

# THE ISLAND

<b>LEADER</b>	<b>DATE (am)</b> 21 September 08
<b>HELPERS</b>	<b>TIME (mins)</b> 40 minutes
<b>PUPPETEER</b>	<b>No. of KIDS (m/f)</b>

- **SERIES / LESSON:** Children of the Bible /  
Little Girl who helps Naaman
- **SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** 2 Kings 5:1-16
- **CONCEPT:** God wants me to help others

## GOALS:

- To encourage kids to engage in worship through singing.
- To help and challenge kids to share God with their friends like the little girl told Naaman.
- To lead kids into a prayer time and help them understand that God listens.

## MATERIALS NEEDED:

- ✓ DVD player / laptop / projector / screen, etc.
- ✓ Song DVD
- ✓ Treasure Chest – with Samuel's coat inside (from last week's story)
- ✓ Map or globe
- ✓ Baby powder / cotton wool
- ✓ Little girl graphic
- ✓ Basin of water / towel
- ✓ Prayer Net
- ✓ Prayer cards and pen
- ✓ Name tag box

<p><b>A. Worship through Music (with puppets) 10 minutes</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Welcome kids and invite them to praise God by singing.</li> <li>2. Sing 2 songs together. (<b><i>This is the Day / I Am Not Forgotten</i></b>)</li> <li>3. Open in prayer.</li> <li>4. Ask kids to lift a mat each and sit down.</li> </ol>	<p><b>You'll need ...</b>  DVD player / projector  Song DVD (<i>Hillsong Kids – Supernatural</i>)</p>
<p><b>B. Message 15 minutes</b></p> <p><b>1. Recap (2-3 minutes)</b>  Ask a child to help you open the treasure chest and take out Samuel's coat which you placed there last week. Ask for someone to explain who the coat belonged to and why it was special. Recap last week's story of Samuel hearing God's call by asking a few follow-up questions. Finish by eliciting the Bible concept: God is with me.</p> <p><i>You could also ask if anyone remembers last week's memory verse and have them recite it, individually and as a group. Or refer kids to the verse if you displayed it following the last session – "Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'"</i>  1 Samuel 3:10</p> <p><b>2. Set the scene</b>  Who can find Israel on our globe? (<i>Allow kids to find Israel in relation to their own country.</i>) Not far from Israel, to the northeast, there was a country called Aram (<i>point the direction on the globe</i>). Many times the people of Aram attacked Israel and took things back to their own country. So Aram was a powerful country with a powerful king and a strong army.</p> <p><b>3. Tell the story</b>  There was a famous hero who lived in Aram at that time. He was commander of the king's army, and the king and the people of Aram respected him. They thought he was a great man because he had won many battles. His name was Naaman.</p> <p>Now, although Naaman was a brave and famous soldier, he had a problem. A really big bad problem! Naaman caught a terrible disease called leprosy. Maybe you have heard about AIDS – that is a disease that people are scared of today. Many years ago, leprosy was one of the most feared diseases. It was an extremely contagious skin disease – you could catch it easily from another person – and very often it could not be cured. That meant that people died from the disease. For these reasons, if a person got leprosy, they were forced out of their city to live in a camp for sick people, so that no one else would catch the disease from them. Nobody wanted to live next door to a leper! So you can imagine that Naaman must have been really worried when he saw the big white spots appearing on his skin! (<i>Daub some white powder spots onto your hands and arms.</i>)</p> <p>Remember I told you that when Naaman's soldiers attacked Israel they stole things to take back to Aram, their own country? Well, on one of those attacks, the army stole a little girl. They kidnapped her from her home and her family. How terrible would that be? (<i>Allow for some feedback.</i>) Here is the little girl (<i>show picture of the little girl on screen</i>).</p>	<p><b>You'll need ...</b>  <i>Treasure chest with Samuel's coat inside (from last week's story)</i></p> <p><i>Globe / map</i></p> <p><i>Baby powder / cotton wool</i></p> <p><i>Graphic – little girl portrait</i></p>

Naaman took the little girl to his house and she worked as a helper for Naaman's wife. She was far away from her mummy and daddy, and far away from her country, working as a servant for these people she didn't know. I'm sure she was sad and lonely! Don't you think? But this little girl loved and worshipped God. She knew that God was with her and that he was a powerful and amazing God.

One day the little girl said to Naaman's wife, "I wish Mr Naaman would go to Israel to see a man of God there. He would cure Mr Naaman of his leprosy and make him better again." Well, when Naaman heard this, he went to tell the king of Aram what the little girl had said. The king of Aram was very happy to hear that it was possible for Naaman to get better, so he wrote a letter to the king of Israel and sent Naaman to Israel with lots of silver and gold and very expensive clothes to pay for the treatment.

