

## Collective Worship – FRIENDSHIP 5 (Trusting our Friends)

Welcome – As we light the candle we join together to worship God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit and to think about our value which is friendship.

### Introduction

Who is your best friend?

How much do you know about them?

Often best friends tell each other their secrets, their fears, their hopes because they trust each other.

My daughter Hannah has a best friend and her name is also Hannah. They are both staying with us at the moment as they aren't able to be at University. They have known each other since they were 2 years old and know lots of things about each other. They trust each other and know that they can rely on each other even when things get tough.

### Bible Story

The story this week tells us about a powerful soldier called Naaman and how he had to trust others to become healed from a nasty disease.

2 Kings 5:1-14 New International Version (NIV)

Naaman Healed of Leprosy

5 Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the Lord had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy. Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. "By all means, go," the king of Aram replied. "I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing. The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: "With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy."

As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!"

When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: "Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."

But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage.

Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed'!" So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

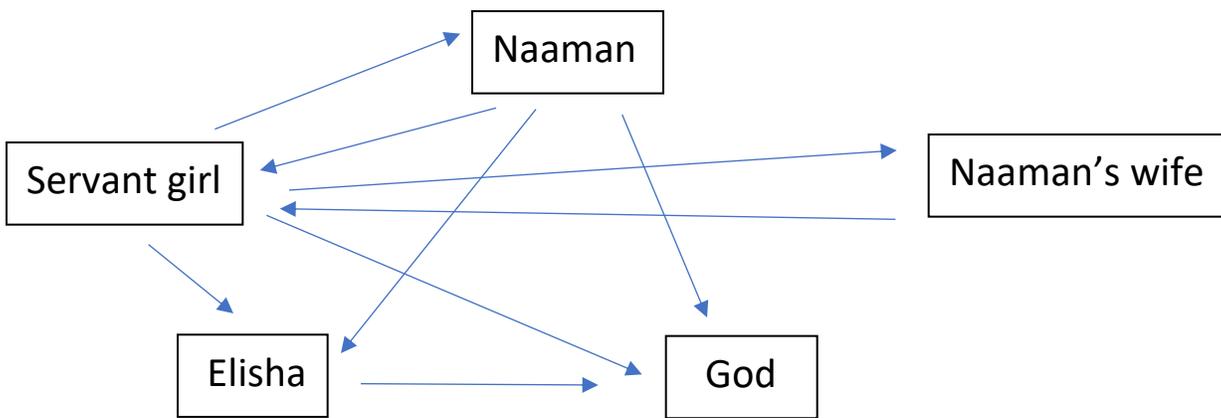
### Things to discuss –

Why was it hard for the servant girl to trust Naaman and his wife?

How did her trust in God help her?

Who else in the story had to put their trust in someone?

Trust web –



Prayer – Dear Lord, Help us to look for friends in unexpected places and situations and to help us to trust our friends and make us trustworthy too. Amen

### Follow Up Activities

- Try to make a list of other stories where people need to trust each other
- Make a paper chain people and draw on them people you trust



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