

# Adventures with GOD!

## OBEY GOD (A.2.Winter.5)

Biblical Reference	2 Kings 5:1-16
Key Verse	Acts 5:29
Key Concept	God wants me to obey.
Educational Objectives	At the end of the class today, the children will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Explain why we obey God</li><li>2. Tell what happens when we don't obey God</li><li>3. Mention three people that God uses to help us obey</li></ol>

### Life Application

God desires our obedience and our love. Children can learn about the importance of obedience, as well as what happens as the result of disobedience. God wants us to obey because God loves us and wants the best for us. That's how it was with Naaman. He was healed as he obeyed God. What would have happened if he didn't obey? Today's lesson focuses again on obedience to God, to our parents, our teachers, our pastors, etc.

### Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
Opening prayer	Candle	1 minute
Game		10 minutes
Introduction	Illustrations	5 minutes
Bible exploration	Bible, illustrations	10 minutes
Craft	Paper, ink, crayons, water, paper towels	10 minutes
Snack		10 minutes
Closing prayer	Candle	1 minute

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## INSTRUCTIONS

*Note: Obedience is an important theme. It's important to review what they've already learned and talked about the previous week. Repetition is important for small children.*

**Opening Prayer:** Gather children around a candle and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them, palms up, as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today. Light the candle.

**Prayer:** "God we light this candle remembering: you made light, you made us, and you are with us now. Amen." (For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer.)

**Game:** To begin, play the game "Simon Says.". Remember "Simon" will sometimes say "Simon says touch your nose" or "Simon says jump 3 times." Sometimes "Simon" will say "Open your mouth" without first saying "Simon says." The children shouldn't do what "Simon" says unless he/she says "Simon says" first. If they learn it quickly, choose one of the children to be the leader

**Introduction:** Ask them if they remember the story from last week. If you have illustrations show them and walk through the story with them. Spend time relating the story to the game. Many times God is giving us directions for how to live, but we have to decide if we will obey or not.

**Bible exploration:** Read the story of Naaman (2 Kings 5:1-11, 13-16) in preparation for the class so that you can narrate it in your own words. You can use the figures provided in the lesson (it would be good to cut them out of cardboard). As you tell the story, move the figures. Put a piece of green cloth, fabric, or felt on the ground to be grass; also have a blue piece of fabric/felt, that will serve as the water. Find a way to make a base for the figures so they can stand on their own.

Allow the children to touch and move the illustrations. Allow them to tell the story using the figures after you have. Here is a summary of the story that you can tell:

"There was a man named Naaman, chief of the army, who suffered from a skin disease. Naaman tried many ways, he went to many doctors to cure his disease, but nothing worked. So, he went to visit the prophet Elisha and he told him that he should go and wash himself 7 times in the Jordan River and then the disease would be gone. Naaman didn't like Elisha's answer, but his servants convinced him to do what Elisha had said. So he obeyed and went to the Jordan

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River like Elisha told him and his body was healed of the disease. Naaman was very happy. He recognized that God was big and powerful and was very thankful.”

What would have happened if Naaman wouldn't have obeyed? Do you think he would have been cured? We always need to remember that obeying God is very important. God wants good things for our lives.

**Craft:** With the pattern of footprints used in the first lesson of this trimester, make a smaller version of footprints (at least 3 footprints per child). Have the foot prints cut out ahead of time and give them to the children. Also give them a piece of paper that has a river on it and have them glue the footprints walking towards the river. Write the Bible verse on the illustration for them.

Another possible craft is to give them a copy of the illustration found in this lesson so they color the path to the Jordan River.

**Snack:** Sing some songs that you sang last week. Serve a snack and pray thanking God for his love.

**Closing Prayer:** Gather children around the candle again. Light the candle.

**Prayer:** Thank you God for making us, Thank you God for making the world. Amen

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## ILLUSTRATION

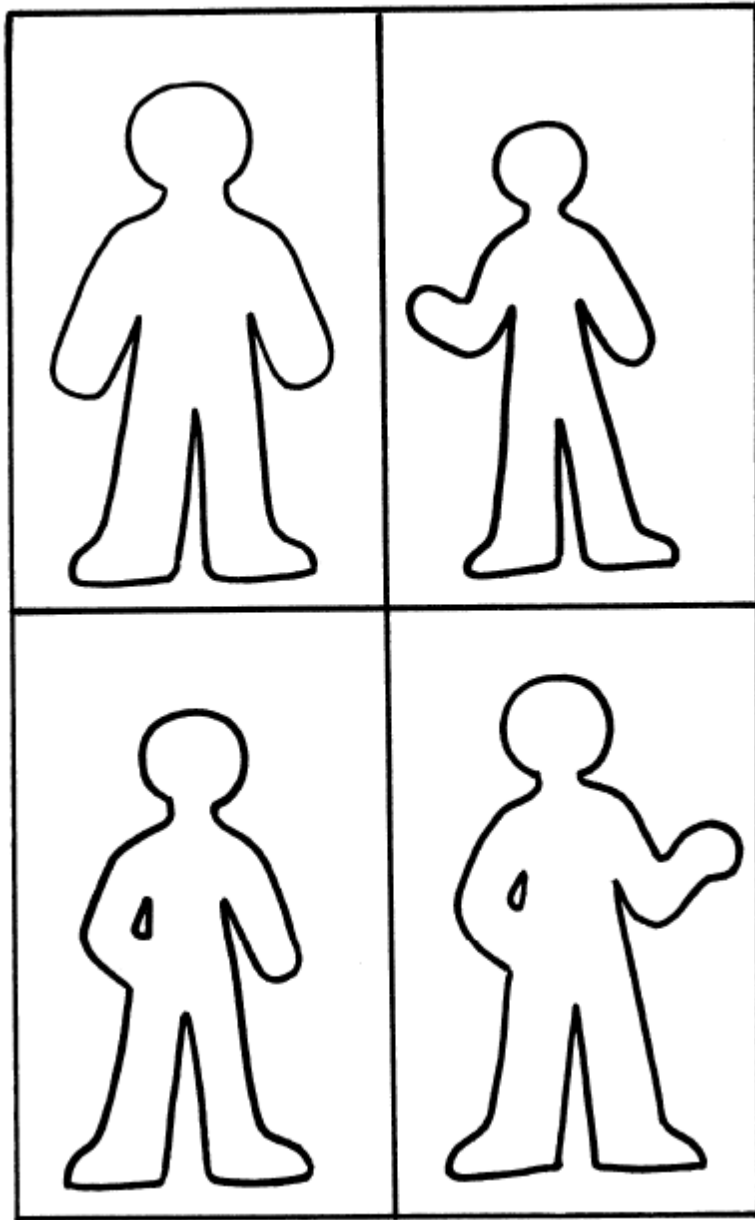
Naaman in the Jordan River



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## FIGURES

For the story



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