Preschool–Grade 6

Naaman Is Healed

Sunday School Lesson for Preschool (Ages 3–5), 20–30 minutes

Main point: I can be humble and do what God says.
Bible passage: 2 Kings 5. Read 2 Kings 5:1–15 yourself before class.
Memory verse: "there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel" *2 Kings 5:15 (KJV)*. Explain it simply: Naaman learned that the God of Israel is the only true God.
You need: a Bible, a blue towel, blanket or long strip of blue paper (the Jordan River), crayons, and one take-home sheet for each child.
Before class: lay the blue river on the floor. Put a bookmark in your Bible at 2 Kings 5.

1. Opening game: Dip in the River (5 minutes)

Kids line up beside the blue river. Each child steps into the river and crouches down and stands up while the class counts to seven together. Say: "Great counting! Today we will hear a true story about a man who dipped down in a river seven times, and God made him well."

2. Bible story (5 minutes)

Hold up your Bible open to 2 Kings 5. Say: "This story is true. It is in God's Word." Read each line slowly and do the motion. When you see **Say it with me**, the kids say the line back to you.

Naaman was a great captain. He was brave and strong (2 Kings 5:1). *(Make big strong arms.)*
But Naaman had a sickness on his skin (5:1). *(Rub your arms sadly.)*
A little girl from Israel lived in his house (5:2). *(Hold your hand low, girl-size.)*
She said the prophet in Samaria "would recover him of his leprosy" (5:3). That means God's prophet could make him well! *(Point far away.)*
Naaman rode to the prophet Elisha's house (5:9). *(Bounce like riding.)*
Elisha said, "Wash in Jordan seven times" (5:10). *(Hold up seven fingers.)*
Naaman was angry. He stomped away (5:11–12). *(Make an angry face and stomp.)*
His servants said the prophet only told him, "Wash, and be clean" (5:13). *(Pretend to wash your arms.)*
Naaman dipped down in the river seven times (5:14). *(Crouch down and up seven times. Count!)*
His skin was new, like a little child's skin (5:14). *(Pat your cheeks and smile.)*
Say it with me: "God made Naaman well!"
Naaman said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel" (5:15). There is only one God! *(Hold up one finger.)*
Say it with me: "There is one God!"

3. Questions to ask (3 minutes)

1. Who told about God's prophet? *(The little girl, the little maid, 2 Kings 5:2–3)*
2. How many times did Naaman dip in the river? *(Seven, 5:14)*
3. What did God do for Naaman? *(He made his skin well, 5:14)*

4. Memory verse (3 minutes)

Say: "God's Word says, 'there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel.' That means the God of Israel is the only true God." Teach the motion: shake your head on "no God," make a big circle with your arms on "in all the earth," and hold up one finger and point up on "but in Israel." Say the verse with the motion three times: in a normal voice, in a whisper, and in a happy loud voice. Then say "2 Kings 5:15" and clap three times.

5. What this means for us (3 minutes)

Say: "There is one God, and He loves you! Everyone has done wrong things. That is called sin (Romans 3:23). Jesus is God. He came to earth as a man (1 Timothy 3:16). Jesus died for our sins. He was buried. Then He rose again (1 Corinthians 15:3–4)! The Bible tells us what to do (Acts 2:38). We repent: we tell God we are sorry, and we stop doing wrong. We are baptized in Jesus' name, down under the water, and our sins are washed away. And God gives us the Holy Ghost. That is God's own Spirit in us. When people are filled with the Holy Ghost, they speak in other tongues, words God gives them (Acts 2:4)."
Pray with the kids, and encourage them to talk with their parents and pastor about being baptized in Jesus' name and filled with the Holy Ghost. Never pressure a child.

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6. Activity: River Picture (5–10 minutes)

Give each child a take-home sheet. In the drawing box, help them draw a blue river. Then they draw Naaman in the river, and seven wavy lines for the seven times he dipped. Count the lines together. While they color, ask: "How many times did Naaman dip? Who made him well?" Kids who finish early can take turns dipping in the blue river again.

7. Prayer

Say each line, and the kids say it after you:
"Thank You, God, that You are the one true God.
Help me do what You say. In Jesus' name, amen."

Tips for little ones: say "a sickness on his skin" and leave it there; no more detail is needed. Let every child dip in the river and count to seven. If they get wiggly, do the angry stomp and the seven dips again. Leave out the end of the chapter (5:17–27, the earth on two mules and Gehazi); that part is for older kids. Send the take-home sheet home so parents can tell the story again this week.

If a child asks why Naaman was angry: say, "He wanted the prophet to do something big. But God wanted him to be humble and obey (5:11–13)."

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