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In the name of the
Father, and the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, one God.
Amen.



Begin with the Lord's prayer

Our Lord and Savior, our King and God, we thank you for gathering us here to stand before you to call on your Holy Name.

Heavenly Father, teach us to trust You in everything we do.

Our God open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds that we may hear Your Word and tell our friends about your glory and honor.

Bless all the children and keep them safe. Hear us when we humbly and thankfully pray to you.

Our Father, who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

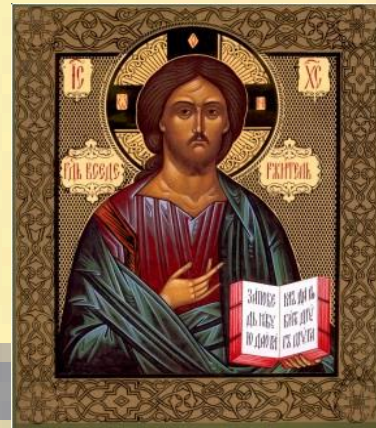
As we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from the evil one

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the

Glory. Forever, Amen.



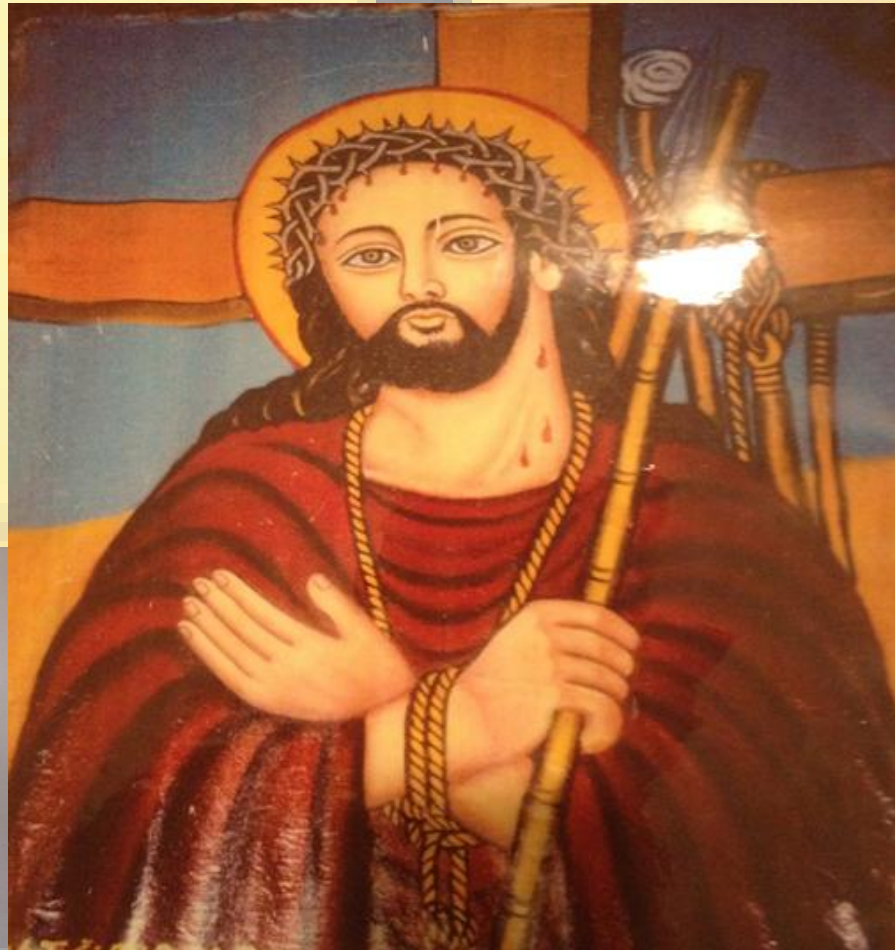
O our Lady, as St. Gabriel greeted you, “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” True Virgin in conscience as well as body, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Holy Mary, the God-bearer, pray that your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, may forgive us our sins. Amen.



Say The Jesus Prayer 3 times

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.**



MEMORY VERSE

**Can anyone tell me
last week's
memory verse???**

Recite Last week's memory verse

**“If God is for us, who can be against us?”
(Romans 8:31)**





Review

1. What did the prophet Elisha pray?
 - a) That all the people of Israel would become rich.
 - b) That the Israelites might be protected from their enemies, the Syrians.

2. What did King Benhadad of Syria plan to do?
 - a) To attack Israel by surprise.
 - b) To hold a great feast in his capital city.

3. How was Elisha able to know in advance the plans of the king of Syria?
 - a) God had told Elisha of the Syrian plans.
 - b) Elisha had a group of very wise advisors.



