

## Bible Story 22: ELISHA THE PROPHET AND NAAMAN

**SCRIPTURE:** 2 Kings 2:1-14; 5:1-17

**MEMORY VERSE:** Philippians 4:19

### BIBLE STORY:

Elisha was a friend and helper to the prophet Elijah, who was getting old. One day, they were walking and talking together. Suddenly a chariot of fire, pulled by horses of fire, came like a whirlwind and took Elijah upward to heaven. His helper, Elisha, saw everything that God had done. Then Elisha picked up Elijah's coat, that was left behind, and went home. God's power and presence were now with Elisha.

In the land of Aram, Naaman was a commander of an army. He was respected. Naaman suffered from a terrible sickness called leprosy. In his house, an Israelite girl was his wife's servant. One day the girl spoke to Naaman's wife and said, ***"I wish my master would go and speak to the prophet who lives in Samaria, because he could heal him."***

Hearing the words, Naaman traveled to the prophet Elisha's home. At the door, Elisha sent his messenger to speak to Naaman. He told him to go to the Jordan River and submerge himself seven times under the water and then he would be healed. He did not want to do this, but finally he went. When he arrived at the river, he submerged himself under the water one, two, three, four, five, six - yes, six times, but nothing happened. Then Naaman submerged himself under the water the seventh time. A miracle happened! He was healed! His skin and body were healthy! He no longer had leprosy! Naaman was very happy! Naaman returned to Elisha's home, thanking him for his help. Then Naaman returned to his home. Naaman was very happy and thankful to God, promising to serve only the powerful God of Israel.

### PART 1: PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. What did you learn from the story?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How can you apply this story to your life?

## **PART 2: GENERIC QUESTIONS**

1. What do you like about the story?
2. What is there in the story that you do not understand?
3. Who are the main people in the story?
4. What problems did the people face?
5. How did the people face their problems?
6. How have you faced similar problems?
7. Is there someone in the story who is similar to you or who is different from you?
8. What does the story tell about God?

## **PART 3: SPECIFIC QUESTIONS**

1. Elijah and Elisha were prophets. What is a prophet?
2. Was Elisha a friend and helper to elderly Elijah? How can you help the elderly? Help other people?
3. How did the elderly prophet Elijah disappear? What happened to Elisha?
4. Who was Naaman? What sickness did he have? Who told Naaman about the prophet Elisha? What are some ways that you can share about God's love to others?
5. Did Naaman go to Elisha? What was Naaman told to do?
  - Did Naaman want to go and obey Elisha's command?
  - Did Naaman finally obey Elisha? What happened?
  - What happened after the seventh time?
  - Who healed him?
6. When you do not feel like obeying the Word of God, His Bible, should you still obey? Why?
7. Who did Naaman thank when his health was restored?
8. Who are some people who help you? How? How can you express your gratitude to these people?
9. Has God helped you meet a special need in your life? How? What are some ways that you can express your gratitude to God for His help?