



# Bible Character Study



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We suggest that you print pages 2 - 5 and distribute them to your students.



Topic:

A young slave girl – an example of loving your enemies



Read the Bible References: The Bible references can be read by different children if possible. Or the teacher can read them.



Goals of Lesson:

- To encourage students to love everyone – even those who they consider to be enemies.



Lesson Takeaway:

Loving your enemies can be difficult, but by the grace of God, you can love everyone – even those you feel are your enemies.



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Bible References:

2 Kings 5:2 – 5, 14.



Who was the young slave girl?

The bible did not tell us the name of the young girl but referred to her as “a young girl from the land of Israel (2 Kings 5:2). The Syrians went to the land of Israel to fight, and it was there, that the young girl was captured or taken as a slave along with other people. The Syrians brought her back and she served the wife of a man named Naaman.



What did the young slave girl do?

The King of Syria had an army of soldiers. Naaman was the commander and in charge of that army. He was a great man, but he was also a leper meaning he had painful sores all over his body.

The young slave girl served Naaman’s wife, probably helping her out with different chores in the house such as cleaning, cooking, sweeping, doing the dishes, laundry etc. She did not have all the machines we have today that make our work easier while doing these chores like oven, dishwasher, clothes dryer, vacuum cleaner, or microwave. She must have worked very hard.

One day, she said to Naaman’s wife, “If only my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! For he would heal him of his leprosy” (2 Kings 5:3).

Now, let’s carefully look at this verse and draw out some useful points from it.

The first point is that the young slave girl was aware of the leprous condition of Naaman and had compassion on him. She knew about his leprosy and was concerned.



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## What did the young slave girl do? - Continued

The second point is she had an offer of hope to give Naaman and she was willing to share that hope. This offer later led to Naaman's healing.

Note that she was a slave, and was taken forcefully, against her wish from the land of Israel. This alone was enough reason to hate Naaman and his family and the Syrian soldiers. Yet, she showed love and was willing to be a source of blessing to Naaman.

In addition, she was young but very bold.

Lastly, she had faith in the God of the prophet in Samaria. She was certain that Naaman would be healed if only he went to see the prophet in Samaria.

Later in 2 Kings 5:14, we read that, "... he [Naaman] went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean". Wow! This amazing young slave girl became a blessing to Naaman and his family.



## What can we learn from the young slave girl?

The young slave girl was aware of the needs of the people around her. Look around you – at home, school, church, park or anywhere you are – can you see the need of anyone? Perhaps, someone is sad and needs a hug; someone might be shy but is looking for someone to talk to; or there might be a new student in your class that needs a friend to make him/her feel comfortable. If you look and listen to those around you, you will find someone that needs something that you can give to them.

The young slave girl gave Naaman an offer of hope for his leprosy. As a follower and friend of Jesus, you have the hope of eternal life, that one day, Jesus will come and take his friends home to live with Him forever and ever. And while you are waiting for Jesus to come, you have words of hope from the bible that you can share with people.



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If someone is sick, you can pray for them. If they are feeling scared or lonely, you can tell them that God is always with them. If they are worried about not having enough things, you can remind them that God made them, and He will always care for them.

Even though the young girl was a slave and far away from home, she showed love. Wherever you find yourself, you can show the love of Jesus to those around you.

Also, you may be young, but can be very bold! You can be a blessing to your parents, siblings, teachers, and other people you meet. You are not too young to trust in God and have faith in Him. You are not too young to share your faith in God with your friends, families, and other people. With Jesus by your side, you have nothing to worry about.



### Memorize:

Luke 6:27 - "But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you".



### Scenario review:

One morning, you were passing through a narrow path to your school. You heard a faint sound and turned to look at where the sound was coming from. There on the floor was Richard struggling to get up from his bike. He appeared to have had an accident and he was in a great pain. As you looked at him, you remember him landing a heavy slap across your face some weeks ago with your friends laughing at you. He was suspended from school for a short time. But Richard is still a bully and would pick on anybody for no reason. Now, he is lying on the floor looking helpless. What will you do? Why did you make that choice?





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 **Remember:** Loving your enemies can be difficult, but by the grace of God, you can love everyone – even those you feel are your enemies.

 **Let us pray:** Dear God, this is such a difficult thing to do – to love my enemies. But I know with your help and grace, I can do this. Please fill my heart with your love that I will be able to do what pleases you even when it is difficult. I ask this in Jesus' name, amen!



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