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STORY 3: Elisha - Cleansing for a leper



READ:
2 Kings 5: 1-19



KEY VERSE:
2 Kings 5:15
Ask someone to help you find this verse.

Naaman was a very important man. He was commander of the king's army. But Naaman had a serious problem. He had a skin disease called leprosy, for which there was no cure.

Q: Color the picture.

In Naaman's house there was a little maid who had come from Israel where Elisha lived. She was sure that God could help Elisha to make Naaman better.

So Naaman got permission from the king to go to Israel. He took with him presents of gold, silver and clothing. Eventually he arrived at Elisha's house.

Probably Naaman was surprised that Elisha didn't come out to see him or invite him in. Elisha sent a messenger to tell him he must wash seven times in the River Jordan to be cured.



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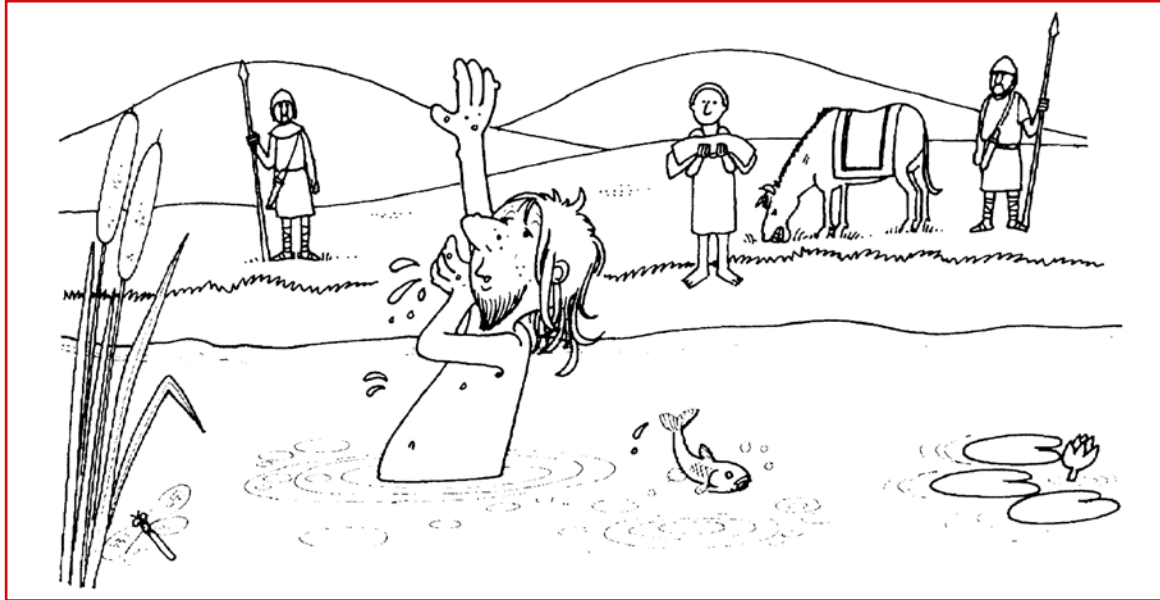
Q: Draw an arrow to the correct ending of each sentence. The first one is done for you.

The little maid knew about _____ house.
 Naaman travelled to the land of _____ Elisha.
 Naaman's chariot stopped outside the _____ Israel.

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Naaman was furious at the way he had been treated. He most certainly did not want to wash in the River Jordan. But Naaman's servants encouraged him to do as Elisha had told him - it was his only chance of being healed.



Naaman climbed down into the muddy waters of the River Jordan. Down under the water he went but his disease was still there. Only when he had followed Elisha's instructions exactly, by dipping seven times in the river, was he made better. His skin was perfectly healthy with not a trace of the disease.

Naaman knew now that Elisha's God was the real God. Off he went back to Elisha. He wanted to give him gifts to show how thankful he was. But Elisha would not take a thing! Elisha knew that it was really God who had healed Naaman.

Q: Answer each question with YES or NO:-

1. Did Naaman want to wash in the River Jordan at first?
2. Did Elisha take Naaman's presents?
3. Did Naaman believe in God after he had been healed?

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How foolish Naaman would have been if he had refused to do what Elisha told him. There was a way for him to be cured - all he had to do was obey it! God has made a way so that our sin-problem can be forgiven - by trusting in the Lord Jesus and His death on the cross. How foolish we would be to refuse the salvation that God has provided for us!

Q: Fill in the missing words:-

Naaman's disease was called I _____ .

The problem we have is called s ____ .

Naaman was cured by dipping seven times in the River J _____ .

We can be forgiven by trusting in the L _____ J _____ .

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