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Unit 1, Session 2

CONNECTION POINT:

God promised to preserve His creation.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: Natural disasters plague our planet. Depending on where one lives, we can be fearful of the destruction that comes from events like hurricanes, tsunamis, drought, and monsoons. These events can be tragic, but in the aftermath, we can still rebuild and move forward. We may not understand the why behind such events, but we can trust God that He will not abandon His creation.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: 2 Kings 5:1-17

Live It Out: Review the Bible story. Say that God can do anything. Recall other stories in which God performed miracles such as Noah, crossing the Red Sea, and healing sick people.

Naaman was a commander in a king's army. He was a brave man, and many people followed him. Naaman had a skin disease.

A young girl who worked for Naaman's wife said to Naaman's wife, "If Naaman would go to Israel, the prophet Elisha would heal Naaman's skin disease."

So Naaman traveled to see Elisha. Elisha's messenger told Naaman, "Go wash in the river seven times. You will be healed from your disease."

Naaman was angry. He left angry that Elisha did not greet him and they had better rivers in his country. Naaman's helpers told him to do what the man said, because it was easy.

Naaman washed in the river seven times. When he came out, his sores were gone.

Naaman returned to Elisha and said, "Thank you. Now I know that God is the only God."

KIDS

Scripture: 1 Samuel 4:1-11; 5-6

Live It Out: Read Chronicles 20:6 together. Explain that God acts in all situations, and He knows what will happen. Explain that God's sovereignty helps us to be more faithful.

The Israelites fought the Philistines. The Philistines killed many Israelites. The Israelites did not talk to God about His direction. The Israelites took the ark of the covenant into battle.

The Philistines captured the ark and took it to a city put it in a temple. God punished the people in every place they put the ark. No other place would accept the ark, so they sent it back to Israel.

The Philistine leaders prepared an offering of gold to send with the ark. They built a cart and attached two new milk cows to carry the ark back to God's people.

The Israelites were excited to see the ark of the covenant. Some of the Israelites disobeyed God by looking inside the ark of the covenant. God punished the people for disobeying him. The Israelites prepared a place for the ark and appointed a helper to take care of it.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Genesis 9:1-13

- Why did God take sin so seriously that He sent the flood?
- Why do you think God called people to spread over the earth?
- How has God provided when you have sought Him?

Live It Out: God called people to exercise authority over the earth in a way that reflects His goodness. However, we didn't follow God's plan. We rebelled against Him and brought sin's curse upon His good creation. God was so grieved that He sent judgment in the form of a great flood. After the flood receded, God promised never to judge the earth in that way again.

When Noah and his family came out of the ark, they stepped into a world that was vastly different from the one they knew before. Is your student facing a new or challenging season and could use some support or encouragement? Consider ways you can help him or her adjust and face these new challenges.