

### Elisha and Naaman

Elisha sometimes helped Israel's enemies. This showed that the LORD was not just the God of the Israelites, but that He is God of the whole earth. In this chapter Naaman learns about the true God.

✎ Write true or false. Correct each false statement on the lines after the sentence.

#### 2 Kings 5:1-16

true 7. Naaman was captain of the Syrian army. \_\_\_\_\_

true 8. Naaman's wife had a maid from Israel who said that the prophet in Samaria could heal Naaman. \_\_\_\_\_

The king of Syria did not know where to find the prophet, so he sent Naaman to the king of Israel. When Naaman arrived with his strange request for healing, the king of Israel thought that the king of Syria was trying to find an excuse to fight against him. Elisha told the king to send Naaman to him.

true 9. At first Naaman was too proud to obey Elisha's instructions. \_\_\_\_\_

false 10. Naaman's servants suggested that he wash in the rivers of Damascus. *Naaman's servants suggested that he wash in the Jordan as Elisha had told him to do.* \_\_\_\_\_

false 11. Naaman paid Elisha for healing him. *Naaman did not pay Elisha for healing him. (Elisha refused payment for healing Naaman.)* \_\_\_\_\_

true 12. Because Gehazi coveted and took Naaman's goods, he and his descendants were smitten with leprosy (2 Kings 5:20-27). \_\_\_\_\_

### Elisha and the Syrians

Elisha did not always help the Syrians. On several occasions he revealed their secret plans to the king of Israel.

✎ Number these events in the order they happened.

#### 2 Kings 6:8-17

13. 4 Elisha's servant is afraid.
- 2 The king of Syria sends his army to capture Elisha.
- 1 Elisha reveals the Syrians' plans.
- 3 The Syrians surround the city of Dothan.
- 5 The LORD lets Elisha's servant see the heavenly host.

*In the rewritten sentences for numbers 7-12, the corrections are in italics. The pupil's sentences may vary somewhat.*

### In This Lesson

**Scope:** 2 Kings 3; 5; 6:8-7:20; 13:14-19

#### Main Events

- The kings of Israel, Judah, and Edom fight against Moab. Elisha gives the kings of Israel and Judah direction, and God provides water for them.
- Naaman comes to Elisha to be cured of his leprosy. Gehazi becomes covetous of Naaman's goods and is smitten with Naaman's disease.
- The Syrians try to capture Elisha, but they are blinded.

- The Syrians lay siege to Samaria. God miraculously delivers the city.
- Elisha prophesies the future of Jehoash.

#### Objectives

- The students should know
  - the stories about Elisha mentioned in "Main Events" above.
  - some lessons that we can learn from the lives of Elijah and Elisha. (See Part C.)