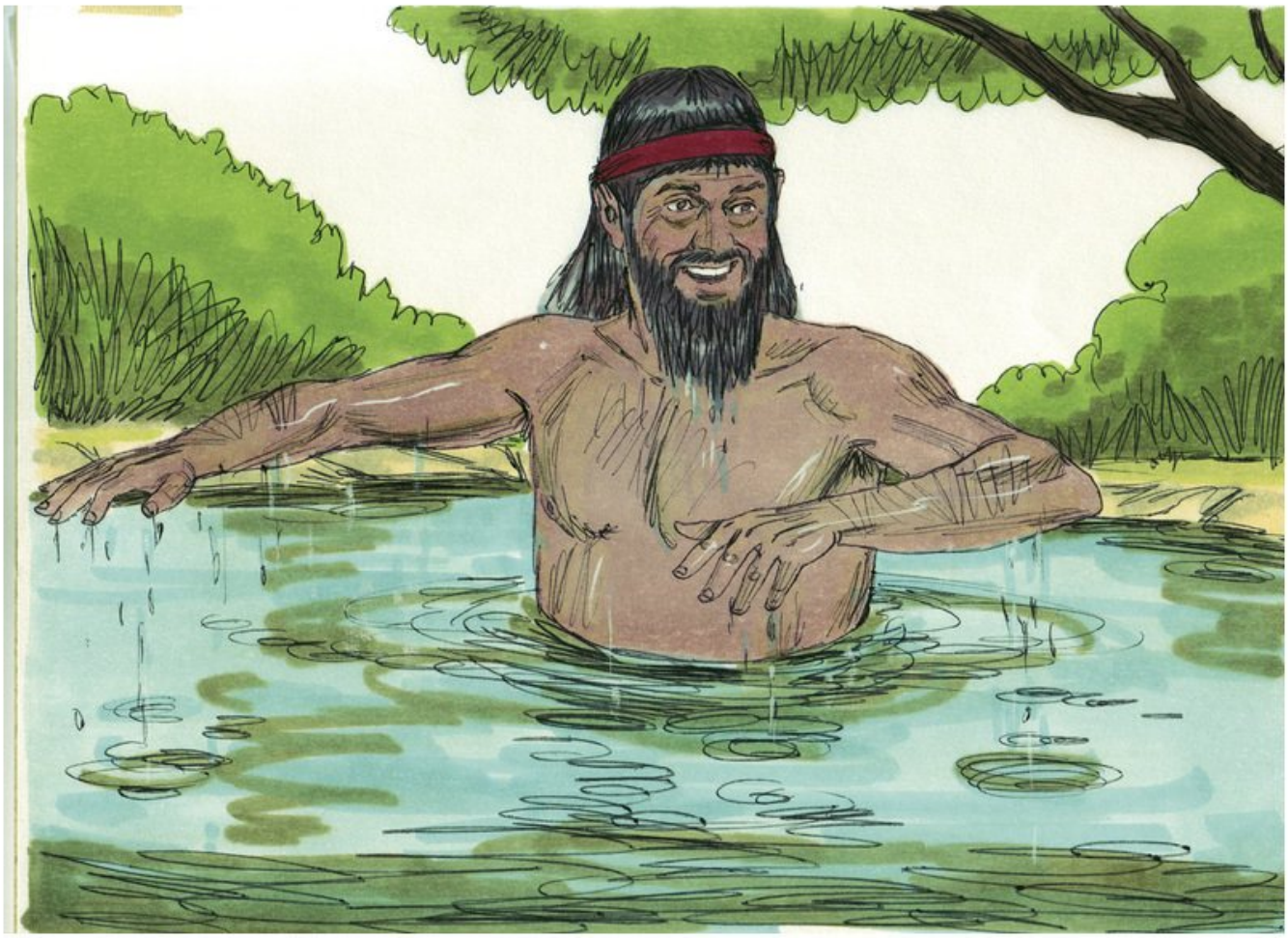
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Naaman Learns Humility

2 Kings 5:1-19



YOUR BIBLE READING

Humility makes room to listen and receive a gift.

Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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Help from Unexpected Voices

2 Kings 5:1-19



Naaman was a respected commander in the Syrian army. He had achieved victories and was important to his king, yet he lived with a serious skin disease. His position did not protect him from illness. In his household served a young girl who had been taken captive from Israel. Her situation was unjust, but the story allows us to hear her voice as a person with something important to say.

