



# Elisha and Naaman

Lesson Aim: To know we should always obey God.

## THE WORSHIP

**Who God Is:** The God of Power

## THE WORD

**Bible Story:** 2 Kings 5:1, 9-10, 14-15

**What He Has Done:** God healed Naaman when he obeyed.

## THE WAY

**Whisper Verse:** "I will obey."

## BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

Unit 7: The Prophets and God's Power			
	Bible Story	What He Has Done	Lesson Aim
32	Elijah and the Ravens, 1 Kings 17:1-6	God provided for Elijah's needs during the famine.	To know God has the power to give us what we need.
33	Elijah and the Woman in Zarephath, 1 Kings 17:8-16	God sent Elijah to the woman and her son to tell them God would provide food.	To know we can trust God to keep His promises.
34	God Sends Fire to Elijah, 1 Kings 18:30-39	God sent fire from heaven to prove He is God.	To know God is the one true God.
35	God Speaks to Elijah, 1 Kings 19:11-13, 16	God whispered to Elijah and told him to find Elisha.	To learn some of the ways God speaks to us.
36	Elisha and His Little Room, 2 Kings 4:8-11	God provided a room for Elisha in the woman's house.	To know we should show kindness to God's helpers.
37	Elisha and Naaman, 2 Kings 5:1, 9-10, 14-15	God healed Naaman when he obeyed.	To know we should always obey God.

## TEACHER'S ENCOURAGEMENT

This week, read Psalm 119:41-48. Please join us in praying, "Thank You, Lord, for the way You show Your power in our lives. Place the desire to trust and obey You in the heart of each child so they are prepared to meet You when You return. Amen."



**THE WORSHIP  
THE WORD &  
THE WAY**

Segment	Minutes	Activity	Supplies
THE WELCOME	Up to 15	Treasure Chest	Treasure chest, stamp or sticker of a river
		Whisper Verse	Sign language for "I will obey."
THE WORSHIP	Up to 20	<b>Worship</b> Sheet music and recordings for Bible Memory Verse Songs available at ResourceWell.org.	<b>Unit 7 Bible Memory Verse Song:</b> "Be Still and Know" <b>Other Bible Memory Verse Song Suggestions:</b> "Blessed Are Those" "Give Thanks to the Lord" "He Is Mighty to Save" "I Am with You" "I Will Listen" "Love One Another" "Praise Time: Love the Lord Your God" "With God All Things Are Possible" <b>Additional Hymn Suggestions:</b> "God Is So Good" "How Great Is Our God" "My God Is So Big"
		Offering	Baskets
		Worship Illustration	<i>The Adventures of Delbert and Lello</i> puppet script or storybook: Prophets & Promises Unit 7, Lesson 37
THE WORD	Up to 10	<b>Watch the Word:</b> 2 Kings 5:1, 9-10, 14-15	Teacher's Bible with bookmark at 2 Kings 5:10 Visual: Photo of the Jordan River
THE WAY	Up to 25	Craft: Naaman	Sturdy paper, cup, craft stick, glue, crayons or markers
		Game: Dip in the Jordan River	Jordan River (Plastic bin or small plastic pool filled with water or blue shredded paper, blue sheet, blanket, or strip of crumpled blue paper in the shape of a river), towel for drying feet if using water
		Game: Elisha Says!	None
		Snack: Dip-A-Snack	Any snack with a dip, such as apple slices and caramel, chips and dip, bananas and yogurt, or celery and peanut butter
		Circle of Prayer	None
	Final 5	Final Five	Ponder, Pray & Play: Unit 7, Lesson 37 Color This Story: "Elisha and Naaman"
GOT TIME?	Up to 10	<b>Say &amp; Do:</b> 2 Kings 5:1, 9-10, 14-15	None
	Up to 10	Game: Stop and Be Still!	Unit 7 Bible Memory Verse Song "Be Still and Know," timer or clock
	Up to 10	Game: Whispered Words	None
	Up to 10	Story Time	Any story about obeying God

**RESOURCES:** Supplemental materials are available at ResourceWell.org.



I will obey

## THE WELCOME

Welcome each child as they arrive. **Hello \_\_\_\_\_. I'm glad you are here! Come open the Treasure Chest to find today's treasure.** Child unlocks the Treasure Chest to receive a stamp or sticker of a river. **Let this stamp (or sticker) of a river help remind you of today's story about a man named Naaman who obeyed God by going into the river seven times. Today's Whisper Verse is "I will obey."** Teach the Whisper Verse in spoken language and in sign language below. **We call it the Whisper Verse so you can whisper it to others.\***

**SIGN LANGUAGE: "I will obey."**

(For visual demonstrations, see [www.signingsavvy.com](http://www.signingsavvy.com).)

