

Description: Retell the story of Naaman's healing with these paper figures and watch Naaman's "leprosy" be washed away.

What you need:

- A copy of the "Trust in Him" activity, scissors, laminating sheet, red acrylic paint and a bucket of muddy water

Preparation:

1. Print, cut out and laminate the artwork.
2. Cut out artwork again-leaving at least a quarter inch boarder to create a seal so the figure of Naaman can be dipped in water without seeping into it.
3. Paint red spots (leprosy sores) on the character figure of Naaman.

Activity:

(Use the character figures at appropriate times to teach the children the story of Naaman's healing)



1. Naaman was captain to the king of Syria. He was a great and mighty man, but he was a leper (2 Kings 5:1). **Ask: What is a leper? (Discuss ideas.)**



2. In Naaman's home there was a little Israelite maid who was a servant to Naaman's wife. She had great faith and trust in God and His prophet Elisha. She told her mistress that she knew that the prophet could heal Naaman (2 Kings 5:2-3). **Ask: Can our faith and trust in the Lord and His Prophet help others? (Discuss ideas.)**



3. Naaman went to Elisha's house and stood at the door so that Elisha could come out and heal him (2 Kings 5:9). "Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean." (2 Kings 5:10.)



4. But Naaman went away angry and said that he would not do what the prophet had instructed (2 Kings 5:11). **Ask: Why was Naaman angry? (Discuss ideas. Emphasize that he was being prideful.)**



5. **Ask: How can pride affect the way we react to what the Lord's Prophet tells us? (Discuss ideas.)**



6. Naaman's servant saw that Naaman's pride was keeping him from being healed. He had faith in the Lord and trusted the words of the Prophet. He said, "My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it?" (2 Kings 5:13.)

7. This humbled Naaman and he accepted his servants' advice and, "Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean." (2 Kings 5:14.) (Dip figure in water seven times [wipe any excess paint off by hand].)

8. Bear testimony of how faith & trust in the Lord and His prophets will bless our lives.





