



And through your descendants all nations on earth will be blessed Gen. 22:18

Bible Study:



Read 2 Kings 5, and Luke 4:14-30, and meditate on the truth that Jesus is the God of humanity, and His grace is sufficient for all who would put their faith in Him.

The gospel in the story:



God's mercy and grace extends to ALL who would put their faith in Him. God uses a slave girl and Naaman's servants to pursue Naaman (an enemy of Israel). Naaman only had to have faith that his washing would cleanse him. Though, through the leadership of sinful kings, Israel is living in rebellion towards God and though Israel was being punished for sinning against God, He remained faithful by maintaining His presence through the prophets of Israel.

Application

Head: **What did we learn?**

Q: Who is Naaman? A: Captain of an army who is an enemy of Israel.

Q: What is Naaman's need? A: He has leprosy, and needs to be healed.

Q: Who tells Naaman how he can be healed. A: A servant girl who had been taken from Israel.

Q: What does Elisha tell Naaman to do in order to be healed? A: Wash 7 times in the Jordan River.

Q: Does Naaman do what he is told? A: Initially no, but after encouragement from his men, yes. And he is healed.

Q: What does Elisha receive in return? A: Nothing, even though Naaman offered great riches.

Q: What is the sin of Gehazi? A: He lied to obtain money from Naaman.

Heart : **Memory verse**

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Hands: **How does this affect the way I live my life?**

Naaman was powerful, yet hopelessly weak against leprosy. Consider why he was disappointed with Elisha's plan, and discuss how we have similar disagreements with God, thinking we know better than Him!

Home: **How does this affect my household?**

Discuss how family members may benefit by humbly listening to wise counsel from each other, as Naaman did when he listened to his servants..

Heaven: **How does this help us share our faith?**

Naaman was a foreigner and an enemy to Israel, but God pursued him and healed him. In the same way, we were enemies of God before he saved us through his son Jesus. Discuss ways to share that good news with friends and neighbors who don't know Jesus (and are therefore currently his enemies!).