

Dear Parents,

This week we will be focusing on obedience, specifically, the special kind of obedience that Naaman finally exhibited when he followed God's command, through Elisha, at the Jordan River.

We do not always understand what God is doing in our lives, but we must in obedience follow His commands, not insisting on our own ways.

Let's continue to remember each other in prayer as we work together to teach your children about the importance of obeying God in all we do.

### **Naaman**

Naaman was a great soldier, but he had a skin disease called leprosy.

A young girl from Israel who was a slave, served Naaman's wife. She told about a prophet who could cure his leprosy.

Naaman's king sent a letter to the king of Israel asking *him* to cure Naaman. The king of Israel was upset because he knew he had no such power.

Elisha, a man of God, asked to see Naaman. He told Naaman to wash seven times in the Jordan River. Naaman was angry because he did not expect to be cured this way. He thought Elisha would wave his hand over him and cure him. He also thought the rivers in his country would be better than the Jordan River. However, when he obeyed what had been told him, his leprosy was gone.

He was so happy! He said, "Now I know the God of Israel is the only God."

*The story of Naaman can be found in the Old Testament in Second Kings chapter 5.*

#### Memory Verse:

So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

Second Kings 5:14

*You can listen to the story of Naaman at: <http://gardenofpraise.com/bibl18s.htm>*