

## SENDING

*Song:* HWB 596 *And I will raise you up*

*Benediction:* Isaiah 40:28-31

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Session Six

# Naaman and Elisha



*Text:* 2 Kings 5:1-19

*Focus statement:* We humbly accept God's way of caring.

*Visuals:* Clear container of dirty water, praying hands, remedies for ailments

## GATHERING

*Welcome*

*Call to worship:* Psalm 103: 1-5, 10-13

*Prayer:*

Tender God, thank you that you have compassion for your children. Help us to have child-like faith in you believing that you know us intimately and will heal us in whatever way that is needed. Caring and powerful God, receive our worship as we gather in your presence.

## PRAISING

*Song suggestions:*

SS 1 *Praise the one who breaks the darkness*

HWB 546 *Guide my feet*

HWB 143 *Amazing Grace*

HWB 627 *There is a balm in Gilead*

## OFFERING

## LISTENING TO GOD

*Confession:* HWB 818 (verses from Psalm 51)

Sing *Create in me a clean heart* (SS 62) after segments 1 & 3 found in the HWB confession. Read the last segment in unison.

*Children's time:*

Talk about skin rashes like poison ivy or even mosquito bites or scrapes. Show examples of creams or other remedies that are used to make them better. Some rashes don't go away easily and are very noticeable. People may not want to come near for fear that they will get a rash too. God can give people courage to care for people who have diseases.

For older children, read the story, “You are God’s Hands” from *Don’t Be Afraid: Christians in Times of Trouble* (Faith and Life Resources).

**Song:** HWB 307 *Will you let me be your servant*

**Scripture reading:** 2 Kings 5:1-19 “Fun Bible Skit” 1, #8, (or, See reading with props in *Connect* p. 54).

**Sermon seeds:** (See *Connect* and *Youth* for additional inspiration.)

Refer to the Children’s time discussion about home remedies (i.e. rubbing a potato on a wart). God’s ways are different from ours. Perhaps that is the first thing we should acknowledge. God sees a bigger, perhaps deeper picture. We see through a glass darkly. Some people, even today, are miraculously healed – physically and/or emotionally. The key is, can we humbly accept God’s desired way and time of healing? Note how each of the characters in the story had to be humble. (See Psalm 25:9 and 2 Chronicles 7:14)

We need to first recognize our need to be healed. Sometimes, as it almost did for Naaman, anger and pride can block healing. There is some healing care that money and ideal conditions cannot provide.

## RESPONDING TO GOD

**Song of response:** HWB 504 *Have thine own way*

**Prayers of the people**

## SENDING

**Song:** SS 95 *Jesus has done so much for me*

**Benediction:**

Leader: God is good all the time.

People: **All the time, God is good.**

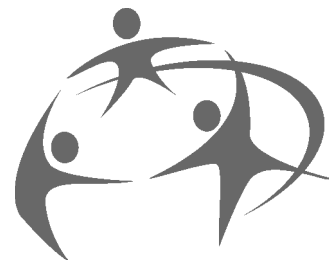
Leader: All the time, God is good.

People: **God is good all the time.**

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Session Seven

# Jonah: Part 1



**Text:** Jonah 1 and 2

**Focus statement:** God finds us.

**Visuals:** GPS, map, large flashlight, “Where’s Waldo” poster or 3D hidden picture

## GATHERING

**Welcome**