

### LESSON 3

## ELISHA AND NAAMAN

### LESSON AT A GLANCE

**WONDER TRUTH:** God Does What No One Else Can

**SCRIPTURE:** 2 Kings 5

**GOD'S BIG STORY:** Naaman comes to Israel in search of healing, and through a messenger, Elisha tells him to bathe in the Jordan River. Naaman is healed and learns that God can do what no one else can.

**Activity: Bandage Pumpkin**

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**Wonder@Home™**

Designed for families to engage in the wonder of God together at home. This resource includes a video, worship playlists, activities, and more!

## Activity: Bandage Pumpkin

**SUPPLIES:** small pumpkin or paper plate, permanent marker, adhesive bandages

**Leader Tip:** Instead of a pumpkin you could have kids put bandages on a piece of paper or paper plate. You could draw a person on the paper or leave it blank.

Before kids arrive, use a permanent marker to draw a simple face on a pumpkin (or you can use a sheet of paper or a paper plate). Open bandages and peel the backs off.

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

**Welcome! I'm so glad you're here! Today we're going to learn about a man who had a skin disease, and we'll find out how he got rid of it! Let's pretend this is a person with a sickness all over his body and face. He needs your help! Can you help him by putting bandages on him?** Help kids put bandages all over the pumpkin.

## Activity: Wipe Him Clean

**SUPPLIES:** gallon-size resealable bags (1 per every 2 kids), washable marker, tape, wet wipes (1 pack)

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** Naaman Picture (1 per every 2 kids)

Before kids arrive, print copies of the Naaman Picture and place them in resealable bags (one for every two kids). Seal the bags and tape them to the floor or table where kids sit. Use a washable marker to draw spots on Naaman on the outside of the bags. Set out wipes.

**We're going to hear more about the man I just told you about—Naaman. He had a problem on his skin, but it was washed away. We'll hear more about it later. Help me clean his face by using this wipe.** Show kids how to use the wipe to wash the spots away. Encourage kids to take turns, with a leader drawing more spots after each kid's turn. **Today we're going to hear about something amazing that God did for Naaman.**

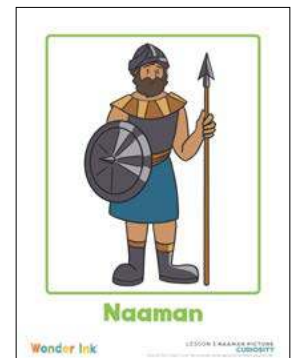
**Our Wonder Truth today is GOD DOES WHAT NO ONE ELSE CAN.**

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

**GOD**—Point up.

**DOES WHAT**—Put both arms out in front of you.

**NO ONE ELSE CAN**—Make an X with your hands two times.



## Worship

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** songs from the [Victory Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#)

Today, we're learning **God does what no one else can!**

We'll learn in today's part of God's big story how **God did something amazing and healed Naaman!**

Play songs from the [Victory Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) and encourage the kids to sing and dance with you.

## God's Big Story

**SUPPLIES:** Bible, scissors (prep only), blue disposable tablecloth or fabric

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** [God's Big Story Video](#), Story Props Sheet

Before kids arrive, print a copy of the Story Props sheet, cut the pieces apart, and place them all over the room. Set out the blue tablecloth to represent the river.

**Our part of God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about a person named Naaman.** Encourage the kids to say "Naaman." **Let's find out from the Bible what happened to Naaman!**

Show the kids the God's Big Story Video or read the story from the Bible or use the Script provided.



**Naaman lived in a city called Aram. The people where he lived didn't believe in God. Naaman was an army commander, and he was very good at his job. Do you see something that reminds you of someone in the army? Can you go to it or point to it?** Direct kids to the picture of the camouflage object. **Good job! Naaman had a big problem. He had a disease on his body. Do you see a picture of bandages?** Direct kids to go to the picture of the bandages. **His wife's servant told him about a man named Elisha who could heal him. Can you say "Elisha"?** Allow kids to respond. **Good! Elisha was a man of God who heard God's words. Can you find and stand by the Bible, which is filled with God's words to us?** Pause for kids to find and go to the Bible.

**Naaman set off to go find Elisha and see if Elisha could heal him. When he finally got to Elisha, Naaman was upset when Elisha didn't even come out to see him. Instead, Elisha sent his messenger out, who told Naaman to go to the Jordan River and wash himself in it seven times. Can you find and stand by the river?** Encourage kids to stand by the fabric river.

**Naaman went down to the Jordan River and washed himself in it seven times, and he was amazed to see that he was healed! His disease was gone!**

**Elisha was happy to give Naaman the gift of getting better—not just for his skin, but also for his heart. Naaman discovered that God was the only One who could have healed him. He knew that God can do what no one else can!**

Keep the fabric "river" nearby for the last activity.

## Prayer and Blessing

Let's talk to God. God, thank You for doing something amazing and healing Naaman, both his skin and his heart. We know You still do amazing things today. You are all-powerful and can do what no one else can! In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands were open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

**Blessing:** As we go today, may God show you that He loves you, He sees you, and He does what no one else can do for you.

## Activity: Jump in the River

**SUPPLIES:** blue disposable tablecloth or fabric (from God's Big Story)

Spread out the disposable blue tablecloth so it looks like a river in the middle of the floor.

**We're going to pretend to get in a river like Naaman did! Naaman may not have jumped, but let's pretend we're jumping in the river! Jump with me!** If kids can't jump, they can run "through" or over it instead. For older kids, have them count with you as you jump in the river seven times the way Naaman did. **When Naaman got in the water after the seventh time, he was amazed to see how God had healed him. God helped not only his skin, but also his heart. God still does amazing things! God does what no one else can!**