

## WEEK 4 LESSON GUIDE



### BIG IDEA

God gives us more  
than we can imagine.

### BIBLE

**Elisha and Naaman:**  
2 Kings 5:1–14

## ABOUT THIS WEEK

Art class can help remind us we all create with the same types of materials—the only difference is our imagination! This week, we'll take a look at the story of when Naaman asked for Elisha's help to be healed of leprosy. Instead of getting a meeting with Elisha, Naaman was asked to dream big and do something creative to help him see that **God gives us more than we can imagine.**

## WELCOME TIME

### ACTIVITY | Elisha Says

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For this activity, have kids play a version of "Simon Says." Give out a variety of silly and simple commands (touch your nose, stick out your tongue, spin around, meow like a cat) preceded by the phrase "Elisha says." Anybody who does an action not accompanied by "Elisha Says" sits down temporarily. Once the numbers dwindle down, have everyone get back up and start again.
  - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Toddlers love to play anything that is silly. Funny hats, dropping a toy from your head, and even a silly dance will get the class giggling and engaged. Don't hesitate to smile and get silly every time you get together!
- **Was it easy to follow the commands?** In today's Bible story, God's prophet, Elisha, gave instructions to someone who didn't want to follow at first.

### ACTIVITY | Imagine A Trip

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For this activity, have kids seated in a circle. Invite kids to use their imaginations and name one thing they will bring on an imaginary trip. For an added challenge, see if kids can name what the person before them said so they have to remember all the items in sequence.
  - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Provide [picture cards](#) for toddlers to choose the things they like.
- God gave us the gift of imagination! Wasn't it fun to imagine what we might take on our make-believe trip?
- In today's Bible story, an army commander named Naaman travels a long way to ask for Elisha's help. What he gets is more than he imagined!

## STORY TIME

### SCRIPTURE | 2 Kings 5:1–14 (Elisha and Naaman)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Teach this Scripture passage by reading from a preschool-friendly Bible translation, Bible

storybook, or using the talking points provided below! To add to the theme, set up an easel or tape a piece of butcher paper on the wall. Draw stick-figure images with a bold marker as you teach the story.

- Welcome to the *Imagine That!* studio, where we get to imagine what it was like to be where the Bible stories took place! Let's see if we can paint a picture as we listen to what God wants to teach us today.
- Draw a man with spots all over his face and arms.
  - Our story begins with a man named Naaman. He was an army commander in a land called Aram. He was a brave and strong soldier.
  - However, he had a very painful disease called leprosy. It caused him a lot of pain, and there was no cure.
- Draw a girl with a light bulb next to her head.
  - There was a young girl in Naaman's household who had a great idea. She used to live in Israel. This was the same place God's prophet Elisha lived.
  - So Naaman heard that Elisha might be able to help him!
- Draw a king with a crown.
  - Naaman went to the king of Aram and told him what he heard. The king wanted Naaman to be well, so he wrote a letter to the king of Israel.
  - The king of Aram sent Naaman to Israel with the letter and many gifts like silver, gold, and clothing.
- Draw another king.
  - The king of Israel was shocked. He thought the king of Aram was playing a trick on him. There was no way Naaman could get healing from leprosy!
  - The king tore his robes. He didn't know what to do!
- Draw Elisha and wavy lines to represent a river.
  - When Elisha heard the king of Israel was so upset. He sent a message to the king to send Naaman to Elisha's house.
  - But when Naaman got there, Elisha didn't see him. Instead, Elisha sent a messenger to tell Naaman, "Go wash yourself seven times in the river, and you will be well!"
- Draw an angry face.
  - Naaman was not happy. He thought Elisha would meet him and do something big to help him with his disease. Instead, Elisha just sent a message! He could not imagine this would work!
  - But in the end, Naaman did what Elisha said. He washed himself in the river seven times.
  - **What do you think happened?**
- Draw Naaman happy and clean.
  - Naaman's leprosy went away. His skin became brand new.
  - Naaman now knew that Elisha worked for the one true God.
- Naaman saw that God was able to do way more than he could imagine. He never dreamed his leprosy could be completely cured. But just by following Elisha's orders, he experienced a big miracle from God. *Imagine that!*

## BIG IDEA | God gives us more than we can imagine.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** On a roll of large [white poster paper](#), use a white oil pastel or crayon to write the letter "I" so that it appears "invisible." Invite the kids to come around and paint over the white paper in watercolors. Lay out a tarp below the paper to catch drips. Once the letter is revealed, teach kids the Big Idea by having them repeat the words after you, along with the hand motions provided.
- **What Big Idea masterpiece awaits us today?** It starts with the letter I!
  - **What words start with the letter I?**
  - There's another word that starts with I ... imagine! That's a word in our Big Idea.
  - **God gives us** (Point up to the sky.)

