

Read the Word: 2 Kings 5:1–27

Disciple Your Family: Discuss how we should choose to humbly obey God, even when it doesn't seem to make sense.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



Key Truth: God Can Use Any Person or Situation to Accomplish His Purposes (2 Kings 5:1–8)

APPLY: Remember that God can use any person and any situation, good or bad, to glorify His name and accomplish His purposes.

- Describe a time when you saw God do something powerful through an unlikely person. What did you take away from that event?
- How did the servant girl use her situation to bring God glory? How could you use your present situation to bring God glory?

APPLY: Present yourself to God daily and watch for opportunities to be used by Him.

- How can we always be ready for God to use us? (Maintain a close walk with God; present ourselves daily for God's use; be open to the Spirit's leading; etc.)
- How can we make sure we're making the most of the opportunities that God gives us?



Key Truth: God's Commands and Methods Are Best, Even When They Seem Strange to Us (2 Kings 5:9–14)

APPLY: Naaman almost let pride prevent his healing. Be humble instead of prideful.

- How is humility connected to obedience?

APPLY: Trust and obey God, even when His command or method seems to make no sense.

- What are some commands or methods of God that don't seem to make sense? (Love and pray for your enemies; put others' interests ahead of your own; bless those who persecute you; etc.)
- Why can we trust God when things don't seem to make sense? (He is all knowing, all powerful, and all wise; He has all authority; He knows what is best; etc.)
- Even though he proceeded with what he was told, Naaman probably had a lot of questions. What is the difference between doubting God and having questions?



Key Truth: Believers Must Guard Against Fame and Greed (2 Kings 5:15–27)

APPLY: Give God the glory for every blessing and accomplishment you experience.

- Whether it's a job promotion or recognition for a job well done, it's easy to bask in our own glory and successes. When good things happen, how can we make sure God receives the glory?

APPLY: Worship God alone. Give Him priority over everything else, including fame and riches.

- *Elisha put God ahead of everything else, including fame and riches. What idols compete with God for priority in our lives?*
- *Gehazi had spent much time with Elisha, yet he still gave in to greed. What can his example teach us about temptation?*
- *What are some indicators our pursuit of prestige or money might be unhealthy?*

Build a Foundation: Discussion questions for elementary students.

- How did the servant girl use the opportunity she had been given to share God with those around her?
- How did Naaman almost let his pride keep him from being healed?
- How did greed influence Gehazi, who had spent a lot of time with Elisha, to make a wrong choice? What does this teach you about temptation?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: ***Psalm 119:11***



Discuss This Week's Building Block:

Obedience to God's commands provides evidence of our belief in God.

Everyday Extras:

Play a game of "Simon Says" with your family. Be sure to include silly or unusual actions such as "moo like a cow," "give everyone a high-five," and "act like a monkey." Afterward, talk about obedience and discuss how God sometimes asks us to do things we don't understand or don't want to do for the fear of looking silly or feeling foolish. Remind your child God will never ask him or her to do something that goes against His Word.

Preschool Highlights:

Today your child learned the people told Elisha their water was very bad. Elisha put salt in the water and God did a miracle and made it good again. A widow came to Elisha for help. He told her to gather many empty jars. God did a miracle and used the small jar of oil she had to fill up all the jars. God took care of them, and **God Takes Care of Me.**