



LESSON 6

REFERENCES: 2 KINGS 5:1-8; PROPHETS AND KINGS, P. 246.

Little Maid Serves God

Do you know how to serve God? Little Maid served God by what she did and said. This is how it may have happened.

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he little slave girl, Little Maid, carefully lifted the perfume bottles and dusted them. The bottles usually sparkled in the light that streamed

through the bedroom windows. But not today.

Today the curtains were closed. And Mrs. Naaman was sitting on her bed in the

darkness, crying softly. Little Maid knew why. Captain Naaman had

leprosy. No one could make the leprosy go away. The leprosy made white spots on his skin. And he could not feel things with his fingers and toes. Mrs. Naaman was very, very sad.

Little Maid tiptoed quietly to the bed. "I wish Master Naaman would go to see the prophet in my country," she whispered. "Prophet Elisha would heal him of his leprosy."



Memory Verse

"May . . . God . . . strengthen you in every good deed and word."

2 THESSALONIANS 2:16, 17, NIV

The Message

We serve God by what we do and say.

Mrs. Naaman wiped her eyes. "What are you talking about, child?" she asked.

So Little Maid told Mrs. Naaman all about the prophet Elisha, who lived in Israel. "The Lord of heaven works miracles through the prophet Elisha," she said. Then Little Maid told Mrs. Naaman all she had learned from her parents about the true and living God.

Mrs. Naaman scooted off the bed. "Bring me some water to wash my face," she said. "I must talk to my husband."

Captain Naaman was the commander of the king's army. So Naaman told the king what Little Maid had told his wife. "Go!" said the king. "Go and visit the prophet. I will send a letter to the king of Israel for you."

Captain Naaman took silver and gold coins and 10 sets of beautiful clothes with him. These would be gifts to people in Israel who helped him.

But when the king of Israel read the letter from the king of Syria, he was deeply troubled. The king of Israel knew he couldn't heal Naaman. He didn't understand why the king of Syria thought he could. He was worried. What if Naaman wasn't healed? Would the king of Syria attack Israel again?

Prophet Elisha heard about Naaman's visit. Elisha sent Israel's king a message. "Why are you so upset? Have Naaman come to me, and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel." Prophet Elisha knew that he couldn't heal Captain Naaman, but God could.

Prophet Elisha and Little Maid both wanted Captain Naaman to know about the true God. Little Maid showed her love of God as she helped Mrs.

Naaman and in everything she said. She loved to share God with others.

You can serve God too by what you do and say. That is how others will know that you love God.



Do and Say

SABBATH

Each day this week, read the lesson story together and review the memory verse.

May . . . God . . . Point upward.

strengthen you. . Arms up, fists closed, make muscles.

in every good deed Palms up, hands out-stretched.

and word. Point to mouth.

2 Thessalonians Palms together; then open 2:16, 17 as if opening a book.

SUNDAY

Encourage your child to share the Secret Message Butterfly made in Sabbath School with someone and tell them about Little Maid. (Or help them write a secret message, such as “God loves you,” to someone.)

MONDAY

Read together 2 Kings 5:1-8. Ask: How did Little Maid serve God? Did Naaman think God could heal him? Did Little Maid serve God by what she did and said?

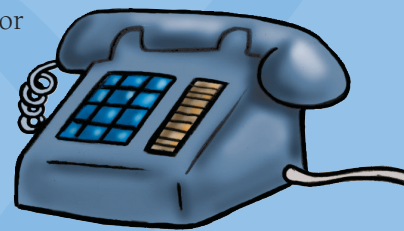
Plan a way you and your child can serve God this week by helping an elderly neighbor or friend.



TUESDAY

Sing “Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam” (*Little Voices Praise Him*, no. 202).

Let your child call or visit a friend or neighbor who is sick and tell them, “God loves you and so do I.” Pray for that person today.



WEDNESDAY

Take turns acting out ways to serve God with actions and words. (Comforting someone, sharing toys, etc.) Guess what the other person is acting out. Decide on one thing and do it today.

THURSDAY

Help your child draw a happy face ☺ and a sad face ☹. Then hold up the appropriate face as you read the lesson and relate the happy and sad events.

Sing “This Little Light of Mine” (*Little Voices Praise Him*, no. 313).

FRIDAY

Act out the Bible story with your family. Use white sticker circles or chalk dots to represent leprosy on whoever plays Naaman.

Sing helping songs. Thank God you can do or say nice things to others. Ask Him to help your family always to be ready to serve Him.