**Each time we say today's Whisper Verse, let's say it with two hand motions:**

**"I"** Point to self.

**"(will) obey."** Both hands begin in a fist, level with and close to the forehead. The hands are brought down and slightly forward to waist level as the palms open, face up.

Allow children to enjoy free play until everyone has arrived. **Let's sing the "Clean Up Song" as we put toys away before Praise Time.** Praise any child who helps. Allow several minutes for clean up.

**"Clean Up Song": Clean up! Clean up! Everybody, everywhere!  
Clean up! Clean up! Everybody do your share!**

Gather and seat children in Praise Time area.

**\*Today's Whisper Verse:** "I will obey," Psalm 119:17. The Whisper Verse is a tool to help the children learn a major point in the lesson. It is coupled with sign language or hand motions as a memory aid. The verse is not necessarily chosen from today's Bible story.



The God of Power

## THE WORSHIP

**Teacher Tip:** To help children identify time set aside for worship, designate a special corner or area for singing, collecting offering, and watching the worship illustration. Play “Praise Time: Love the Lord Your God” as children move to that designated area.

**It’s Praise Time—our time to sing praise to the God of Power. We can trust Him because He has the power to do all things. In today’s story, God uses His power to heal a man named Naaman. Naaman obeyed God. That reminds me of today’s Whisper Verse, “I will obey.” Let’s try it together.** Review Whisper Verse together: “I will obey.” Include sign language.



**As we give our offering today, let’s be still and know that God is the one with the power to heal us.** Sing: “Be Still and Know” while collecting the offering.



**Let’s see if Delbert and Lello have heard that God healed Naaman’s skin.** Perform *The Adventures of Delbert and Lello* puppet script or read storybook: Prophets & Promises Unit 7, Lesson 37.



**Elisha gave Naaman exact directions from God about what to do to be healed. Naaman listened. We can be like Naaman by listening carefully when others teach us about God’s directions.** Sing: “I Will Listen.”

**When Naaman obeyed, God blessed him by healing him. The Bible promises God will bless us when we obey Him.** Sing: “Blessed Are Those.”



Naaman obeys God

## THE WORD

Before we begin our Bible Time, let's say our **Classroom Promise with the motions.**

**With my eyes on my teacher;**

**My mouth quiet as can be,**

**I will listen to hear,**

**How God loves you and me.**

Point to eyes.

Place index finger over mouth as quiet sign.

Cup hand around ear.

Hug self, point to others, and then self.

Last time, we learned a woman and her husband made a room for Elisha in their house.

Today, we will hear how Elisha told Naaman how God would heal him. Handle the Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to 2 Kings 5:10.

### **WATCH THE WORD: 2 KINGS 5:1, 9-10, 14-15**

Read the points below or retell the passage in your own words using the points below as a general guide. To illustrate the story, display a photo of the Jordan River. Other visual options include the craft sample, Color This Story, or any related picture.

- **Naaman was a leader in the army.**
- **God helped his army win.**
- **Naaman was a very brave soldier,**
- **But no one could heal his skin.**
  
- **He went to see Elisha.**
- **Elisha sent a message to him.**
- **"Go wash seven times in the river.**
- **This is how God will heal your skin."**
  
- **So, he went to the Jordan River.**
- **He obeyed and washed seven times.**
- **He said, "Your God is the one true God,**
- **For He healed this skin of mine."**



**How many times was Naaman told to dip into the Jordan River? (Seven.) Let's find our answer in the Bible.** Read 2 Kings 5:10 from the teacher's Bible.

**Did Naaman obey God? (Yes.) Our Whisper Verse tells us we can obey, too! Let's say it together: "I will obey."** Include the sign language or hand motions.



God wants us to obey

## THE WAY

**Teacher Tip:** Craft and games can be presented at the same time in different areas or one at a time depending on class size and teaching style.

### **CRAFT: NAAMAN**

**Purpose:** To remind the children that God healed Naaman when he obeyed.

**Supplies:** Sturdy paper, cup, craft stick, glue, crayons or markers

**Prepare:** Poke a hole in the bottom of the cup large enough to insert a craft stick. From sturdy flesh-colored paper, cut out two outlines of Naaman small enough to fit in the cup. The outlines should be mirror images of each other so they can be attached back to back. On a label, print: **God healed Naaman. 2 Kings 5:1, 9-10, 14-15.**

#### **Directions:**

1. Color the outside of the cup blue for water.
2. Attach the label to the cup.
3. On the front of one of the Naaman cutouts, draw a sad face, a robe, and circles for sores on his arms and face as the sick Naaman. On the front of the other Naaman cutout, draw a happy face, a robe, and no sores as the healed Naaman.
4. Glue a craft stick to the back of one of the Naaman cutouts.
5. Glue the other Naaman cutout to the other side of the craft stick so the two Naaman cutouts are back to back.
6. Insert the craft stick inside the cup and through the hole in the bottom of the cup.
7. Show the children how to dip sick Naaman in the water by moving the craft stick up and down. When children raise Naaman out of the cup the seventh time, show them how to turn the craft stick so that the healed Naaman shows.

