



## A Girl Shares Her Faith

(based on 2 Kings 5:1-14)

[1] Long, long ago there was a great man named Naaman (NAY-uh-muhn) from the country of Aram (A-ram). He was the commander of the king's army. He was a mighty warrior. He had won many battles for Aram. There was just one thing wrong. Naaman had leprosy, a terrible skin disease that others could catch. This mighty warrior suffered.

[2] In the house of Naaman there was a young girl who served Naaman's wife. She was from Israel and had been captured in one of Naaman's raids. She was a believer in God. She saw Naaman's suffering and said to Naaman's wife, "If only Naaman could be in Israel with Elisha, the prophet of God. He would be healed of his disease."

[3] Naaman went and told the king exactly what the young girl had said, word for word. The king, who liked Naaman, said, "Go! I will send a letter to the king of Israel." Naaman went with silver and gold and fine clothes, and the letter that said, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy."

[4] Elisha heard about the letter and said to the king, "Send this man to me so that he may know that there is a prophet of God here." So Naaman, and his horses and chariots, went to Elisha, the prophet of God. Elisha told Naaman to go and wash in the Jordan River seven times and he would be made well. Naaman was angry and roared, "Why did I come all this way just to wash in a river? We have rivers where I live!"

[5] Naaman's servants ran after him, saying, "If Elisha had asked you to do something difficult, would you have done it? This is a simple thing. All you have to do is wash in the river and be healed."

[6] So Naaman went to the river and washed seven times according to the word of the prophet of God. He was healed of his disease. Naaman went to Elisha and, in front of all his soldiers and servants, said, "Now I know that there is no God except the God of Israel."

[7] And, just to think, it all started with a young girl who bravely shared her faith.



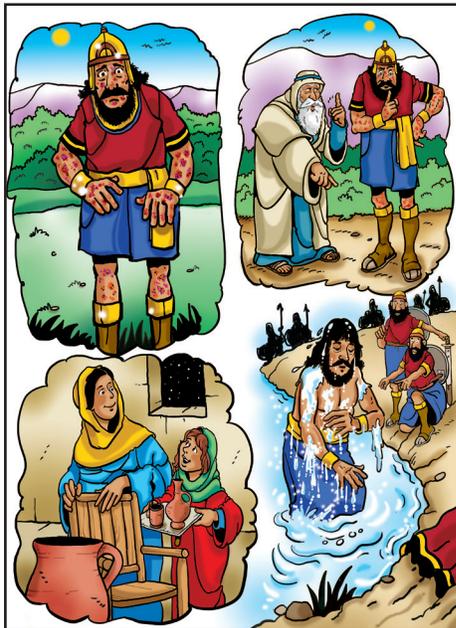
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Use one or more activities from each section to explore grace and gratitude with your children this week.

### Recognizing God's Grace

- Read and enjoy the story with your children—imagine and wonder.
- Invite everyone to tell a faith story, a time when they have seen God active in their life. Wonder together when that story may help another person.
- Wonder together about this young girl. She is not named, yet her story is quite important. Imagine what a conversation might have been like with the young girl and her family. Imagine what Naaman might have said or done after returning from the river.



### Responding to God's Grace

- This story is a lot like a movie. There are actors, locations, difficulties to overcome, emotions, surprises, and a happy ending. Make a storyboard, like cartoon panels, to tell the story. Use stick figures, or drawings, and speech bubbles for dialogue.
- Watch the YouTube video “Stuff You Missed 4- Naaman & the Girl with No Name” ([bit.ly/NaamanVideo](https://bit.ly/NaamanVideo)). Wonder together how each of you can show compassion.

### Celebrating in Gratitude

- Create a faith question box. Give everyone index cards and have everyone write down any faith questions they have. Place them in the box and take turns drawing a question out each day. Discuss the question together. Add more questions to the card if the conversation leads to them. Wonder about who you might ask your questions or invite into more conversation.
- Watch the YouTube video “One Grain of Rice” ([bit.ly/OneGrainOfRice](https://bit.ly/OneGrainOfRice)). Wonder together how this story of multiplying rice is like sharing our faith. Consider how the young girl shared her faith with Naaman’s wife and then Naaman’s wife told Naaman. At the end of the Bible story, Naaman told many others. Just think how many people were affected by the young girl’s faith!
- Pray this prayer each day this week.

*Dear God, may I share my faith with others so that they, too, may know how much you love and care for us. Amen.*