Review

4. When the king of Israel received the warning message from Elisha he did not believe it.
 - a) True.
 - b) False.

5. When King Benhadad's plan did not work the first time, he gave up trying to attack Israel.
 - a) True.
 - b) False.




6. King Benhadad learned that Elisha was the man who knew his secret plans ahead of time.
 - a) True.
 - b) False.



Review

7. How did King Benhadad plan to capture Elisha?
 - a) By sending a small group of soldiers to Elisha's home.
 - b) By sending his whole Syrian army to surround Elisha's house.
8. The prophet Elisha brought down fire from heaven that destroyed the Syrian army.
 - a) True.
 - b) False.
9. Why did Elisha instruct King Joram to feed the enemy soldiers and send them back home safely?
 - a) So that King Benhadad would come to know about the power and wisdom and mercy of God.
 - b) So that the enemy army would not try to attack Israel again.
10. God is just as able to protect us today as He did Elisha.
 - a) True.
 - b) False

Class Covenant

I will keep my  on my teacher,
my  in control,
my s on God's Word;
knowing God is my goal.

The Healing of Naaman



November 10, 2013

Memorize today's Verse

**“Now I know that there is no
God in all the earth, except in
Israel.”**

(2 Kings 5:15)

**Practice this verse
again during the
week.**



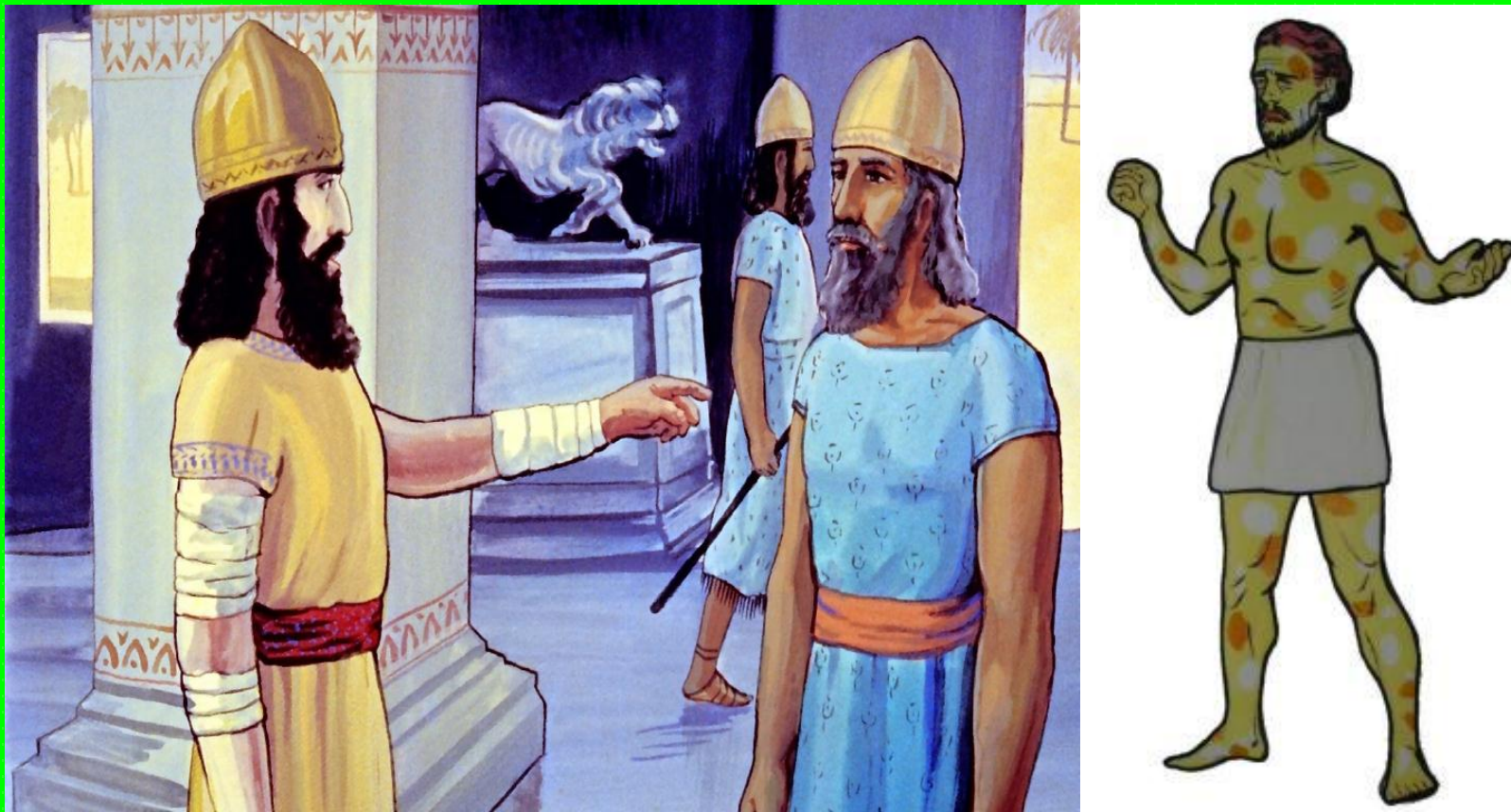
Purpose:

To teach the value of witnessing.