#### **Craft Discussion:**

- **What was wrong with Naaman's skin?** (He had sores on his skin.)
- **Naaman went to visit God's prophet. What was the prophet's name?** (Elisha.)
- **Elisha knew what God wanted Naaman to do. How many times did God want Naaman to dip in the Jordan River?** (Seven times.)
- **Naaman did not want to obey. Did he obey God anyway?** (Yes.)
- **That's like our Whisper Verse! Let's say it with our motions right now!** Say the Whisper Verse together with the hand motions.
- **Did God heal Naaman?** (Yes.) **Hold up your happy, healed Naaman!**

# THE WAY *continued...*

## **GAME: DIP IN THE JORDAN RIVER**

**Purpose:** Children will pretend to be Naaman and dip in the Jordan River seven times.

**Supplies:** Jordan River (Plastic bin or small plastic pool filled with water or blue shredded paper, blue sheet, blanket, or strip of crumpled blue paper in the shape of a river), towel for drying feet if using water

**Teacher Tip:** If you have enough room in your "Jordan River," the children can all play at the same time. If not, children can take turns.

**How many times did God want Naaman to dip in the Jordan River? (Seven times.) Did Naaman obey God? (Yes.) Did God heal Naaman? (Yes.) Let's dip in the water seven times, just like Naaman did!**

### **Directions:**

1. Before children get into the river, have them say and sign the Whisper Verse, "**I will obey.**"
2. Each child steps in and out of the river seven times as the children count together.

## **GAME: ELISHA SAYS!**

**Purpose:** Children will practice obeying Elisha's directions to understand about obeying God. This game is played in the traditional style of "Simon Says," saying "Elisha" instead of "Simon."

**Supplies:** None

### **Directions:**

1. Children stand up and face the teacher.
2. Give the children simple instructions that each begin with "Elisha says." (For example: Elisha says, "Touch your nose." Elisha says, "Rub your tummy." Elisha says, "Hop in a circle.")
3. After giving several "Elisha says" commands, give a command without saying "Elisha says." (For example: "Jump up and down." "Clap your hands." "Shake a friend's hand.")
4. When a child obeys a command not preceded by "Elisha says" he or she is out of the game and then helps give the teacher ideas for Elisha's commands. Optional: You may choose to allow children to stay in the game.

**Naaman obeyed Elisha's directions. The directions came from God. Can you obey God's directions? (Yes.) Let's say and sign our Whisper Verse and tell God we will obey Him. Say and sign: "**I will obey.**"**

# THE WAY *continued...*

## **SNACK: DIP-A-SNACK**

**Purpose:** Children will dip their snacks seven times while discussing how they can obey God.

**Snack Suggestion:** Any snack with a dip, such as apple slices and caramel, chips and dip, bananas and yogurt, or celery and peanut butter

### **Directions:**

1. Serve snack and drink.
2. **Let's sing the "Blessing Song."** Sing to the tune of "Frere Jacques" or other familiar tune.  
**God our Father, God our Father. Once again, once again.  
Thank You for our blessings. Thank You for our blessings. Amen. Amen.**
3. Lead discussion below while children enjoy their snack.
  - **How many times did God want Naaman to dip in the river?** (Seven times.)
  - **Let's dip our snack seven times.** Children count together aloud as they dip their snack seven times.
  - **Who remembers our Whisper Verse?** Choose a child to demonstrate the motions to the Whisper Verse: "I will obey."
  - **Dipping in the water seven times sounded silly to Naaman. Even though he didn't understand why God wanted him to dip in the water, he obeyed. We don't always understand the reasons for God's rules, but it is very wise to obey them anyway.**



## **CIRCLE OF PRAYER**

God made you and He cares for you. He loves to hear you pray with private words or words you say out loud. Let's fold our hands and close our eyes. As I lift up your name to God in heaven, I will lay my hand on your shoulder. Let's pray together.

Dear God, thank You for making us and loving us. We lift up to You a special prayer for \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ (say each name). We pray for our families and friends. Thank You for teaching us how to love one another. Amen.