The girl told Naaman's wife that a prophet in Samaria could help him. Her words were reported, and Naaman obtained permission from his king to travel. He took a letter to Israel's king, together with valuable gifts and clothing. The letter asked that Naaman be healed. Israel's king was deeply alarmed: he had no power to cure the disease and feared that the request might become a reason for conflict.

Elisha heard about the king's distress and sent word that Naaman should come to him. Naaman arrived at the prophet's house with horses and chariots. He had traveled as a powerful man accustomed to being noticed. But Elisha did not come outside to perform a grand ceremony. He sent a messenger with a plain instruction: Naaman was to wash in the Jordan seven times, and his skin would be restored.

Naaman became angry. He had expected Elisha to appear, call on God, and wave his hand over the diseased place. He also thought the rivers of Damascus were better than Israel's waters. The instruction did not fit the treatment he had imagined. He turned away in a rage. The account pauses with help within reach, yet a disappointed expectation standing between the commander and the simple action he had been asked to take.

Remember: I can listen with humility instead of demanding my own way.

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A Gift That Could Not Be Bought

2 Kings 5:1-19



Naaman's servants came near and reasoned with him. They asked whether he would have attempted a difficult task if the prophet had required one. If so, why refuse the simple instruction to wash? Their words challenged his anger without claiming to be more important than he was. The commander who could order soldiers now needed to listen to people whose place in the household was far below his own.

Naaman went to the Jordan. He dipped himself seven times according to Elisha's message, and his skin was restored. The healing was an extraordinary act in this ancient account, not a treatment people are told to copy today. Naaman returned to Elisha with his company. He declared his recognition of Israel's God and offered a gift. The response to his healing included gratitude and a changed understanding of whom he would worship.

Elisha refused to take the payment. Even when Naaman urged him, he would accept nothing. The rich commander could not turn this gift into something he had purchased. Earlier, Naaman's expectations had centered on impressive action and better rivers. Now the prophet's refusal pointed away from the price of the gifts and toward God. Healing had not depended on Naaman's wealth or on his ability to arrange a grand welcome.

Naaman also asked about the difficulty of returning to service under a king who worshiped another god. He wanted to worship Israel's God, yet his duties included supporting his master when the king bowed in another temple. He asked for pardon concerning that situation. Elisha sent him away in peace. The account ends this meeting with the commander preparing to return home, carrying new faith into a life whose responsibilities still required careful thought.

Pause and think: Whose helpful idea might you hear more clearly if you set aside the need to be impressive?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Listening Without Looking Down



The first helpful voice in this account belongs to a captive girl. Her kindness does not make her captivity right. People in unfair circumstances still have dignity, insight, and a voice worth hearing. The story gives no reason to treat her as less important because she had little power. We can notice how often people with impressive titles need help from someone they might otherwise overlook.

Naaman's servants helped him reconsider an angry reaction. In our lives, a younger sibling, a quiet classmate, or someone new to a group may offer a useful idea. Listening does not mean accepting every suggestion without thought. It means giving the person a fair hearing. Humility asks whether our own pride or disappointment is keeping us from considering something wise and good.

Naaman's healing is not a promise that faith or obedience will cure every illness. People who remain sick are not less valuable or necessarily less faithful. Medical care, patience, and practical support remain important. This story's invitation is to listen humbly and receive a gift with gratitude, while remembering that kindness and respect are owed to people in every condition of health.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

Humility helps us hear wise voices and receive gifts that status or money cannot buy.

Whose helpful idea might you hear more clearly if you set aside the need to be impressive?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. Why was Naaman angry at first?

2. Did Elisha accept payment for the healing?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ He returned healed and thanked the God of Israel.
- ☐ Naaman listened to his servants and washed in the Jordan.
- ☐ A captive girl told Naaman's wife about the prophet.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw Naaman beside the Jordan after listening to his servants.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

I can listen with humility instead of demanding my own way.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: 2 Kings 5:13-16

A thoughtful conversation

This ancient miracle is not medical advice or a guarantee of healing today. Naaman's illness did not prove wrongdoing. The girl's captivity was an injustice, not a good thing made acceptable by her kindness.

Activity answers

1. He expected a grand action instead of a message to wash in the Jordan.
2. No. He refused the gift Naaman offered.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 3, 2, 1. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

God, help us listen humbly and value every person. Amen.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

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