Elisha is the disciple of...Elijah



Elisha was a great prophet with double the spirit of Elijah. God gave him so many spiritual gifts and he was able to perform many miracles.



At the same time as Elisha, lived a man called Naaman. Naaman, was a commander in the Syrian army. He had a special place in the eyes of the King of Syria. However, he was a leper. What is a leper?



Naaman's wife had a young Israelite slave girl. The girl told Naaman's wife about Elisha. She told her that Elisha was a man of God and he may be able to heal her Husband Naaman from his leprosy.



Naaman's wife told Naaman about what the slave Israelite girl said. So, Naaman went and asked the king to allow him to go and find Elisha that he may heal him. The king sent a servant to Naaman saying, "Go, and I will write a letter to the king of Israel."

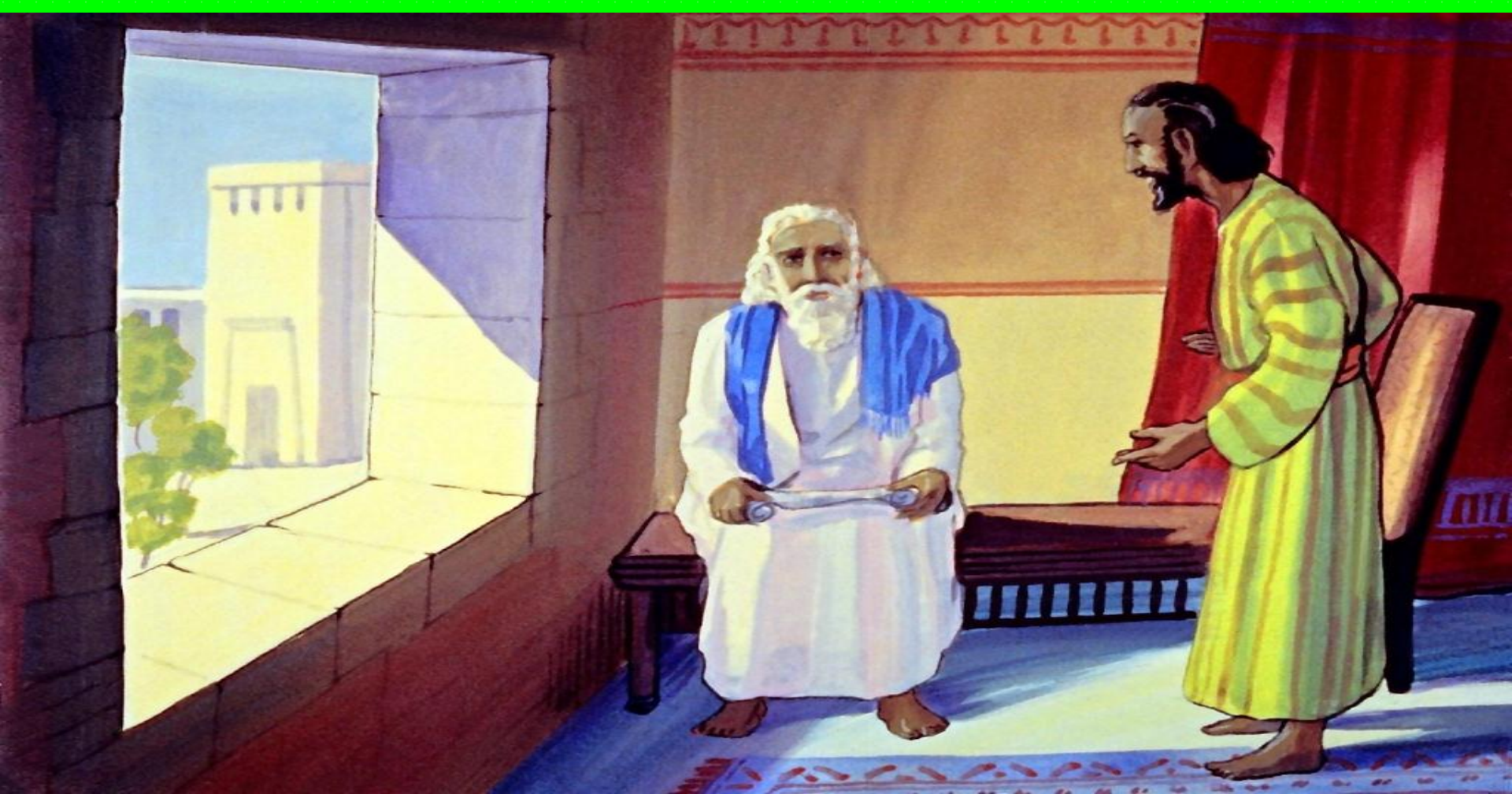
The king gave Naaman the permission and gave him a letter to take to the king of Israel.