When the king of Israel read this letter, he got very upset! He said, "How can I make Naaman better? I am not God! I cannot cure his leprosy! This king of Aram must want to fight with me because he knows I can't do what he is asking." The king of Israel never thought about asking for God's help ...

Elisha was the man of God the little girl had been thinking of. When Elisha heard how upset the king was, he told the king to send this sick man, Naaman, to his house. Naaman went with his horses, riding as quickly as he could, to get to Elisha's house. He found the house and stopped his horses at the door. But poor Naaman got a shock! Elisha didn't come to the door. He didn't even say hello to Naaman. Elisha sent one of his workers out to talk to Naaman and give him a message. Let's read what Elisha's message was for Naaman. *Read, or have a confident child read, 2 Kings 5:10.*

*"Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."*

"Wash myself seven times in that dirty Jordan river!" thought Naaman. He was angry! Naaman couldn't believe that Elisha, the man of God, wouldn't come to speak to him face to face. Did Elisha not know what an important soldier and hero Naaman was?! Naaman thought that Elisha would come out of his house, stand and call out to the Lord God for help, and wave his hands over Naaman's leprosy so that he would be cured. He couldn't understand this strange message from Elisha. How could washing seven times in the River Jordan work? The Jordan was a small, dirty river. There were other bigger rivers with cleaner water ... Oh dear, Naaman was not a happy man!

Naaman's servants went to talk to him and told him that he should just try what Elisha said. They convinced him to go to the dirty River Jordan. So, Naaman did what Elisha, the man of God, had told him. He went down and washed himself in the river seven times. *(Dip your 'leprous' hands into the basin of water seven times. Have the kids count each time you dip. Make sure your hands are clean after the seventh dip to show the kids how Naaman's leprous skin was cleansed and cured.)*

*Basin of water  
Towel*

<p>And guess what, boys and girls! After the seventh time, Naaman got out of the water and his skin was clean and clear, with no white marks, no leprosy, just like the skin of a young boy! He was cured! Naaman was better again! God had healed him!</p> <p>Naaman went back to Elisha's house to say thank you. He wanted Elisha to have all the silver and gold and expensive clothes he had brought from the king of Aram, but Elisha would not take any of it. Elisha wanted Naaman to understand that it was not he who had healed him, it was God.</p> <p><b>4. Explain</b></p> <p>Naaman went back to his own country a different person. He was clean on the outside because God had healed his leprosy. He was different on the inside too because he understood that God was the only true God. Naaman decided that day to trust and follow God.</p> <p>Is there anyone else you can think of who Naaman would have wanted to thank? ... Naaman must have been so thankful to the little girl in his home who had told him about the man of God. Now he knew and trusted God just like she did.</p> <p>God can do the same thing for us. None of us has leprosy, but we all do bad things that we shouldn't do. Those things are called sin. God made a way for us to be clean from our sin. He sent His son, Jesus, to die on the cross so that our sins could be forgiven. If you would like to have a clean heart, to be clean on the inside, you can talk to Jesus and tell Him that you're sorry for all those bad things. If you ask Him to forgive you and to come into your heart to make it clean, He will come into your life and help you do good things for God. If anybody would like to do that, make sure you talk to one of the leaders today before you go home.</p> <p>What was Naaman's terrible disease called? Leprosy!</p> <p>Let's put this powder into the treasure chest. We'll open it again next week.</p>	<p><i>Treasure chest</i></p>
<p><b>C. Prayer Net</b></p> <p><b>10 minutes</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ask a child to explain what it means when we <i>pray</i> – We talk to God, He listens and talks to us.</li> <li>2. Explain that prayer / talking to God is very important because that's how we get to know Him.</li> <li>3. Choose a child to retrieve the prayer net. Lift out the prayer cards you put there last week. Ask the kids for updates on those situations.</li> <li>4. Remind kids of the little girl in our story today. Even though she was far away from her home and her family, she still cared about Naaman when he got sick. She wanted to help him. How did she help him? <i>(She told him to go see the man of God in Israel because he could help Naaman.)</i></li> <li>5. Explain that when we are sick, or we know someone who is</li> </ol>	<p><b>You'll need ...</b></p> <p><i>Net (with last week's prayer cards)</i></p> <p><i>Small cards / postcards</i></p> <p><i>A pen</i></p>

