



# ONE STORY

## GOD IN THE SPIRAL: DIVISION TO EXILE

1 KINGS 12 - 2 CHRONICLES 26

**Elisha and Naaman: Believing the Simple Gospel - (2 Kings 5:1-19)**

**July 17, 2022**

### **One Story Resources** – Day 197

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### **Naaman had a problem with leprosy**

Now Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great and honorable man in the eyes of his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was also a mighty man of valor, *but* a leper. **2 Kings 5:1 NKJV**

And the Syrians had gone out on raids, and had brought back captive a young girl from the land of Israel. She waited on Naaman's wife. **2 Kings 5:2 NKJV**

Then she said to her mistress, "If only my master *were* with the prophet who *is* in Samaria! For he would heal him of his leprosy." **2 Kings 5:3 NKJV**

And *Naaman* went in and told his master, saying, "Thus and thus said the girl who *is* from the land of Israel." **2 Kings 5:4 NKJV**

Then the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."  
**2 Kings 5:5 NKJV**

So he departed and took with him ten talents of silver, six thousand *shekels* of gold, and ten changes of clothing. **2 Kings 5:5 NKJV**

Then he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which said, Now be advised, when this letter comes to you, that I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may heal him of his leprosy. **2 Kings 5:6 NKJV**

And it happened, when the king of Israel read the letter, that he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and make alive, that this man sends a man to me to heal him of his leprosy? Therefore please consider, and see how he seeks a quarrel with me." **2 Kings 5:7 NKJV**

## **We have a problem with sin**

### **Elisha had a solution for Naaman**

So it was, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Please let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel." **2 Kings 5:8 NKJV**

Then Naaman went with his horses and chariot, and he stood at the door of Elisha's house.  
**2 Kings 5:9 NKJV**

And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and *you shall* be clean." **2 Kings 5:10 NKJV**

But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, "Indeed, I said to myself, 'He will surely come out *to me*, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.' **2 Kings 5:11 NKJV**

*Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?"* So he turned and went away in a rage.  
**2 Kings 5:12 NKJV**

And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, "My father, *if* the prophet had told you *to do* something great, would you not have done *it*? How much more then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean?'" **2 Kings 5:13 NKJV**

## God has a solution for us

### Naaman had to believe the simple Gospel

So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

**2 Kings 5:14 NKJV**

And he returned to the man of God, he and all his aides, and came and stood before him; and he said, "Indeed, now I know that *there is* no God in all the earth, except in Israel; now therefore, please take a gift from your servant." **2 Kings 5:15 NKJV**

### We have to believe the simple Gospel

#### This Week's [One Story Bible Readings](#):

197. 2 Kings 20, Isaiah 57:1, 2 Chronicles 32:24-33
198. 2 Kings 21:1-16, 2 Chronicles 33, Ezekiel 18:21-32
199. 2 Chronicles 34:1-7, Jeremiah 1, Jeremiah 25:3-9
200. 2 Chronicles 34:8-28, 2 Kings 23:1-27, Zephaniah 1:1-6
201. 2 Chronicles 35, Proverbs 26:17, 2 Chronicles 36:1-4
202. 2 Kings 23:31-37, Jeremiah 26, Jeremiah 28
203. Reflection and Prayer

## NURSERY

## GOD IS STRONG

CROSSING THE RED SEA



For the next few weeks we're going to be learning about how strong God is! We will learn the story of crossing the Red Sea and how God showed the Israelite people and Egypt just how strong he can be. Our big strong God loves us, hears our prayers, and takes care of us all the time.

**Memory Verse:** God is strong and always ready to help us. Psalm 46:1 (adapted for toddlers)

**Heart of the Lesson:** God is Strong and Hears Our Prayers

**Parent Connect:** Today we learned that *God is strong and hears our prayers*. We learned that God can do *anything*. This week, practice praying simple prayers as a family. (Example Prayer: Dear God, you are so strong, and we know that you can do anything. Thank you for helping us. In Jesus' name, amen.)

## GKJR

## KINGS AND PROPHETS

ONE STORY



This month we will be exploring more of the kings and prophets of Israel and Judah. Some kings followed God; most did not. God used the prophets to encourage the people to turn back to God.

**Memory Verse:** "Be still, and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world." Psalm 46:10

**Heart of the Lesson:** God Blesses When We Obey: Elisha and Naaman - 2 Kings 5

**Parent Connect:** Read the story of Elisha and Naaman together in the Bible (2 Kings 5). As you read, ask your kid to use today's craft to retell the story of Naaman of Naaman being healed.

## ELEMENTARY

## TORCHLIGHTERS

HEROS OF FAITH



Each summer we change it up and show our kids heroes of the faith that lived after the Bible was completed. These are people that were outward focused followers of Jesus even when it was really hard. Our kids can be heroes of the faith too if they choose to believe and trust God.

**Memory Verse:** Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us." Hebrews 12:1

**Heart of the Lesson:** Robert Jermain Thomas

**Parent Connect:** Tell your parent what you remember about today's story. Look at page 20 on your handout and write a letter to a person imprisoned for their faith.

You Asked For It is back and better than ever! We're putting a fun twist on our classic You Asked For It series by watching videos of Tim answering the questions that YOU, the students of G56, have asked!

**Memory Verse:** Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Matthew 7:7-8

**Heart of the Lesson:** How does God answer millions of prayers at once? - Matthew 28:18-20, Isaiah 55:8-9, Romans 11:33-36

**Parent Connect:** Ask for prayer requests from friends and family and then spend some time praying knowing the truth that God listens to your prayers.

## SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS

# GOD IN THE SPIRAL

Following Jesus No Matter What



The further we get into the Old Testament, the more clear it is that people needed help to follow God. Just like the people of Israel needed to follow God to stay on track, we need to follow God to stay on track too!

**Memory Verse:** Psalm 119:133 (NIRV) "Teach me how to live as you have promised. Don't let any sin be my master."

**Heart of the Lesson:** The Good News is Simple - and Extraordinary! (Elisha and Naaman - 2 Kings 5)

### Connect:

- What did Elisha tell Naaman to do to be healed of his leprosy? Was it difficult or simple?
- Who originally told Naaman about the prophet in Israel who could heal him?
- What must we do to be made clean from our sin? (Hint: It's as simple as ABC.)
- What can you do to share the truth of the gospel with other people?