Je m'attendais à en que ce fut
beau, inouï, mais je l'ai trouvé
en dehors de mon attente. J'ai
vu le colosse au clair de lune,
quand on passe près de tous ces
temples métamorphosés en églises,
qu'on voit dans la cathédrale de St
Pierre ces mots "Tu es Petrus et
super hanc petram edificabo
ecclesiam meam", la où se
trouve le corps même de l'Apô-
tre et l'église bâtie dessus dans
la signification matérielle
comme générale, alors on ne
peut s'empêcher de s'écrier "
Mon Dieu je crois". Car le Doigt
de Dieu et la chaîne de la tra-



So, Naaman took the letter, expensive presents (gold, silver and clothes) and some of his companion soldiers and went to the king of Israel.



When the king of Israel read the letter he tore his clothes and he said: “Am I God....to heal this man from his leprosy?”



But when Elisha heard what the king of Israel said, he sent to him and told him to send Naaman to him. The king of Israel then directed Naaman to Elisha's place.

Namman reaches Elisha's place



Elisha sent him a messenger to tell him to go and wash himself in the Jordan River seven times! Naaman was upset.

Naaman was very upset!

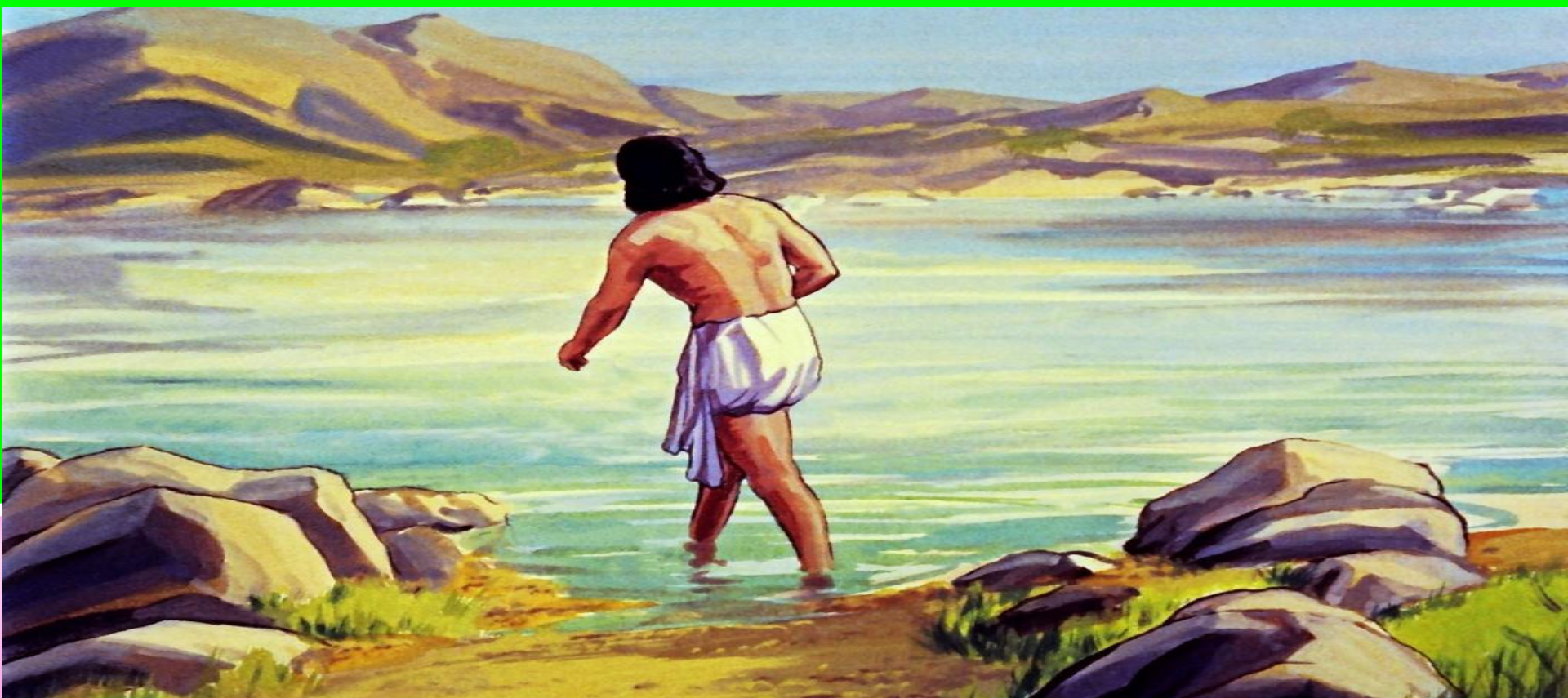


“Are not the rivers of Damascus better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?!”

But Naaman's servants told him to listen to Elisha the prophet especially that he is asking a simple thing from Naaman. His servant spoke, "If the prophet wanted you to do something big, would you have done it?" So he agreed.



