

THE STORY @ HOME

KIDS 3RD-6TH NL

Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story
Narrative Lectionary, Year 1 (2026-2027)

Lesson #1-9
2 Kings 5:1-15a

LAST WEEK

Solomon asked God for wisdom to rule the people of Israel justly, and God granted Solomon's request (1 Kings 3:4-28).

THIS WEEK

Naaman seeks a cure for leprosy from the king of Israel, and the prophet Elisha leads Naaman to his full healing through the power of God (2 Kings 5:1-15a).

STORY SUMMARY

Elisha Heals Naaman

Naaman was an important man and a mighty warrior of a foreign army, but he suffered from leprosy. An enslaved Israelite girl knew of Elisha's power and suggested that Elisha could heal Naaman. When Naaman arrived in Samaria to meet Elisha, Elisha would not come to meet him, but sent his servant to tell Naaman to wash in the Jordan River seven times. Naaman expected a public ritual rather than a small, private act. Today's story reminds us that God is more concerned with our internal motivations and faith than with great, showy acts.

PRACTICE: FELLOWSHIP

Caring for one another shows that we are united in fellowship. Take time to wash one another's hands, committing to serving and caring for one another this week.

THE POINT

We can share God's love and healing.

BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

The Divided Kingdom

This story takes place during the time of the two kingdoms—the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah. When Solomon, the son of King David, died, his son Rehoboam became king. However, because of his cruelty, the ten northern tribes of Israel said that he should not be their king. Instead, they elected their own king, Jeroboam. They become the northern kingdom of Israel. The southern kingdom, under King Rehoboam, was called Judah and was home to the temple in Jerusalem.

NEXT WEEK

The prophet Micah announces that God does not desire thousands of rams or rivers of oil, but rather God requires us to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God (Micah [1:3-5]; 5:2-5a; 6:6-8).

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Family Discussions

Use the questions below—or any you have—to discuss this lesson's Scripture reading with your family.

- Did you find anything in this reading that was surprising?
- What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

Sunday—Read 2 Kings 5:1-15a Elisha heals Naaman of leprosy. Name one disease that you wish God would eliminate.
Monday—Read 2 Kings 6:1-7 Elisha rescues a borrowed axe head that is dropped in the Jordan River. Test various objects by placing them in a bowl of water to see what floats.
Tuesday—Read 2 Kings 16:1-20 King Ahaz reigns sixteen years, choosing to not do what is right in the sight of God. Make a list of things that a bad leader might do.
Wednesday—Read Isaiah 7:1-17 Isaiah gives Ahaz God's message about a sign for the coming of Immanuel (which means God-with-us). Make a snack with honey as you eat this passage, and celebrate the prophecy of Immanuel.
Thursday—Read Psalm 46:1-11 This psalm offers a song of hope for the city. Write your own song of hope together.
Friday—Read Isaiah 11:1-9 God promises a future, peaceful kingdom. On a large piece of paper, draw some of the images from this text.
Saturday—Read Isaiah 11:10-16 A promised hope includes the return of the remnant left of those who walk with God. Add to your family drawing from yesterday.

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