

Know the Bible Now

A Visual Intro to the Bible

Summer Sermon Series

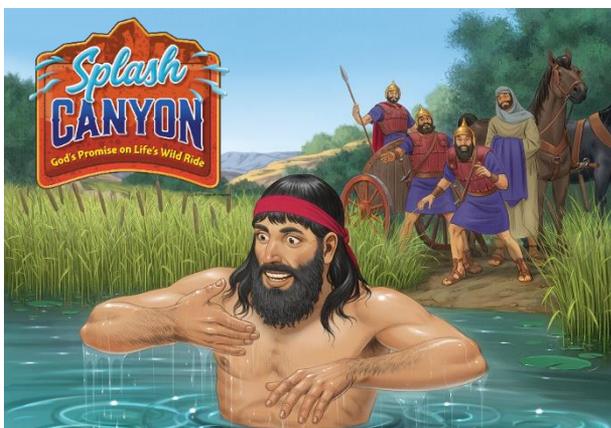
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Week 8: July 19/22

God Heals Naaman – 2 Kings 5

Pages 140-141 in Know the Bible Now

Step 1: reread the story covered in the sermon



Step 2: read and discuss the following questions:

1. Naaman was not only a foreigner, but the leader of the Syrian army (i.e., it was his *job* to oppress the Israelites!). With this in mind, what does his miraculous cleansing teach us about the forgiving nature of God?
2. After receiving Elisha's instructions to be healed, Haman became angry saying, "I thought that he would surely come out, stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the spot to cure my leprosy."

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- a. Can you think of a time in your life when you shared Naamaan's desire for more flashy, ceremonial interventions from God? To what do you attribute that desire?
 - b. What connections can you make between this gracious and simple offer of cleansing to the New Testament?
3. The ironic twist that takes place in the verses immediately following our story (2 Kings 5:15-27) is that Gehazi, Elisha's servant, shows the quality of his faith is almost opposite to that of Naaman's. (After reading the two extra paragraphs) what lessons/warnings can we learn from Gehazi?
4. In the account of Naaman and Elisha, we learn that it is the message, not the way it is delivered, that should be the focus. This week list the ways in which God's Love is delivered to His people through the ministries of Bethel. How are you involved?

Step 3: Read the Did You Know? questions on the page under the picture. How much of this information was new to you? What struck you and could impact your view of the world this week?

Step 4: Write down a phrase or thought from this story that will encourage you this week as a disciple (follower of Jesus).