

Skit for Whole Group

Elisha and Naaman

Checklist

- ☐ bottle of skin wound ointment
- ☐ red dot stickers
- ☐ broom
- ☐ apron
- ☐ large blue blanket or tablecloth
- ☐ toy money

Story:	Elisha & Naaman	
Focus:	God wants us to come to Him with humble hearts.	
Object:	bottle of skin wound ointment	
Intro:	Have you ever had a cut that turned into a scab? Did you feel tempted to pick at it? Was the skin rough and bumpy? If you had it on your knee or elbow, did it hurt whenever you bent it? You may have had a couple scabs at a time. Can you imagine if you had scabs all over your entire body? Can you imagine how much it would hurt to move if you had lots of places that were stiff and rough? Today, we will learn about a man who was covered in scabs that wouldn't go away.	
Skit (All Ages)		
Volunteers:	Elisha, Naaman, servant girl, second adult/older child to help hold up blue cloth	
Naaman hands broom and apron to servant girl	Sometimes Israel's neighbors, the Assyrians, would come by and pick on the Israelites. They made many Israelites work for them for free. One young Israelite girl who was forced to work did chores for the wife of an Assyrian general, Naaman.	
	But the little Israelite girl didn't try to be mean back to Naaman and his wife. She looked out for ways to help them, instead.	
Put red dot stickers onto Naaman	Naaman had a very bad skin problem called leprosy. It made his skin yucky all over.	
girl points to Elisha	The little girl told Naaman to go see Elisha, God's prophet.	
Naaman walks to Elisha	Naaman didn't believe in God, but he went to Elisha anyway to ask if he could heal him.	
Naaman offers money to Elisha	When Naaman prayed to his statues for something he wanted, he would have to pay the priest lots of money or do something really hard to earn it.	
Elisha shakes head	But Elisha didn't ask him for money or to do any kind of ridiculous actions. He said God's gifts are free! The only thing Naaman had to do was show he believed in God's power by washing in the Jordan River seven times.	
Naaman stomps feet	Naaman was angry. He thought that was a silly cure. Did Elisha think he hadn't tried washing his skin yet? He expected Elisha to make a big spectacle of curing him with a long, loud prayer and a big show. He started to go home.	
servant girl points to Elisha	But his servant told him to listen to Elisha. What did he have to lose by trying it out?	
hold up blue cloth	Naaman dipped in the Jordan River seven times.	
take a spot off each time he dips	When he got out, he was cured!	
Naaman kneels and prays	Naaman realized God really does control everything. He put his trust in God and stopped worshiping statues. God had healed his skin, and his heart.	
gentleness	Sometimes we think we can earn God's love if we are good enough, but God wants us to come to Him with humble hearts. Just like Naaman's yucky skin, our hearts are hard and yucky before we let Jesus in. Only God can give us gentle hearts.	



