



JUMP JUMP | WEEK 3 | MAY 15-16, 2021

4s-5s Lesson

Naaman

Bible Story: *I can go God's way even when it's hard.* Naaman • *2 Kings 5:1-14*

Memory Verse: "God's way is perfect." 2 Samuel 22:31, NIV

Key Question: Whose way is perfect?

Bottom Line: God's way is perfect.

Basic Truth: I am loved by God no matter what so I can trust God to guide me.

**KID CONNECT:
30 MINUTES**

**LARGE GROUP:
15 MINUTES**

**SMALL GROUP:
15 MINUTES**

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Have you ever thought about how many decisions you make in a day? According to some reports, the average adult makes up to 35,000 choices per day. Wow! Some choices are easy—wearing the red shirt or eating the apple instead of the banana. Then, there are the not so easy decisions. What do we do when the decision is hard and we are struggling to know which way to go? We believe the first step to making wise choices is trusting that God's way is perfect. Our prayer is that we can help make many of the 35,000 choices a day our preschoolers will be making one day a whole lot easier. They will know to jump, jump and go God's way, because God's way is perfect!

Story Focus: I can go God's way even when it's hard. A man named Naaman will show us what it looks like to have to make a hard decision. You see, Naaman thought things would happen one way, but God had a different way. Fortunately for Naaman, he chose to go God's way even though it was hard. We want our preschoolers to know they can go God's way when it's hard, too, because God's way is perfect.

KID CONNECT

WELCOME TIME

(VIDEO: ARRIVAL MUSIC)

Play intro music in the background as you greet preschoolers and follow the KidCity check-in procedures. Set out a few favorite theme-related toys, such as puzzles and blocks.

OPENING ACTIVITY

(“Man” Activity Page, Plastic Sheet Protector, Dry Erase Markers, Paper Towels)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Man” on cardstock, one per small group. Place it in the sheet protector face-up.

During the Activity: Place the page on a table or floor in the activity area. Give the children the markers and ask them to draw dots all over the man.

After the Activity: When the man is covered in dots, erase them with the paper towel and repeat as desired.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Today in our Bible story, we’ll hear about a man who was covered in dots!”

During the Activity: *(Point to the man.)* “Let’s make dots all over this man with our markers. *(Do activity.)* Great job! Look at all of the dots! Let’s make them disappear and do it again!” *(Finish activity.)*

After the Activity: “That was so much fun! We made dots then made them disappear. I can’t wait to find out if the man in our Bible story had his dots disappear, too!”

Transition to Large Group...

LARGE GROUP

COUNTDOWN

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN)

Show the countdown video as the children clean up and transition to Large Group.

SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS

(CG: EXPECTATION SLIDE; BASIC TRUTHS SLIDE; BIBLE)

LGL: “Hello my friends! How are you today? Come sit with me. I am so glad to see you here. I love being here with you!”

“Here in KidCity we have three rules. How many rules do we have? *(kids respond)* That’s right! Three rules. Let’s go over our rules now. (List rules while counting on fingers)

1. **Be kind.** We can be kind by using our speaking voices, by staying on our blankets (or whatever space you have), and by obeying our leaders’ directions.
2. **Be safe.** We can be safe by walking around the classroom and keeping our hands to ourselves.
3. **Have fun!** We are going to have SO much fun, and that’s because you are here!

“Can everybody follow those rules today? *(kids respond)* Great! KidCity is a place where we learn about God and Jesus! And there are three big truths that we want you to know. Let’s say them all together! Are you ready?

1. **I am made by God.** What is it? *(kids repeat)*
2. **I am loved by God no matter what.** What is it? *(kids repeat)*
3. **I am made for a purpose!** What is it? *(kids repeat)*

LGL holds up Bible in front of him/her.

LGL: “Do you know what this is? *It’s a Bible!* *(hugging the Bible)* Oh, I love the Bible! It’s so special. The Bible is God’s Big Story, and it tells us all about God! We are going to hear a true story from the Bible today.”

WORSHIP

(VIDEO: PERFECT, HE IS AMAZING)

Sing the worship songs together.

INTRO SKETCH

(No Supplies)

“Hey, everyone. Or should I say, ‘Ribbit, ribbit!’ I’m [your name], and I’m not really a frog! I was just pretending to be one. You see, there are all these big puddles around my house, and I just couldn’t resist jumping in them like a frog. I mean, what are puddles for but jumping, right?”

“I had the BEST time. The problem is, those puddles were pretty muddy. Okay, they were REALLY muddy. And my boots got super muddy, too.

“Now I have to clean them up myself. And it’s going to be really, really hard. I’m not sure I’ll ever get all of the mud off. I know it’s the right thing to do – to clean up my boots – but it’s too hard!

“Our story today is about a man named Naaman [Neigh-man], and I know that God asked him to do something that would be hard. I wonder what his response was? Let’s watch our story and find out.”

WATCH THE BIBLE STORY

(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY, BOTTOM LINE)

“Wow! Naaman had to do something really hard. But when he followed God’s way, God made him all better. It was hard, but Naaman did it! And we can, too! We can go God’s way, even when it’s hard. Why? Because *[Bottom Line]* God’s way is perfect. Whose way is perfect? *[Bottom Line]* God’s way is perfect.”

