

Naaman and the Servant Girl: Lesson 1

SuperTruth: God uses simple things for His glory.

SuperVerse: *But God chose the foolish things of this world to put the wise to shame. He chose the weak things of this world to put the powerful to shame.* 1 Corinthians 1:27 (CEV)

Bible Story: 2 Kings 5:1–19

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Today, we will watch the Superbook adventure called “Naaman and the Servant Girl.” Naaman was a powerful commander in the Syrian army. We will see how he learned something from a lowly, young, Israelite servant girl—something that changed his life forever!

- Joy is in charge of organizing a service project and thinks she’s too important to serve at a food drive.
- Superbook takes Chris, Joy and Gizmo to meet Naaman, a Syrian commander with leprosy. A lowly servant girl offers him hope, yet he must lay aside his pride to be healed.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game Materials Needed:

- Ten coins
- Two unbreakable bowls to hold the coins
- Optional: painters tape or masking tape”

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker, or chalkboard and chalk
- Eraser
- Clothes Basket Pattern
- Garment Pattern
- Scissors
- Pencils
- Glue sticks and/or tape
- Children’s scissors
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- SuperVerse Pattern
- Ten sheets of paper
- Whiteboard and marker; or chalkboard and chalk
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

Game: The Gift Return Line (15 minutes)

Objective: Play a game to return Naaman’s gifts.

- Naaman brought silver, gold and clothing as gifts to Elisha. The prophet refused to take any gifts because he felt he was only a servant of God.

Game Instructions:

- Shout the traveling instruction; it is the same for both teams. The players will move to the other end with the “gift” and then pass it to a teammate. That player then follows the same instruction to return the gift to Naaman’s bowl again. Repeat until one team’s players have all taken a turn.

Teaching: Simple yet Powerful (15 minutes)

Objective: Discuss how God uses simple things.

- God was able to use the lowly servant girl because she remained faithful to Him even when bad things happened. She knew that God could heal her master and she shared her faith!

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (5 minutes)

- On each garment is a scripture for you to look up at home and discover what you are clothed with by God! Fill in the blanks on the garments, and we will discuss your answers the next time we meet. Then, you will receive three more garments to continue the challenge. As an additional challenge, ask the Holy Spirit to help you “wear” these spiritual garments to bring God glory!

SuperVerse: Superbook Wave (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- Salvation does not come from our good works, or from our wisdom, or from our power. Salvation comes by faith in Jesus; it is as simple as that! The simple message of the cross puts the wise to shame—as our SuperVerse says.
- Have ten children stand side by side facing the class. Scramble the SuperVerse cards and give one to each child. Have the rest of the class tell you which reader should be first, second, third, etc. Rearrange the children in that order and have them read their phrases again, creating a “wave” with their papers. Do this over again until the children are in the proper order.

Prayer: Simple Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- When we humble ourselves before God, He will use the simple things we have in powerful ways!
- Think of what you have: your possessions, your talents and abilities, your willingness to work hard, your faith, your desire to serve others, and your hopes and dreams. God can use them all! As simple or small as these things may seem to you, they are powerful in God’s hands! As you think of them, quietly ask God to use these things in your life for His glory, to accomplish His will on the earth.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

Balloon Game: Children play a game using the SuperTruth. | Grades 1–6 | 15 min

Object Lesson: Present a demonstration of not accepting God’s glory. | Grades 1–6 | 5 min

Coloring Activity: Color a page and discuss the servant girl’s simple act of faith. | Grades 1–3 | 10 min

Bible Study: Complete an activity sheet and discuss God’s wisdom. | Grades 4–6 | 15 min