And Naaman knew in his heart that his men were right. If he was going to be helped by God, he must be willing to believe and obey. So Naaman and his men made their way to the river Jordan. But even as he waded into the water, Naaman was probably thinking, “Why is it all so easy? It might be just a foolish waste of time.” But at least his servants would have to say that he had done as he was told. Naaman went to the river and washed six times, and he was still a leper.



Then he washed the seventh time and his flesh became as pure as a child's. And when Naaman came up out of the water his shouts of praise gave them their answer, "My leprosy! It's gone!"



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Naaman also wanted to reward Elisha with the gifts he brought with him but Elisha refused to accept any gifts. Naaman promised to give sacrifices to the Lord and Elisha dismissed him in peace.

Gehazi the servant of Elisha ran after Naaman and told him: “Sir, after you left two of the sons of the prophets came and the prophet Elisha wants to give some silver and some clothes”. Was this true?! Why did Gehazi lie to Naaman?



Naaman responded by giving Gehazi two talents of silver and two garments carried by his servants to Elisha's house.



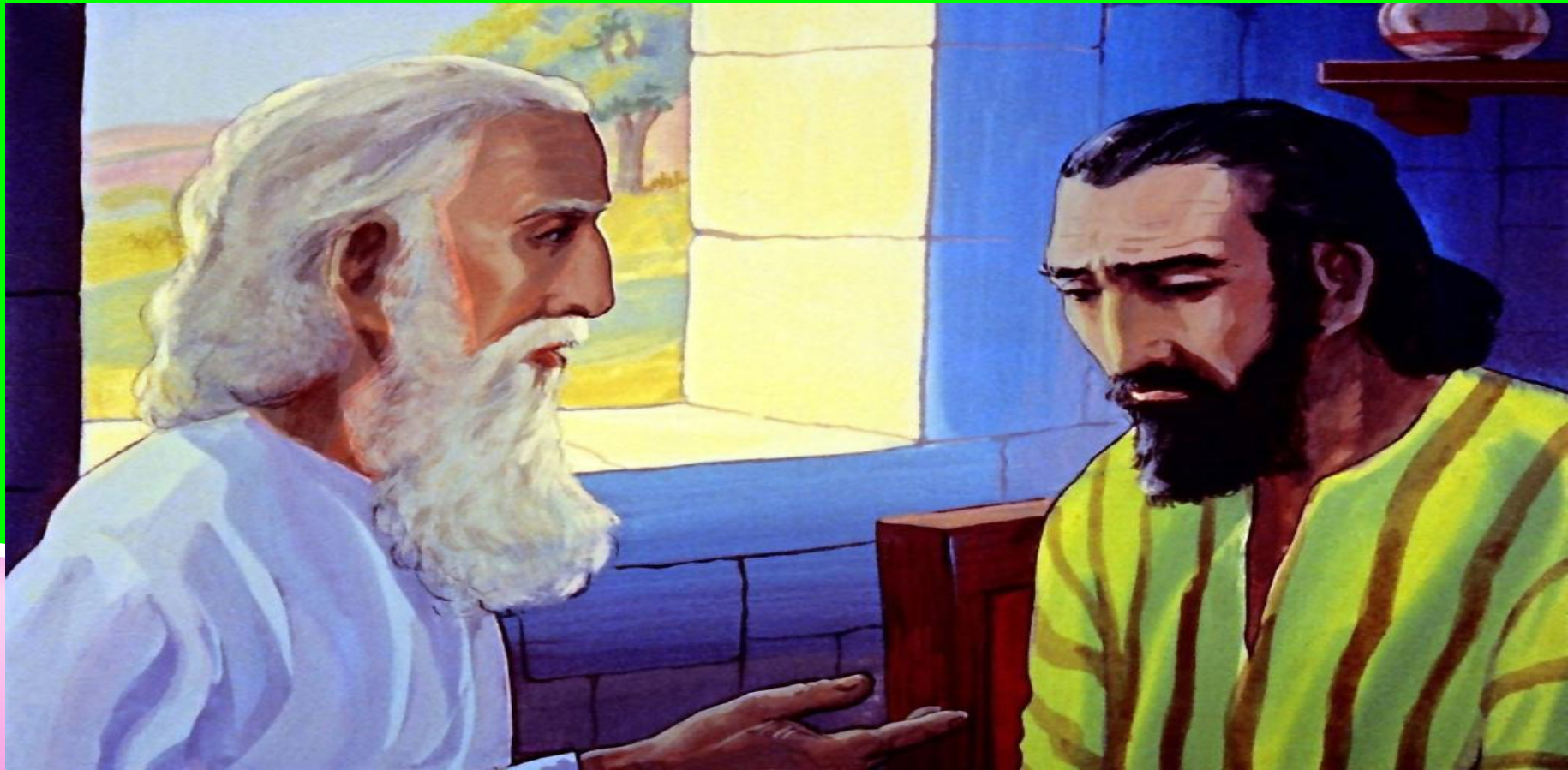
When they got close to the house Gehazi took the gifts from the hands of the servants and sent them away.