When only 5 minutes remain, begin this segment.

## **FINAL FIVE MINUTES**

**COMPLETED CRAFT:** Take home your "Naaman" craft. Tell someone how God healed Naaman when he obeyed.

**PONDER, PRAY & PLAY:** Distribute Ponder, Pray & Play cards, if available. **Show this card to your family. Talk about how you can obey God.**

**COLOR THIS STORY:** "Elisha and Naaman." Discuss the Bible story and play the Unit 7 Bible Memory Verse Song, "Be Still and Know," as the children color.





If time remains, choose from the connected activities below.

## GOT TIME?

### **SAY & DO: 2 KINGS 5:1, 9-10, 14, 15**

**Purpose:** This pantomime version of the Bible Story helps children remember the story details.

**Supplies:** None

**Directions:** With each phrase, the teacher says the phrase and acts it out with hand motions; then repeats the same phrase and motions with the children.

- **Naaman was a leader in the army.** (Salute.)
- **God helped his army win.** (Point to heaven.)
- **Naaman was a very brave soldier,** (Flex muscles.)
- **But no one could heal his skin.** (Point to skin.)
  
- **He went to see Elisha.** (Walk in place.)
- **Elisha sent a message to him.** (Point hand far away.)
- **“Go wash seven times in the river.** (Hold up seven fingers.)
- **This is how God will heal your skin.”** (Point to skin.)
  
- **So, he went to the Jordan River.** (Make wave motions with hands.)
- **He obeyed and washed seven times.** (Hold up seven fingers.)
- **He said, “Your God is the one true God,** (Point to heaven.)
- **For He healed this skin of mine.”** (Point to skin.)



### **BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES**

“Be still and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10

### **GAME: STOP AND BE STILL!**

**Purpose:** To help children memorize and review the Unit 7 Bible Memory Verse.

**Supplies:** Unit 7 Bible Memory Verse Song “Be Still and Know,” timer or clock

**Directions:**

1. Play the Bible Memory Verse Song as children jump up and down and sing.
2. After a short time, pause the music. Children are to freeze in place.
3. Time the children to see how long they can stay very still. Stop the timer as soon as a child makes an obvious movement.
4. Repeat steps 1-3 several times. Each time, challenge the children to try to stay still a little longer.

Have the children sit down. **You all did a good job being still. It is often easier to think about God when we are still. Let’s sit still for a moment and think about God. What do you remember about Him?** (Children respond.)

# GOT TIME? *continued...*

## **GAME: WHISPERED WORDS**

**Purpose:** Children play this quiet, still game as a fun way to practice stillness and listening.

**Supplies:** None

Sometimes it is good to be still for a moment and remember what is true. What do you like to think about when you are still? (Children respond.) In the Bible, God says, "Be still and know that I am God." When do you like to be still and think about God? (Children respond.) Let's play a quiet, still game. Listen very carefully to words from the Bible that are whispered to you. Then, whisper the words you hear to the person next to you.

### **Directions:**

1. Children sit very still in a circle.
2. The teacher whispers, "**God said, 'I am with you.'**" into the ear of the first child.
3. That child whispers the phrase to the next child in the circle.
4. Continue around the circle until the last child tells the group what he or she heard to see if the phrase was delivered correctly.
5. The teacher announces the original phrase. (It is likely the phrase will change as it passed along. Laugh together at the way the phrase changes.)
6. Play the game as often as you like. Use one of the phrases below or come up with your own.  
**Jesus said, "Do not be afraid."**      **Jesus said, "Come, follow Me."**  
**Jesus said, "Do not worry."**      **God said, "Be still and know I am God."**



## **STORY TIME**

Gather the children and read a favorite story. This can be a Bible story, a chapter from *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello*, or a story about obeying God.

### **PONDER, PRAY & PLAY**

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**PONDER!** Read 2 Kings 5:1, 9-10, 14-15 with your family. Who did Naaman go to see about his skin? Elisha knew God's commands. What did Elisha say God wanted Naaman to do? Did Naaman understand why he had to dip in the Jordan River? Did he obey God anyway? Did God heal him?

**PRAY!** Pray this prayer each day this week: "Lord, help us obey You every day. We promise to obey You even if we don't understand all the reasons for Your rules. Amen."

**PLAY!** Elisha Says! Choose one person to be the leader giving directions. If the leader says, "Elisha says" before the direction, everyone must do it. If the leader does not say "Elisha says," then no one should move. Anyone who moves without hearing, "Elisha says," stands with the leader to help with ideas for commands. Afterward, talk about the blessings that come from obeying God.

### **Unit 7 Bible Memory Verse:**

"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10