

Four's

August 12, 2018

Bible Focus: I can do what God says even when it's hard.

Naaman • *2 Kings 5:1-14*

Memory Verse: "God's way is perfect." 2 Samuel 22:31, NIV

Key Question: Whose way is perfect?

Bottom Line: God's way is perfect.

Basic Truth: God loves me.

Make It True (Large Group, 20 minutes)

Historyteller Greets children at the door as music plays.

CG: Welcome Slide ("Take Care of Me")

Stop music once all classes are in and on a line.

Worship

What You Need: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at 2 Samuel 22:31."

HISTORYTELLER: "Good morning, everyone! It's so good to see you today. I can't wait to sing with you today. But first, tell me: **Whose way is perfect?**"

CG: Bottom Line Slide

CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: [*Bottom Line*] "God's way is perfect."

HISTORYTELLER: "Yes, that's right! [*Bottom Line*] **God's way is perfect.** God loves us so much and wants what's best for us. That's why He wants us to go His way. We can celebrate that God is always with us. Get up! It's time to dance and sing.

SFX: "Get Up"

"Yay! What incredible singers you are. **Whose way is perfect?**"

CG: Bottom Line Slide

CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: [*Bottom Line*] "God's way is perfect."

HISTORYTELLER: "That's right! [*Bottom Line*] **God's way is perfect.** Our memory verse says exactly that. Are you ready to do it with me? (*Pause.*) Let's do it!"

CG: Memory Verse Slide

God's way (point both hands up) is perfect (two thumbs up), 2 Samuel 22:31. (Open hands like a book.) Let's do it again."

CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: "God's way (point both hands up) is perfect (two thumbs up), 2 Samuel 22:31." (Open hands like a book.) (Repeat several times.)

HISTORYTELLER: "Way to go! **[Bottom Line] God's way is perfect.** Yes, it is. And God has a plan for each of us. Let's sing our song about God's plan.

SFX: "Plan for Me"

"I love singing about our God who loves us so much and has a PERFECT plan for us. **Whose way is perfect?"**

CG: Bottom Line Slide

CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: **[Bottom Line] "God's way is perfect."**

Introductory Sketch

CG: Intro Sketch Video

Bible History Lesson

What You Need: A Bible, an army hat, and red dot stickers

HISTORYTELLER: "I'm so happy to see you today. If you're feeling happy, say, 'Oh, yeah!'"

CHILDREN: "Oh, yeah!"

HISTORYTELLER: "If you're ready to hear an awesome and TRUTH straight from the Bible today, say, 'Uh-huh!'"

CHILDREN: "Uh-huh!"

HISTORYTELLER: "Awesome! Well, today's Bible Truth is about a man named Naaman. What was his name?"

CHILDREN: "Naaman."

HISTORYTELLER: "That's right. Now, Naaman was the commander of a huge army. (Place the army hat on your head.) Everyone stand up and be my army today.

ATTENTION! Ready? Let's march in place. Left, left, left, right, left. Left, left, left, right, left. Ten hut! (*Stop marching.*) Okay, repeat after me, 'I don't know but I've been told.'

CHILDREN: "I don't know but I've been told."

HISTORYTELLER: "Being in charge never gets old."

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HISTORYTELLER: "Great job, army. Have a seat! So as I was saying, Naaman was in charge of the army and everyone did whatever he said. There was only one problem. (*Start sticking the dot stickers all over your arms and legs.*) Naaman had leprosy. Maybe you've never heard of that sickness before, but it was pretty bad. It meant that he had these boo-boos all over his body. And the boo-boos hurt a lot. He could have gone to the doctor but there was no medicine that could help.

(*Put the stickers down.*) "Naaman heard about a prophet named Elisha who loved God and might be able to help him. (*Walk across the stage.*) So Naaman went to go find Elisha. When Naaman arrived at Elisha's house, Elisha didn't come to greet him. Instead, he sent a messenger out to talk to Naaman. Do you know what the messenger said? The messenger said, 'God can make you all better! All you have to do is go down to the Jordan River and take SEVEN baths!'

"Wait, how many baths? (*Pause as children respond.*) SEVEN? Sometimes I don't even want to take ONE bath! 'That is NOT a good idea,' Naaman thought. That would mean going in the water seven times, washing with soap seven times, and then getting dried off seven times. It was TOO hard!

"Naaman did NOT want to do what God said. It was too hard, but it was the only way to make him better. So after thinking about it, Naaman went to the Jordan River and took seven baths in the water. Can you count with me? Ready?

(*Pretend to scrub your arms and legs as if taking a shower. As you do, you should remove the dot stickers into your hands. Count slowly and pause between each number to scrub.*)

"One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. And just like that (*look down at your arms and legs*) Naaman was healed! He was ALL better. There were no more painful spots!

"So what does this AMAZING Bible Truth have to do with you and me? Well, we can learn a thing or two from Naaman. See, God's way may be hard sometimes. But God's way is ALWAYS perfect. It is always right. It is always the BEST way. **Whose way is perfect?**"

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You got it! It was hard for Naaman to do things God’s way. But when he did what God told him to do, his whole body was healed! Isn’t that amazing? I’m so glad that **[Bottom Line] God’s way is perfect.**

HISTORYTELLER: “That’s the truth, friends! You better believe it!

Exit Sketch

CG: Exit Sketch Video

Offering and Prayer

Music Plays as the offering container is passed around

SFX: “Revelation Song”

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“Dear God, thank You for the life of Naaman and how he did what You asked him to do even when it was hard. Your way is perfect, and we know that You LOVE us. Help us to do what You ask us to do, even when it’s hard. We love You so much. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”

Dismiss

“Well, that’s it for today. Have fun and I’ll see you next time. Bye!”

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