**Then Elisha's servant hid the silver and clothes.
Elisha said to the servant.**



Now Gehazi entered the house and Elisha asked him: “Where did you go Gehazi?” Gehazi lied. Elisha then said, “This is not a time to receive gifts! The leprosy that Naaman had shall be on you.” And Elisha’s servant went out a leper.



Gehazi's Punishment

- ▶ Elisha was unhappy with Gehazi because he knew that he was lying.
- ▶ Elisha told Gehazi: “You will become like Naaman, a leper, and this will pass to your children too”.
- ▶ Immediately Gehazi became a leper and his skin changed and became white.

What do we learn from this lesson?

- ▶ **The consequence of GREED and LYING are bad.**
- ▶ **The outcome of Naaman's obedience to Elisha was good and he was healed from his disease.**
- ▶ **The outcome of Gehazi's disobedience to Elisha was bad and became a leper himself.**

- ▶ **In Ethiopia, there are many Holy water springs in the churches. Many people get healed by the grace of God.**



Conclusions

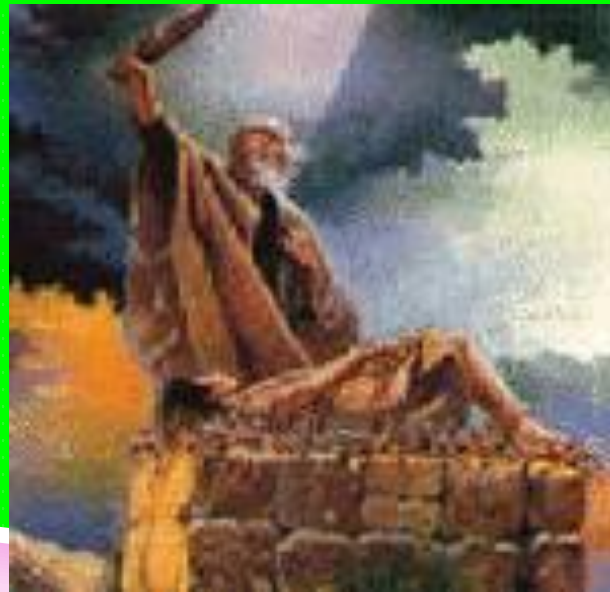
.This story was possible only because the servant girl told the master's wife about the holy person in Israel.

.We also need to witness for Christ. We need to tell our friends and family that only Christ can give us true joy and happiness in this world.

.We also need to tell them that Jesus Christ our Lord will give us eternal life if we struggle for holiness while here on earth.

. Remember that the Holy Spirit will lead to help us to know and serve Christ. So we don't do it alone. He is always ready to help us.

