Preschool–Grade 5

Naaman Craft

The Jordan River with seven waves · 2 Kings 5:14–15 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



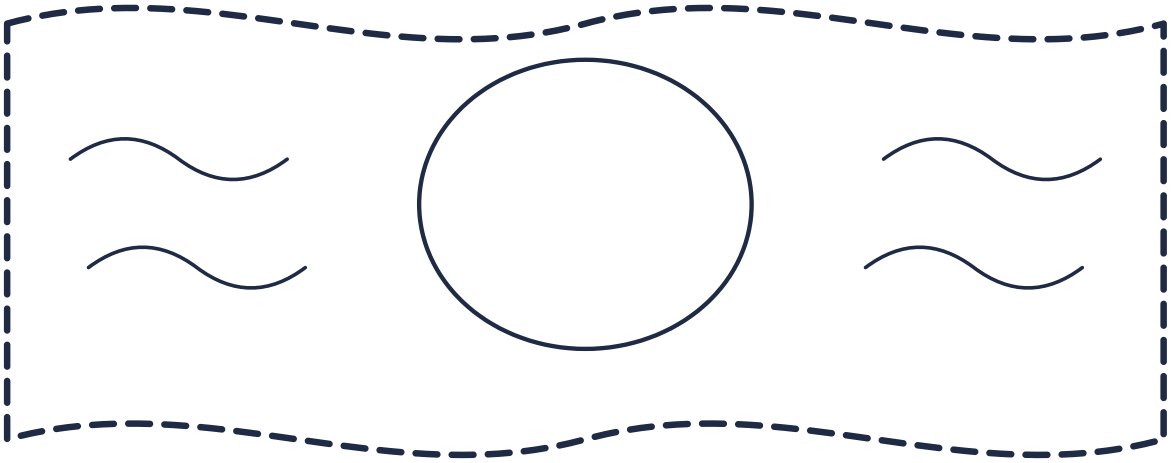
Harder

Both levels are a light blue paper river, the Jordan, with wavy edges and a white oval window where a child has drawn Naaman coming up out of the water, made clean: "his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child" (2 Kings 5:14). Seven dark blue waves sit in a row along the bottom of the river, one for each time he dipped. Medium (left): the river and the seven waves. Harder (right): a light blue water door, glued beside the window, that opens and closes over it.

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Name: _____

✂ Cut on the dashed lines



Jordan River: light blue. Leave the window white and draw Naaman in it.



7 waves: dark blue. Count them as you glue them on.

And he returned to the man of God, he and all
his company, and came, and stood before him:
and he said, Behold, now I know that there is
no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore,
I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant.

2 Kings 5:15 (KJV)

verse card: glue it on the back

Color each piece the way its label says. Cut out the river, the seven waves and the verse card.

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✂ Harder level

Water door (harder level)

Cut on the dashed lines. Fold on the dotted line.



water door: color BOTH sides light blue

How to add the water door

1. Make the river with the seven waves from page 2 first.
2. Color the water door light blue on both sides. Cut it out on the dashed lines.
3. Fold the glue tab back on the dotted line.
4. Put glue on the back of the tab only. Glue the tab on the river just left of the window, so the door covers the window. The rest of the door stays loose, so it opens and closes.
5. Close the door: Naaman is down in the water. Open it and close it seven times, counting each time: "Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan" (2 Kings 5:14). On seven, leave it open: "he was clean."

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/naaman-craft
Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels
You need: page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), light blue and dark blue crayons or markers, crayons for drawing Naaman, scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child.
Before class: for preschoolers, cut out the river, the seven waves and the verse card ahead of time.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's pieces. Kids color the river light blue and the waves dark blue, and draw Naaman in the window. Then they glue the seven waves along the bottom of the river with your help, counting to seven, and you help them glue the verse card on the back.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, draw Naaman, cut out the pieces and glue on the waves themselves. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the river like the medium level. Then add the water door from page 3, which folds open and shut over the window (2 Kings 5:14). This is the craft in the second photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color:** color the river light blue, but leave the oval window white. Color the seven waves dark blue.
2. **Draw:** in the window, draw Naaman coming up out of the Jordan, made clean: "his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child" (2 Kings 5:14).
3. **Cut:** cut out the river, the seven waves and the verse card on the dashed lines.
4. **Waves:** glue the seven waves in a row along the bottom of the river, under the window, with their flat bottoms on the river's bottom edge. Count them out loud as you glue: Elisha said, "Go and wash in Jordan seven times" (5:10).
5. **Verse:** glue the verse card on the back of the river and read it together.

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Questions to ask while kids work

- What was Naaman's job? *(Captain of the army of the king of Syria, 2 Kings 5:1)* What sickness did he have? *(Leprosy, a skin sickness, 5:1)*
- Who told Naaman's wife about God's prophet? *(The little maid from Israel, 5:2–3)*
- Point to the river. What did Elisha's messenger tell Naaman to do? *("Go and wash in Jordan seven times," 5:10)*
- How did Naaman feel about that at first? *(He was wroth, very angry, 5:11–12)* What did his servants say? *("Wash, and be clean," 5:13)*
- Count the waves. How many times did Naaman dip? *(Seven, 5:14)*
- Point to the window. What happened to Naaman's skin? *(It came again like the skin of a little child, and he was clean, 5:14)*
- What did Naaman say he knew? *("there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel," 5:15)*

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained:** a **leper** is a person with leprosy, a sickness of the skin; **wroth** means very angry; **dipped** means went down under the water; **his flesh came again** means his skin was made new; **clean** means the sickness was gone; **returned** means came back; **the man of God** is Elisha; **company** means the people with him; **Behold** means look; **I pray thee** means please; a **blessing** here is a gift.
- **What the Bible says:** the Bible says Naaman dipped "seven times in Jordan" (5:14). It does not say what he wore or how the riverbank looked, so the template is simply the river. Describe leprosy kindly and simply, a sickness of the skin, with no more detail. Teach the seven dips as the Bible tells them: Naaman washed, and God healed his skin. Don't teach them as a baptism.
- **No one is drawn on the template:** Naaman, Elisha and the little maid are not drawn. Each child draws Naaman in the window, made clean.
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything and use glue sticks, not liquid glue. Count the seven waves together as each one goes on. Hold up a finished craft so they can see the goal.
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Naaman lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/naaman.

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