

Family Devotion

Remember God Made All of Us



Take a Dip!

Ridiculous! How could Elisha give such silly instructions? Naaman asked God's prophet for healing. Instead, Elisha's servant told him to take a swim...in a dirty river! Read **2 Kings 5:1-19** to find out what God did.

Do this experiment to show how God washed away Naaman's leprosy.

1 Fill a bowl with water. Shake some pepper onto the water.







2 Wash, rinse, and dry your hands thoroughly. Stick one finger in the water. Do this six times. Nothing big here, huh?



3 Put a drop of liquid dish detergent on the tip of your finger and dip it into the water. What's happening to the pepper?

Maybe you didn't expect a difference when you put your finger in the water the last time, but there was a big difference. Naaman's stubborn heart almost caused him to miss out on God's healing. Whenever you see pepper on a table, remember how God wants us to have faith in him.

Since you have the dish detergent out, this would be a great time for your whole family to go to the kitchen to do the dishes, straighten up, and clean the tabletop. As you work, discuss these questions:

-  Cleaning things is hard work! How do you think God was able to clean Naaman of a disease like leprosy?
-  Where's the cleanest place you've ever been (besides your kitchen)?
-  Who kept that place clean? How hard do you think it was?
-  God asks us to have a clean heart. How can we do that?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Where else might your family clean together? Maybe in a city park, in your church parking lot, or in an elderly neighbor's yard? Think of a way to help someone else clean up, and then do it! As you work, ask God to help you remember that he created each person special, including everyone who will benefit from the work you do!