- **more than** (Glide arms out in front of you, starting at chest and outward.)
- **we can imagine.** (Put index fingers on temples of the head.)

## VIDEO | *Imagine That!*, Episode 4

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's episode of [Cali's World](#).

## ACTIVITY | Erased In The Water

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For this activity, draw an outline of a person on a large dry-erase board using painter's tape. Then draw various spots using a red dry-erase marker. Have kids take turns squirting the board until all the spots are rinsed off. Make sure you set up a towel at the bottom of the board to catch the water. Alternatively, have kids use a cloth to erase one spot at a time. If possible, set up two boards and have teams race.
- Naaman washed himself in the river seven times, just like Elisha told him to. **What healed him—the water or God's power?** God did! When Naaman listened to Elisha, he showed faith in Elisha's God. God erased all of Naaman's leprosy away in the water.
- **God gives us more than we can imagine!**

## PRAYER

- Dear God, thank you for giving us more than we can imagine. We know you care about us and love us so much. Amen.

## SHARING TIME

## SNACK | Rainbow Mix

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For snack time, set up a food item from each color of the rainbow ([like this](#)). Provide fun [art-themed plates](#) for them to mix and match their snack however they'd like.
- ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Provide colorful cereal or puff snacks that might be easier to prepare for toddlers.
- **Who can name all the colors of the rainbow?**
- You can mix these colors together and get even more colors!
  - **What do you get when you mix blue and red?** Purple.
  - **What about red and white?** Pink.
  - **What about orange and black?** Brown.

## ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For Circle Time this month, have kids sit on [colorful spot markers](#) or make some out of construction paper or foam. You can also have them sit in "rainbow order" according to their shirt color. Pass around preschooler-safe art tools or toys ([like these](#)) as you review what you learned together.
- **Who was the man who needed healing for his leprosy?** Naaman.
- **Naaman's king sent a letter and lots of gifts so that Naaman could meet whom?** Elisha.
- **What message did Elisha send Naaman?** To wash in the river seven times.
- **What happened when he listened to Elisha?** He was healed!
- **Who gives us more than we can imagine?** God! God gives us more than we can imagine.

## ACTIVITY | Naaman In The River

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For this activity, provide the [printable](#) of Naaman for each kid. Have kids draw Os or Xs on Naaman's skin using blue crayons or markers. Afterward, cut out Naaman and place him inside a [blue](#)

[cellophane bag](#). The blue spots should disappear.

- When Naaman listened to Elisha, he was listening to God. God was ready to give Naaman the healing he needed. His story reminds us that **God gives us more than we can imagine.**

### MEMORY VERSE | Ephesians 2:10a (NIV)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Help kids learn this month's memory verse by setting the words and Scripture reference to the tune of "[This Is The Way](#)." You can also have kids repeat the verse after you in small chunks, say it using silly voices, or create simple hand motions for keywords.
- **"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works."**

## PLAY TIME

### ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Print and distribute [the coloring page](#) along with crayons or markers. You can review today's Bible story, Big Idea, and memory verse as the kids color.

### ACTIVITY | Imagination Art

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For [this activity](#), prepare a bunch of colorful pipe cleaners, large beads, and colanders. Invite kids to bead pipe cleaners and stick them through the holes on colanders to create works of art straight from their imaginations.
- ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Remove the beads for toddlers to prevent choking hazards. You could even poke the pipe cleaners in the colanders in advance and have toddlers enjoy pulling them out.

### ACTIVITY | Helpful Healers

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For this free play activity, set out pretend [doctor and hospital](#) play sets. You can get super [creative](#) with how you set up this station. Have kids take turns being doctors and patients. You could even provide a checklist ([like this one](#)) for kids to use.