<p>sick, or when we have trouble at school, we need to tell God about those things and ask Him to help us. Remember that He hears all our prayers and He will answer us – maybe not with the answer we want, but He always knows best.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Tell kids that we are going to make a note of some special prayers today and put them in the prayer net. Next week they will tell us what happened in those situations.</li> <li>7. Ask a few kids if they have a prayer to put into the net. As they tell you, write their name and the topic of their prayer on a small card. Ask the child to say a prayer aloud (help them to do so) before they place their card into the prayer net.</li> <li>8. Finish by leading a prayer for the whole group.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>D. Conclusion (with puppets) 5 minutes</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Challenge kids to remember to be like the little girl who helped Naaman – ready to help other people and tell them about God.</li> <li>2. Remind kids to come back this evening.</li> <li>3. Sing a closing song. <b><i>(This is the Day)</i></b></li> <li>4. Ask kids to put their mats away and put their name tags in the box before they leave.</li> </ol>	<p><b><i>You'll need ...</i></b>  <i>DVD player / projector</i>  <i>Song DVD (Hillsong Kids – Supernatural)</i></p> <p><i>Name tag box</i></p>

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### GOALS:

- To encourage kids to engage in worship through singing.
- To reinforce today's Bible concept by learning a related Scripture verse.
- To internalise and apply today's Bible concept by creating a joint 'get well' craft project for someone who is ill.

### MATERIALS NEEDED:

- ✓ Song DVD / DVD player / projector / screen, etc.
- ✓ Bible
- ✓ Memory Verse Activity: 2 large envelopes  
16 Cards (size A5 or A4 as you prefer), each one marked with the individual words of the memory verse (*word cards from the first section of the verse – "This ... beginning" – should be placed into one envelope; word cards from the second section – "we ... 1 John 3:11 – should be placed into the other envelope*)
- ✓ Activity: pre-made tissue flower model (see photos below)  
medium-sized plant pot (15-20cm diameter)  
block of florist's dry oasis  
coloured facial tissues or tissue paper  
pipe cleaners or florist's wire (green if possible)  
variety of stickers  
a small soft toy  
a 'Get Well' greeting card
- ✓ Small prizes (selection of bookmarks, stickers, pencils, etc.)
- ✓ Name tag box

<p><b>E. Worship through Music (with puppets) 10 minutes</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Welcome kids and invite them to praise God by singing.</li> <li>2. Sing 2 songs together. (<b><i>This is the Day / I Am Not Forgotten</i></b>)</li> <li>3. Open in prayer.</li> <li>4. Kids should remain standing for the following activity.</li> </ol>	<p><b>You'll need ...</b>  DVD player / projector  Song DVD (Hillsong Kids – Supernatural)</p>
<p><b>F. Memory Verse (with puppets) 10 minutes</b>  <i>"This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another." 1 John 3:11</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ask kids how the little girl helped Naaman in our story today – <i>she told him that God could heal his leprosy through the prophet Elisha</i>. How can we help other people? <i>Allow kids to provide various answers.</i></li> <li>2. <i>Explain:</i> The Bible tells us to love each other. That is what our Bible verse tells us today.</li> <li>3. Divide kids into two teams and arrange them at either side of your room, at a distance from the other team. Elect a team captain for each team.</li> <li>4. Instruct the team captains to go to the puppet (or another leader) and collect their envelopes.</li> <li>5. Instruct the teams to open the envelopes, take out the word cards and work as a team to arrange the words in the correct order. Help kids to do this.</li> <li>6. When the teams are ready and correct, tell them to stand up with a card each (in the correct order). Let kids see you check that they are correct by looking at the verse in your Bible. The puppets can help you with this too.</li> <li>7. Everyone should read the words altogether, starting with the first team and reading right through the second team's words as both parts make up the complete memory verse.</li> <li>8. Repeat the verse a few times as a group, and individually.</li> <li>9. <i>Explain:</i> Sometimes it can be difficult to love some people! Just like the little girl helped her master, Naaman, we must show love to other people by helping them and telling them about how good God is when we can. And if you think that there is no way you can help, then you can pray! Tell God about those people and ask Him to help them.</li> <li>10. Finish with a group repetition of the verse.</li> </ol> <p><b>Idea:</b> After the session, you could display the memory verse cards in your room. This will add to your decoration as well as reminding kids of the Bible concept. Then you can also refer to it in later sessions of this series.</p>	<p><b>You'll need ...</b></p> <p><i>2 large envelopes – one containing cards marked with the individual words from the first part of the verse (This ... beginning:); the other with the words from the second part (We ... 1 John 3:11)</i></p> <p><i>Bible</i></p>





4. Remind kids to come back next week!
5. Ask kids to put their name tags in the box before they leave.

*Name tag box*

