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## THE GIRL WHO HAD NO NAME

This Sparkles is about a girl in the Bible without a name.

Well, she probably had a name, but we don't know what it was. A few short verses were written about her in 2 Kings 5:2-5.

All we know about her is that she served Naaman's wife. Naaman was a commander in the King of Aram's army and was a popular, respected man. But Naaman had a problem. He had leprosy. Leprosy was a serious skin disease that was very painful and embarrassing.

Naaman's wife's maid was a slave

from Israel. She was young and probably wanted to be liked by her masters so they would treat her well.

After the slave girl found out Naaman had leprosy, she told Naaman's wife that there was a prophet in her country of Israel that could help Naaman. When Naaman found out that he could possibly get rid of this awful disease, he was ready to do anything to find the prophet. Naaman asked the king's permission to leave and find the prophet Elisha.

Naaman's king (the King of Aram)

decided the King of Israel would be able to help Naaman better than he could. The king wrote the King of Israel a letter and sent Naaman with gold and clothing asking the King of Israel to cure Naaman of his leprosy. But when the King of Israel read the letter, he looked at Naaman and said, "Am I God? I can't cure you."

When Elisha, the prophet to Israel, heard that all of this happened, he sent a message to the King of Israel asking to see Naaman. When Naaman met Elisha, he told Naaman to go to the Jordan River

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and dunk his body seven times in order to be clean. Naaman walked away mad, hoping that God would just cure him immediately. But Naaman's servants encouraged him to go back and do what Elisha said. Finally, Naaman went and dunked himself in the river one time. When he came up out of the water, nothing had changed. So he did it again. Still not clean. He dunked himself three, four, five and six times. He still was the same.

Giving it one last shot, he dunked a seventh time, as he was told, and he came out completely healed!

God wanted to show His love to Naaman even though Naaman did bad things. Naaman took a young girl from her family and country so that his wife could have a slave. Even though Naaman did something bad, God used that girl to show Naaman that God loved him. God used something bad to teach him

something good! God does this often in the Bible and you have probably seen Him do it in your life too! Can you think of a time God did that? If you can remember a time God used something bad to teach you something good, share it with your family and Sparks leader.

God used a young slave girl to heal Naaman. Do you think God can use you? He can!

God uses people all the time. He uses powerful kings and young slave girls. He uses grown-ups and kids. He uses boys and girls. Have you seen God use you? Name some ways that you have been used by God. You can have a parent or leader help you. Write or draw your answers here.

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Draw a circle around the people who are showing God's love by being kind. Then find and color the hidden objects in the picture.



We can show God's love by being kind to people who need help.  
Our Bible says, "Be kind to one another." (See Ephesians 4:32.)

Find these other hidden objects in the picture:





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