

# I CAN SERVE OTHERS

## Connect

Think of something you can do to serve your parents or your guardians. It can be offering to do a house chore that they normally do (like washing dishes, sweeping the floor, etc). Or it can be giving them a treat like giving them a massage or cooking for them. Feel free to do anything you can think of but it must be something that is for them.

This is an example of serving. It is when you do something for another person. Our story today is about a young servant who did something for her master.

## Read the Word

### 2 Kings 5

*1 Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. 2 Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. 3 She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."*

*9 So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. 10 And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." 11 But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. 12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. 13 But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean?'" 14 So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.*

Naaman, the powerful Syrian commander was sick. His Jewish servant girl gave her advice and after following what she said, he was healed. Her compassionate heart was key in her master's healing.

You see, the servant girl was mentioned only in a couple of verses but God used her to serve her master in a mighty way. She became God's instrument to let the Syrian commander know Him. Serving others well is a way of sharing the gospel with others. When people know we truly care for them, it allows them to see God's love for them.



**Parent to Kid/s:**  
**2-6 years old**

- What are some things you can do for others?

**7-12 years old**

- How have you served the people around you? Does it come easily for you? Or do you have to give extra effort in doing it?

**Kid/s to Parent:**

- Share about a time when you had to sacrificially serve someone. What did it require of you?

Serving does not come easily for everyone. But we do it nonetheless because God commands us to do so. We do it so that through us, others can experience God's love and know Him. As we serve and meet their needs, we can trust that God will meet the needs of their hearts.



Dear God,

Thank You because Jesus came to serve us and meet our biggest need. Please teach us to serve others excellently so that through us, they may know You! In Jesus' name,

Amen.



This is the unlikelihood of the powerful commander of an army listening to the advice a servant girl:

- She was a foreigner, an enemy, taken captive during a war.
- She was very young, probably with not much experience in life. There are most likely other older, more seasoned servants in the household.
- She was a girl and in those times, girls were not listened to very much.

With all these stacked against her, why would the commander of a powerful army listen to her? Yet, he did! We can't really say why but probably her great and loyal service is a big factor.

No matter how old or young we are, whether male or female, our abilities, we can share the gospel and show others how much God loves them. Let's always be ready!