

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 108: ELISHA'S GREEDY SERVANT
2 KINGS 5:15-27

Naaman and his whole group came back to the man of God. He stood before Elisha and said, "Look, I now know there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now please accept a gift from me." But Elisha said, "The LORD is the one I serve, and as surely as he lives, I will not accept any gift." Naaman tried hard to make Elisha take the gift, but he refused. Then Naaman said, "If you will not accept this gift, at least do this for me. Let me have enough dirt from Israel to fill the baskets on two of my mules. I ask this because I will never again offer any burnt offering or sacrifice to any other gods. I will offer sacrifices only to the LORD! And I pray that the LORD will forgive me for this: When my master goes to the temple of Rimmon to worship that false god, he will want to lean on me for support. So I must bow down in the temple of Rimmon. I ask the LORD now to forgive me when that happens." Then Elisha said to Naaman, "Go in peace." So Naaman left Elisha and went a short way. But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, "Look, my master has let Naaman the Aramean go without accepting the gift that he brought. As the LORD lives, I will run after Naaman and get something from him." So Gehazi ran to Naaman. Naaman saw someone running after him. He stepped down from the chariot to meet Gehazi. Naaman said, "Is everything all right?" Gehazi said, "Yes, everything is all right. My master has sent me. He said, 'Look, two young men came to me from the group of prophets in the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them 75 pounds of silver and two changes of clothes.'" Naaman said, "Please, take 150 pounds." He persuaded Gehazi to take the silver. Naaman put 150 pounds of silver in two bags and took two changes of clothes. Then he gave these things to two of his servants. The servants carried these things for Gehazi. When Gehazi came to the hill, he took these things from the servants. He sent the servants away, and they left. Then he hid those things in the house. Gehazi came in and stood before his master. Elisha said to Gehazi, "Where have you been Gehazi?" Gehazi answered, "I didn't go anywhere." Elisha said to him, "That is not true! Didn't my heart go with you when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? Is now the time to take money, clothes, olives, grapes, sheep, cattle, or men and women servants? Now you and your children will catch Naaman's disease. You will have leprosy forever!" When Gehazi left Elisha, his skin was as white as snow! He was sick with leprosy.

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MEMORY VERSE:

Easy (5 & 6 year-olds)

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Medium (7 through 11 year-olds)

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TRUE OR FALSE

1. Naaman came and stood before the man of God and said, 'Now I know there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel'. TRUE or FALSE
2. He said, 'Now, please take a punch from your servant!' TRUE or FALSE
3. Elisha said, 'Of course, I will accept a gift from you.' TRUE or FALSE
4. Naaman asked Elisha to ask the LORD to forgive him for bowing down with his master when he leaned on him in the temple where he worshiped his god. TRUE or FALSE
5. Elisha told Naaman to go in peace, so he went a short way away. TRUE or FALSE
6. But Gehazi said that since Elisha wouldn't take anything from Naaman, he would run after him and get something from him. TRUE or FALSE

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. Did Gehazi run after Naaman? Did he catch up to him?
2. What did he tell Naaman? Did he tell him that two men from a group of prophets came to Elisha and needed something?
3. What did he tell Naaman they needed? Was it about 75 pounds of silver and two changes of clothes? Did Naaman give them to Gehazi? Did he actually give him MORE silver than he asked for? Yes!
4. When Gehazi came back to Elisha, what did Elisha ask him? Did he ask him where he went? Did Gehazi tell Elisha where he went?
5. Even though Gehazi didn't tell Elisha the truth, did Elisha know what really happened?
6. What happened to Gehazi because he took the silver and clothes from Naaman? Did he get leprosy, and all of his children too?

Lesson 108 – color White Spots on Gehazi's skin (or glue white spots or dots on him)



LESSON 108 ACTIVITY

Body Language

Have you ever heard the phrase, “Actions speak louder than words”? Sometimes we can say something, but our “body language” is saying something else. Often times our expressions will represent what is in our hearts.

As an example, raise your arms, make fists, shake your arms, and make an angry face. Ask the children to guess what you are feeling. They should guess anger. Show them that they guessed without you even saying a word.

Pick volunteers to come up and display an emotion. See if the rest of the class can guess the emotion that is being displayed. Some examples of feelings might be: sorrow, anger, jealousy, greed, pity, happiness or joy. After a while, have the children gather in a circle and ask them how Jesus can make a difference in these feelings. We will learn in today’s lesson that Elisha’s servant has some greed in his heart. Even though he tries not to let it show, Elisha still knew that it was there.

LESSON TODAY: God’s grace is a FREE gift!!!

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to freely receive the grace of God through His Son, Jesus. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.