WRAP UP AND BASIC TRUTH

(CG: BASIC TRUTH SLIDE, BOTTOM LINE)

“You know what we can remember when God asks us to do hard things? We can remember our Basic Truth *[Basic Truth]* **I am loved by God no matter what so I can trust God to guide me.** Even if we may not like what God tells us to do, we should still do it because we trust that God loves us and has a perfect plan for our lives.”

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

(CG: MEMORY VERSE)

“Let’s say our memory verse together. I will say it first and then you will say it with me.

*‘God’s way (point up)
is perfect,’ (two thumbs up)
2 Samuel 22:31.” (Open hands like a book.)*

Say it once while doing the motions and then invite the kids to do it with you.

PRAY AND TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

SMALL GROUP

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Key Question: Whose way is perfect?

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TWO SIDES OF NAAMAN

(**"Naaman" and "Naaman Parent Note" Activity Pages, Glue Sticks, Smoothie Straws, Red Dot Markers**)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Naaman" on cardstock and cut apart, one per child. Fold each "Naaman" in half. Copy "Naaman Parent Note" on cardstock and cut apart, one per child. Write child's name on their paper.

During the Activity: Encourage children to dot marker only one Naaman. Have them rub glue all over the backside of the picture. Sandwich the straw in between and fold and seal the sides. Demonstrate how to make Naaman work.

After the Activity: Review the Bible story using the Naaman craft. Send it home with the "Naaman Parent Note."

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Hello, friends! Come to the table and sit with me."

During the Activity: "Today, we heard about a man named Naaman. (*Hold up the folded Naaman.*) Naaman was a really important man in charge of a big army. He did things his own way. One day, he got sick. He had lots of spots all over his skin that hurt really bad. Put spots on this Naaman with your markers. (*Pause.*) Good job. Now, open your paper and flip it over. (*Pause.*) Rub the glue all over. (*Pause.*) Put the straw in and fold your paper back together. (*Pause.*) Press the edges down. (*Pause.*) Nice job!"

"Now, there was no medicine to help the spots. So Naaman went to a friend of God's for help. Naaman was told to go to river and wash himself seven times. SEVEN times! Naaman was mad because he thought he would be better right away. Washing in the river seven times sounded really hard, but sometimes God's way is hard. So Naaman went into the river and washed himself seven times. And when he was done, his spots were gone. Hold your straw in between your hands like this. (*Demonstrate.*) Now rub your hands back and forth. Naaman has spots, and now he doesn't."

After the Activity: "Sometimes following God's way will be hard, but we have to remember that God's way is perfect. **Whose way is perfect? [Bottom Line] God's way is perfect.**"

JUMP IN! (Blue Bed Sheet)

What You Do:

During the Activity: Spread the blue bedsheet out on the floor. Gather the children around the sheet. Direct the children to jump in the “water” seven times as you review the Bible story.

After the Activity: Talk about how Naaman trusted God’s plan and did what He said, even though it was hard.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Hi, friends! We heard a story about how Naaman trusted God’s plan, even when it was hard. Come stand around this sheet and we’ll pretend it’s water. Let’s talk about Naaman.”

During the Activity: “In our Bible story, Naaman was sick. He had boo-boos all over his skin. He asked a man who loved God if God would help make his boo-boos better. The man told Naaman that God would help him. All he had to do was dip in the water seven times.

“Naaman thought the man would just make him better without him having to do anything. What if he dipped in the water and nothing happened? What if people laughed at him? This was going to be hard.

“Naaman decided to JUMP, JUMP, and go God’s way. Let’s pretend we are Naaman, and this is water. Let’s jump in this water seven times. Ready? (*Jump in and out each time you count.*) ONE! TWO! THREE! FOUR! FIVE! SIX! SEVEN!

“Naaman went God’s way, and God made his boo-boos all better! Yay! It may be hard sometimes, but **[Bottom Line] God’s way is perfect**, all of the time!”

After the Activity: “Naaman was so glad he trusted that **[Bottom Line] God’s way is perfect. Whose way is perfect? [Bottom Line] God’s way is perfect!**”

MEMORY VERSE WITH MOTIONS (Memory Verse Motions Poster – 1 per group)

Say the memory verse using motions from the Memory Verse Motions poster. Repeat several times and encourage children for trying.

“*God’s way (point up)
is perfect, (two thumbs up)
2 Samuel 22:31.*” (*Open hands like a book.*)

PRAYER

“Let’s pray together. *(Have kids “put both hands up in the air, clap them together once [keep hands clasped], and then lower them down to their lap”)*

“Dear God, we want to JUMP, JUMP, and go Your way, but sometimes it’s hard. Please help us to follow you even when it’s hard. We know Your way is perfect, and it is always best to JUMP, JUMP, and go Your way. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

(First Look Placemats - 1 per child)

Hand out placemats to parents as they arrive. Encourage parents/influencers to review the Preschool lesson with their child this week.