One day, the young girl told Commander Naaman's wife: "If only my master would visit the prophet Elisha who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.

Prophet Elisha would pray to the Lord for him." Commander Naaman's wife told her husband what the young servant girl had said. Commander Naaman soon left for Israel.

Commander Naaman took with him many gifts to give to the prophet Elisha.

Finally, Commander Naaman and his men arrived at the house of Elisha.

But Elisha was nowhere to be seen. Elisha's servant came out and passed on Elisha's message to Naaman.

"Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan River, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."

Commander Naaman was very angry. But his servants spoke to him,

"Commander, washing yourself seven times in the Jordan River is a very easy thing to do.

You have come all the way here... you might as well give it a try."

Commander Naaman listened to his servant and went into the River Jordan.

One, two, three... Commander Naaman had gone in for the sixth time but nothing had changed.

But on the seventh time, something amazing happened.

Commander Naaman was completely healed of his leprosy.

His wounds were completely healed and replaced by new skin.

From that day on, Commander Naaman believed in God.



Activity 1.

Follow the directions in the order given.

1. Cut along the mark in the middle of the river.
2. Cut out General Naaman with leprosy and without leprosy.
3. Glue them on sticks.
4. First, put General Naaman, who has leprosy, in the river and move him up and down seven times, then replace him with General Naaman, who is now better, like in the story we learned today.

Materials: Glue, scissors, 2 ice cream stick



Activity 2.

Answer the following questions.

a. Who told Naaman that if he dipped in the Jordan River seven times he would be healed?

b. What was General Naaman's reaction when he learned how he could be cured of leprosy?

c. Read 2 Kings 5:8-14 and answer: What did Naaman's servant say to make him change his mind?

- Read and memorize the Bible verse. (2 Kings 5:14)

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