- ▶ **Obedience is also an important virtue with great blessings. Obedience to the parents, elders, church servants and above all to God is essential to grow in spirit and to receive God's blessing.**

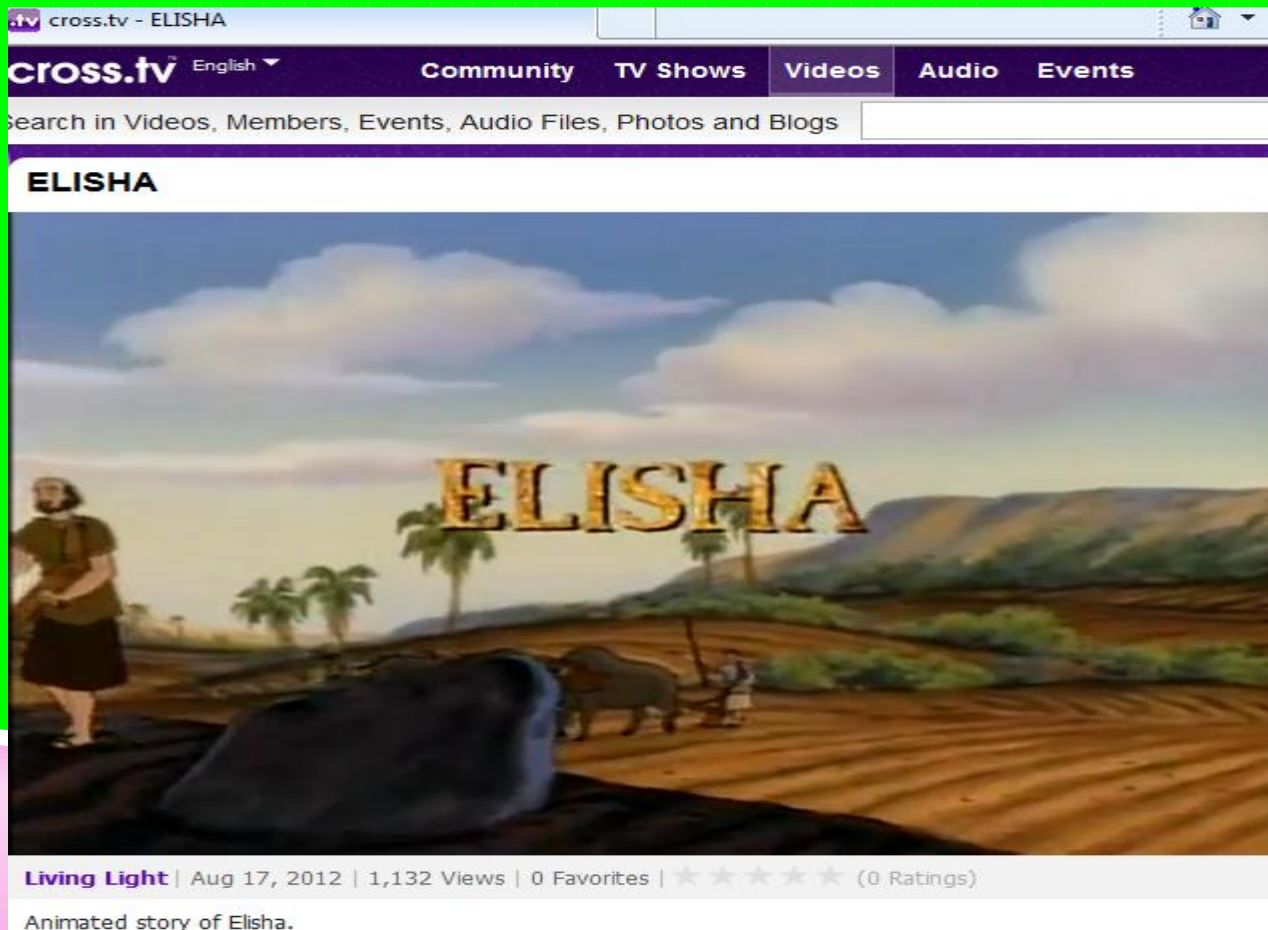


- ▶ **In the Holy Bible, we find that leprosy is symbolic of sin, and the story of Naaman's faith and obedience is a guide to our own salvation. In the third chapter of Romans, we read of the leprosy of our souls:**
- ▶ **"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." And because of this, man faces spiritual death, for God has said,**
- ▶ **"The soul that sins, it shall die." Naaman's recovery was a miracle of God's goodness and love. But the miracle that is ours is even greater.**
- ▶ **"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)**

Movie Clip

Show a short movie clip about the story, if available.

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Pop Quiz



1. Why was Naaman's home a place of sorrow?
 - a) He and his family were very poor.
 - b) Naaman was slowly dying of leprosy, a sickness for which there was no cure.

2. Who told Naaman's wife about the prophet who lived in Israel?
 - a) One of their servant girls.
 - b) The King of Syria.

3. Naaman traveled to Israel because he hoped that the God of Israel could cure him of leprosy.
 - a) True.
 - b) False.

Pop Quiz



4. Why was the ruler of Israel afraid when he read the letter Naaman brought from the King of Syria?
 - a) Someone was planning to kill the King of Israel.
 - b) The Syrian king was asking King Jehoram to cure Naaman of his leprosy.

