God Makes Naaman Pure

Preschool

Lesson 4

2 Kings 5; Colossians 3:17

OPENING

Allow 5 minutes

- Welcome each child, and help children get acquainted in your group.
- Ask what kids remember about today’s large-group lesson.
- Let kids share news or prayer requests, and pray with them.
- SHARE
  Say: Naaman had a sickness called leprosy that made his skin unclean. Turn to a friend and tell what you don’t like about being sick. Allow time.

Key Verse

Use your whole body for the glory of God.—Romans 6:13

The Point

We want to be pure before God.

Pure Reflections

YOU’LL NEED

hand-held mirror • dry-erase marker • paper towel

1. SCRIBBLE
   Say: Leprosy left marks all over Naaman’s body. Take turns drawing some marks or squiggles on this mirror. Give each child a turn to use the dry-erase marker to draw on the reflective surface of the mirror.

2. EXPLAIN
   Hold up the mirror and say: When we sin, it leaves marks on our hearts, and our hearts look unclean like this mirror. Give each child a turn to look in the mirror. But just as God healed Naaman’s sickness and made his body clean and pure again, God can make our hearts clean again.

3. WIPE OFF
   Use the paper towel to wipe off the marks from the mirror.

4. DISCUSS
   • Name some bad choices that would make our hearts dirty.
   • What are some good choices you want God to help you make this week?

5. MAKE THE CONNECTION
   Say: God wants us to make choices that honor him. God can make our hearts clean and pure from sin. ► We want to be pure before God.

Group Activity

OPENING Allow 5 minutes
**Memory Maker**

Allow 10 minutes

**YOU’LL NEED** Bible Memory Makers®

1. **SAY**
   Say: **God helps us have pure hearts.** Give each child a Bible Memory Maker Bendable Person.

2. **BEND**
   Say: **Making choices that are good and pure helps us glorify God.** Have each child bend a Bible Memory Maker into a position that shows a good choice, such as kneeling in prayer or hugging another child's Bendable Person. As they shape their people, have kids say the Key Verse: 📖 Use your whole body for the glory of God (Romans 6:13).

3. **DISCUSS**
   - What can you do to be pure in what you do and say this week?
   - What can you do to encourage others to stay pure for God?

4. **MAKE THE CONNECTION**
   Say: **God wants us to stay pure, and we want to be pure before God.** We can use our whole bodies to honor God when we make good choices.

5. **SEND HOME**
   Let children take home their Bible Memory Makers.

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**Living Inside Out Every Day!**

Allow 5 minutes

**DISTRIBUTE**
Give a copy of today’s “Living Inside Out Every Day!” handout to each child. Say: **This paper has ideas for how you can live inside out this week. Let’s choose our Live It Challenges.**

**LIVE IT CHALLENGES**
Read the Live It Challenges aloud. Help children circle the one they’ll do this week.

**MAKE THE CONNECTION**
Say: **Just as God cleaned Naaman’s body, he can clean our hearts. We can ask him to forgive our sins and help us do and say what honors him each day. We want to be pure before God.**

**PRAY**
Pray: **Dear God, we want to be pure before you. Help us know what you want us to do and say this week. We love you. In Jesus’ name, amen.**
The Inside Truth

Your child learned that Naaman had leprosy. His skin was diseased and unclean. But God showed him how to become clean and pure when Naaman went to Elisha, a prophet, and Elisha told Naaman to wash in the Jordan river seven times. God wants to clean and purify our hearts and lives, too.

**Do You Remember?**

Talk about these questions with your child:

- What does it mean to have a pure heart?
- What can you do to let God make your heart pure?

**Key Verse**

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**Live It Challenges**

**Choose a Challenge!**

Your child chose the marked challenge for the week. Help your child remember to follow through and live out his or her faith.

1. **CHALLENGE 1**
   Get two pieces of paper, and draw a big heart in the middle of each paper. Use markers or crayons to draw pictures that represent sin in one heart. Then draw pictures that represent forgiveness and purity in the other heart. Explain your pictures to a friend.

2. **CHALLENGE 2**
   Every time you spill something or make a mess this week, think about how God cleans up our messy hearts. Say “Thank you, God!” as you clean up.

3. **CHALLENGE 3**
   Wash your hands with soap. As you lather and rinse your hands, sing “Jesus Loves Me” and thank God for washing away your sins.
Parents, choose “Clean Before My Lord” or “99.9% Pure” to help reinforce what your child learned.

**Clean Before My Lord**

1. **Gather** your family, and together list all your family’s activities, such as the TV shows you watch or games you play.
2. **Circle** activities that help you honor God.
3. **Cross out** those that don’t honor God.
4. **Make** a plan of how to cut out the things that aren’t honoring to God.

**You’ll Need**

- paper • pencil

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**99.9% Pure**

1. **Gather** your family, and put one drop of food coloring into the water.
2. **Discuss** how one little drop of impurity ruined the whole glass of water.
3. **Name** impurities that cause our hearts to be like the glass of water.
4. **Pray** together that God will make your hearts pure.

**You’ll Need**

- clear glass of water • food coloring