



The Fab Five

Elisha and Naaman

BIG IDEA:	God's grace is a free gift, so we can go to Him to have our sins washed clean.
BIBLE BASIS:	2 Kings 5:1-16
KEY VERSE:	"God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift." Ephesians 2:8 (NirV)

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LEADER DEVOTIONAL

"That is too good to be true." That is what I told my younger brother. Many years ago I received a letter informing me that I won a new flat screen television. Chances are you have received similar pieces of solicitation mail. My younger brother was excited and thought I was a fool to toss away this opportunity to get a free television. I told him to read the fine print, and after that failed to convince him that there was a "catch," he decided to visit the car dealership himself clutching the postcard in his hand. He arrived back a few hours later, not with a new T.V., but a cheap digital watch you could buy at the Dollar Store. That day he learned that when something seems too good to be true, it usually is...but not always.

In today's Bible story, the Aramean Army Commander, Naaman, almost walked away from something that was too good to be true — the healing of his leprosy. When his servant suggested that he go see the Prophet Elisha, Naaman was disappointed that Elisha did not even bother to come out to talk with him. There was no long flowery prayer and no elaborate waving of hands. His messenger simply told Naaman to "go and wash yourself seven times in the Jordan River." That seemed too easy and Naaman stomped off in anger until his servant convinced him to simply obey. In this case, what seemed too good to be true was true — Naaman was healed of his disease!

Driven by a love beyond our comprehension, God has offered us all healing from the disease of sin. His solution is simple: "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31). Naaman went back to Elisha and tried to pay him for his healing, but Elisha refused to take money for something that was intended to be a gift from God. Gifts are meant to be received, not purchased. Ephesians 2:8 says it perfectly: "God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift."

As you prepare to teach children this foundational truth, reflect on your own salvation. Because of God's grace, you are healed. You are no longer a slave to sin, but an adopted child of God. Through faith you received this gift and now you have the privilege, like Naaman's servant, to point others to it.

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SMALL GROUP SKILL BUILDING

Praying With a Kid to Become a Christian

There are few things as amazing as praying with a kid to become a Christian, but for some people, the thought of it is terrifying. Questions might swirl through your head. How do I do it? What should I avoid? Is it possible I could mess this thing up? It's understandable that some people might feel nervous about walking a kid through such a huge spiritual milestone, but fear not! By the grace of God, *you can do it!* Here are a few suggestions to help you along the way:

Avoid coercion. Most kids have the desire to please adults. Avoid language that might pressure a kid into a disingenuous decision to follow Jesus. It's okay to present opportunities by asking questions like, "Do you ever think about asking Jesus to be your Savior?" but allow them to reach a conclusion on their own. In other words, lead them towards a decision; don't push them towards one.

Use the ABCs. If a kid has already heard the Gospel and has expressed a desire to become a Christian, explain to them the ABCs of prayer. "A" — Admit you have sinned and ask God for forgiveness. "B" — Believe that God has sent His son, Jesus, to die for your sins. "C" — Choose to follow Jesus and make Him the leader of your life.

Prompt the child in prayer. It's important that the salvation prayer comes from the heart of the child. Instead of having a kid repeat the prayer after you, provide prompts and let them do the praying. For example, begin by opening the prayer, but then prompt the kid to "admit" he's sinned and ask God for forgiveness. Pause for the kid to say his own prayer and then prompt him through "believe" and "choose."

Celebrate! This is the greatest decision anyone could ever make and it's worth celebrating! Let him know that all of heaven is rejoicing over his decision. If the kid doesn't have a Bible yet, you might consider buying one for him as a celebration gift. Be sure to share the news with the leaders in your room or any other people who are important in the life of the child.

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SMALL GROUP CONNECT

Remind kids about being respectful.

1. **Respect God** - Worship, listen, use kind words
2. **Respect People** - Be kind, share, follow leaders
3. **Respect the Building** - Take care of the space & supplies

Question: If you were a superhero, what kind of costume would you want to wear?

ADDITIONAL TIME ACTIVITY — THUMBS UP, THUMBS DOWN

Simply ask the kids in your group to share one good thing that happened this week (thumbs up) and one not-so-good thing (thumbs down). This is a great way for your group to share celebrations and struggles with one another.

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★ LARGE GROUP LESSON

Lil Climbers Will Join Us

Open with worship.

Lil Climbers Leave

Leah will introduce the series.

Watch Journey Today Show – There are 3 sections that will pause a couple times for reading and discussion.

1ST VIDEO PAUSE:

Read 2 Kings 5:9-16

THE BIG BIBLE STORY QUESTIONS

Directions: After reading, answer the following questions:

For Younger Kids:

1. What was your favorite part of the story? Why?
2. Why do you think Elisha refused to take a payment for healing Naaman?

For Older Kids:

1. What does this story teach you about God?
2. Why do you think Elisha refused to take a payment for healing Naaman?

2ND VIDEO PAUSE:

Ask: Have you ever prayed to become a follower of Jesus? If so, how did it happen? If not, do you want to?

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★ SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

Play Outside!!!