5. Who asked the king to send Naaman to him so that the Syrians would know there was a true and living God?
 - a) Joseph.
 - b) Elisha.

6. The prophet's servant told Naaman that he would be cured of his leprosy if he washed seven times in the Jordan River.
 - a) True.
 - b) False.

Pop Quiz

7. Naaman knew in his heart that if he was going to be helped by God, he must be willing to believe and obey.
 - a) True.
 - b) False.

8. Naaman did not follow the instructions which Elisha had given him.
 - a) True.
 - b) False.

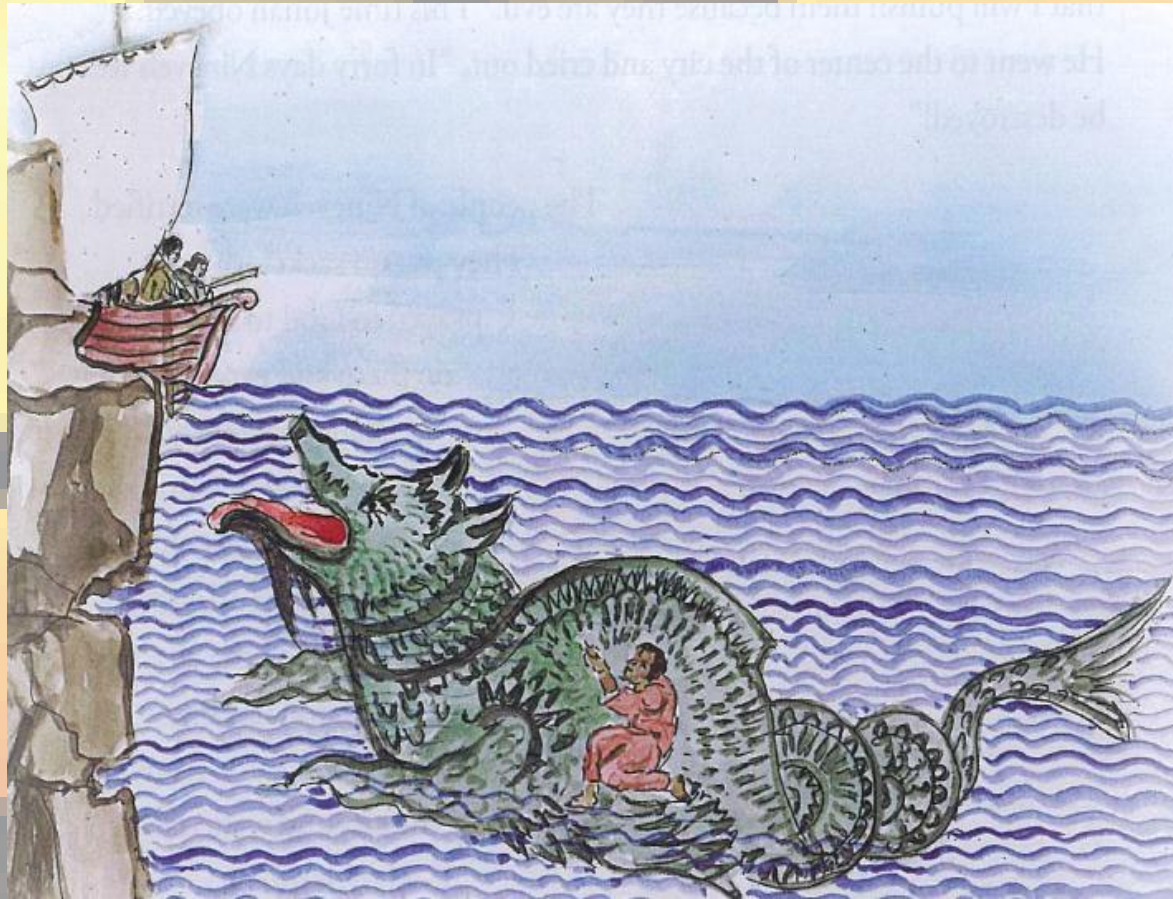
9. What happened when Naaman came up out of the water for the seventh time?
 - a) He still had his leprosy.
 - b) He was healed from his leprosy.

10. Naaman's faith and obedience is a guide to our own salvation.
 - a) True.
 - b) False.

The End

Next Week

We will learn about
Jonah and the big fish.



3 things we all can do to strengthen our relationship with God

1. Read the Holy Bible daily preferably when we get up in the morning. 5 minutes to start.
2. Partake Holy Communion regularly.
3. Remember God throughout the day. We can repeat short prayer such as “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me.”

JESUS CHRIST

- “For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12)





*“And you shall know
the truth, and the
truth shall make you
free.” John 8:32*

Any question?

Close with prayer.

