Story Time - Read the story to the children Lesson 107: NAAMAN'S LEPROSY IS HEALED 2 KINGS 5:1-14

Naaman was the captain of the army of the king of Aram. He was very important to his king because the LORD used him to lead Aram to victory. Naaman was a great and powerful man, but he was also sick with leprosy. The Aramean army sent many groups of soldiers to fight in Israel. One time they took a little girl from the land of Israel. This girl became a servant of Naaman's wife. She said to his wife, "I wish that my master would meet the prophet who lives in Samaria. He could heal Naaman of his leprosy." Naaman went to the king and told him what the Israelite girl said. Then the king of Aram said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman went to Israel. He took 750 pounds of silver, 6000 pieces of gold and ten changes of clothes as gifts. Naaman took the letter from the king of Aram to the king of Israel. The letter said: "Now this letter is to show that I am sending my servant Naaman to you. Cure his leprosy." When the king of Israel had read the letter, he tore his clothes to show he was sad and upset. He said, "Am I God? I don't have the power over life and death. So why did the king of Aram send a man sick with leprosy for me to heal? Think about it, and you will see that it is a trick. The king of Aram is trying to start a fight." Elisha, the man of God, heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes. So Elisha sent this message to the king: "Why did you tear your clothes? Let Naaman come to me. Then he will know there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots to Elisha's house and stood outside the door. Elisha sent a messenger to Naaman who said, "Go and wash in the Jordan River seven times. Then your skin will be healed, and you will be pure and clean." Naaman became angry and left. He said, "I thought Elisha would at least come out and stand in front of me and call on the name of the LORD his God. I thought he would wave his hand over my body and heal the leprosy. Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, are better than all the water in Israel. Why can't I wash in those rivers in Damascus and become clean?" He was very angry and turned to leave. But Naaman's servants went to him and talked to him. They said, "Father, if the prophet told you to do some great thing, you would do it, isn't that right? But he said, 'Wash, and you will be pure and clean.'" So Naaman did what the man of God said. He went down and dipped himself in the Jordan River seven times, and he became pure and clean. His skin became soft like the skin of a baby.



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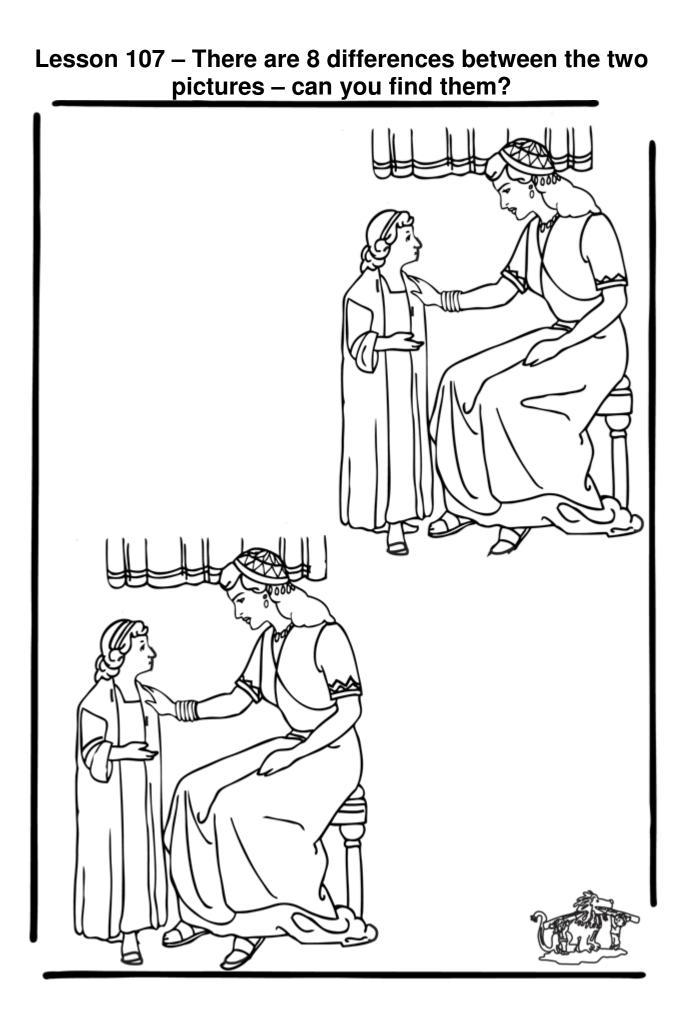
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TRUE OR FALSE

- 1. Naaman was the captain of the king's army. TRUE or FALSE
- **2.** Naaman was sick with pneumonia. TRUE or FALSE
- **3.** One day they brought back a young girl from Israel, and she was a servant to Naaman's wife. TRUE or FALSE
- **4.** The little girl said, "I wish my master would meet the doctor who is in Samaria. He could give my master some medicine." TRUE or FALSE
- 5. Naaman told the king what the little girl said, and the king said he was going to send a letter to the king of Israel. TRUE or FALSE
- 6. The letter said "I am sending my servant Naaman to you. Cure his leprosy." And the king was very happy and wanted to have a party. TRUE or FALSE

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

- 1. Elisha sent a messenger to Naaman. What did he tell Naaman to do seven times?
- 2. Was Naaman happy when he got the message from Elisha?
- 3. Why was Naaman angry? What did he expect Elisha to do?
- 4. Naaman wanted to leave, but someone stopped him. Who stopped him from leaving? Was it his servants?
- 5. Did Naaman do what Elisha told him to do? What happened when he did?





LESSON 107 CRAFT

Jesus Loves Us All

God loved Naaman even though he was not from the nation of Israel. God loves all people everywhere and wants them to come to Him. God sent His Son Jesus so that any one of us could have eternal life if we would believe in Him. This craft will help us to remember that Jesus loves every child everywhere. You will need construction paper, scissors, copies of the enclosed template. Use the instructions on the enclosed template for your craft.

Remind the children that God used the young servant girl from Israel to lead Naaman to Elisha for his healing. God can also use us to lead others to come to know Jesus as their savior.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to be humble when they come before the Lord and to submit their will to His. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.



Directions: Cut out the palette and children above. Paste the palette onto a piece of construction paper (any color). Next, paste a picture of a child over each of the colors on the palette. Next, cut circles out of construction paper (various colors) large enough to cover the pictures of the children. Place the colored circles over the children and paste at one end to form a flap – God loves us all, even though we are all different!