

Bible Story 22: ELISHA THE PROPHET AND NAAMAN

SCRIPTURE: 2 KINGS 2:1-14; 5:1-19

MEMORY VERSE: “AND MY GOD WILL MEET ALL YOUR NEEDS ACCORDING TO HIS GLORIOUS RICHES IN CHRIST JESUS.” PHILIPPIANS 4:19 NIV

BIBLE STORY:

Elisha was a friend and helper to the prophet Elijah, who was getting old. One day, they were walking and talking together. Suddenly a chariot of fire pulled by horses of fire came like a whirlwind and took Elijah upward to heaven. His helper, Elisha, saw everything that God had done. Then Elisha picked up Elijah's coat, that was left behind, and went home.

In the land of Aram, Naaman was a commander of an army. He was respected. Naaman suffered from a terrible sickness called leprosy. In his house, an Israelite girl was his wife's servant. One day the girl spoke to Naaman's wife and said, *“I wish my master would go and speak to the prophet who lives in Samaria, because he could heal him.”*

Hearing the words, Naaman traveled to Elisha's home. He was told to go to the Jordan River and submerge himself seven times under the water. He did not want to do this, but finally he went. When he arrived at the river, he submerged himself under the water one, two three, four, five, six - yes, six times, but nothing happened. Then Naaman submerged himself under the water the seventh time. A miracle happened! He was healed! His skin and body was healthy! He no longer had leprosy! Naaman was very happy! Naaman returned to Elisha's home, thanking him for his help. Then Naaman returned to his home. He was very happy and thankful to God, promising to serve only the powerful God of Israel.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What do you like about the story?
2. Is there anything in the story that is hard to understand?
3. Who are the main people in the story?
4. What problems did the people face?
5. How did the people face their problems?
6. How have you faced similar problems?
7. Is there someone in the story who is similar to you or who is different from you?
8. What does the story tell about God?

RETELL THE STORY:

Ask volunteers from the group to retell the story.