Preschool

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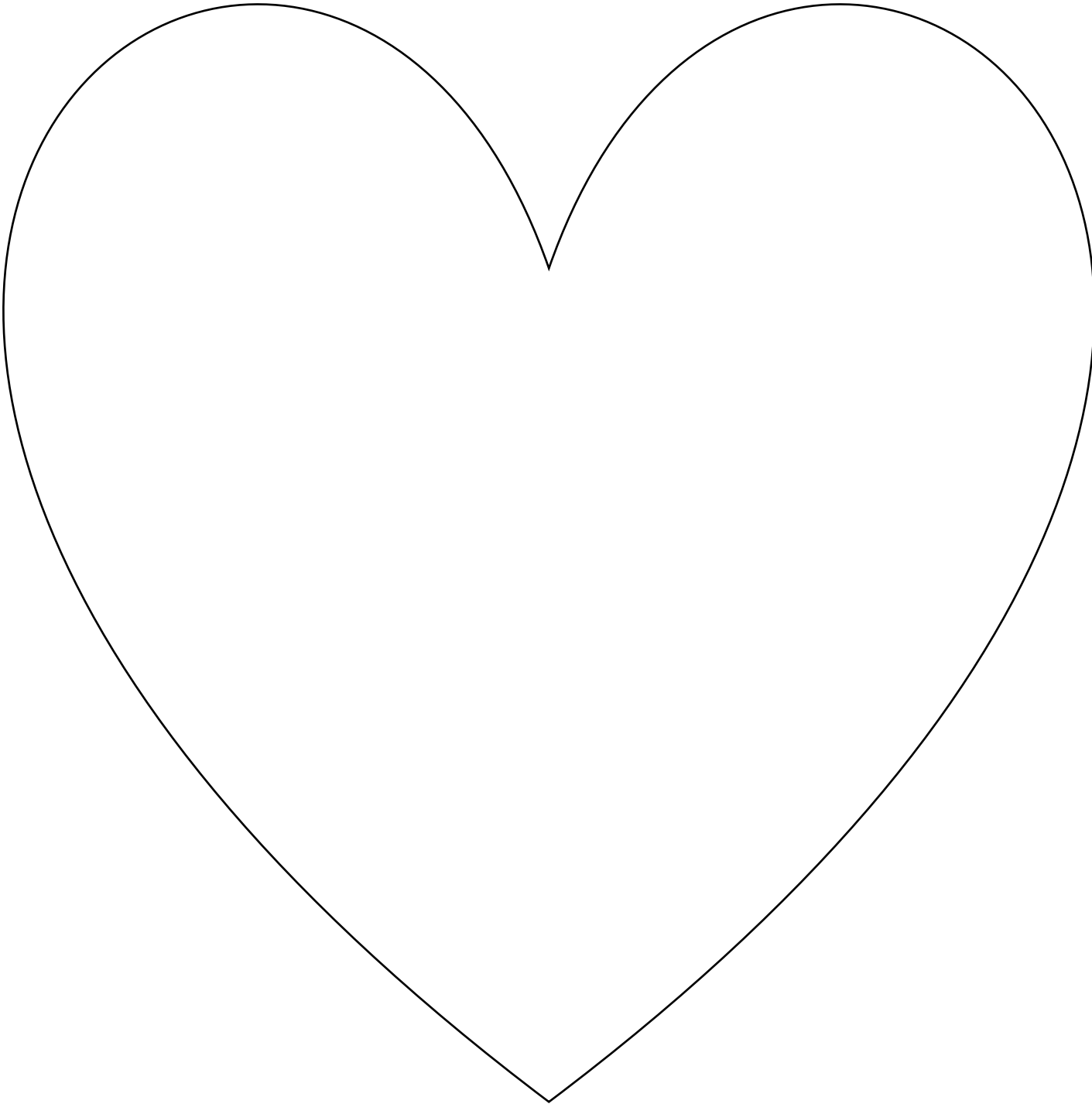
☐ modeling dough

☐ crayons

☐ cotton balls

Naaman

Name: _____



God can give me a soft heart.

Coloring Page:

Put glue inside the heart and give children cotton balls to put on it.

Talk about how soft the heart feels. God wants us to have soft hearts.

Modeling dough:

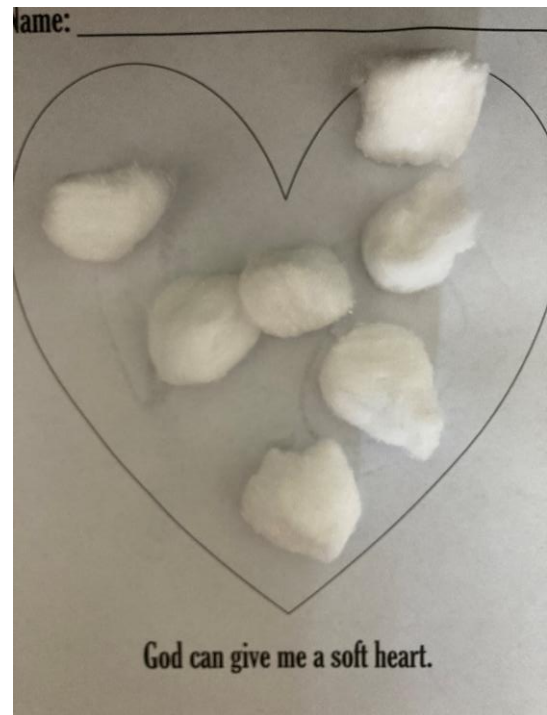
Encourage children to make spots to stick on their skin. Pretend they are dipping into the Jordan River and take the spots off.

Game:

Go around the room finding objects and asking children if they are hard or soft. What happens if we fall on each of these objects? (they cushion our fall if they are soft, they hurt if they are hard) Ask them what kind of heart God wants us to have, hard or soft? Remind them they can ask God to give them soft hearts.

Song:

Naaman's Spots (London Bridge)



Naaman's Spots

(to the tune of London Bridge)

Naaman's spots are falling off,
falling off, falling off.

Naaman's spots are falling off,
In the Jordan River!

