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## Small Stewards—Big Blessings

### Biblical Stewardship Lessons for and with Children

(You are invited to share this lesson with children in Sunday school openings, classroom devotions, children's worship messages, or other congregational settings. The lesson can also be used by the family. "Note to Family" provides home applications and explorations. May the example of small children provide big blessings as we grow as God's stewards.)

May text: 2 Kings 5:1-14

Many times we explore adult examples of stewardship of vocation--living and serving as God's servants in the contexts of our lives. Today's lesson introduces us to a little girl who serves God in her humble role. The servant girl in Naaman's household was not there voluntarily. In fact we could call her a slave.

The little girl had not left her faith and hope in the God of Israel in her homeland. She suggested to her leprosy infected master, "Would that my lord were with the prophet in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." (vs. 3) Ultimately Naaman met Prophet Elisha and experienced God's healing in the waters of the Jordan River.

We are blessed to be washed in the healing waters of Holy Baptism. God has cleansed us from the leprosy of sin. We have the privilege of living and sharing that baptismal grace. We share the message of God's healing in the contexts of our lives. In the vocation of worker, parent, neighbor, or friend, adults are witnesses to those who need relief from the burden of sin. Children too in their vocation as student, friend, child, grandchild, are privileged to share God's workings in their lives.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund celebrates the gift of children in the family and church. In addition to their verbal witness, children participate in sharing the Gospel as investors in Lutheran Church Extension Fund ministry which provides funds and services to bring Good News through churches and schools around the world. The LCEF Young Investors Club is a convenient means of being an investment partner.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank you for the example of a little servant girl. Thank you for bringing us to the healing waters of Holy Baptism. Give us the courage to be your witnesses in all the places where you bring us and to the people you bring into our lives. Amen.

### Small Stewards Bring Big Blessings Home—Notes to Family

Today's lesson notes the example of a little girl. In her vocation as a servant girl, God used her to cure an army general from the disease of leprosy. No matter what our age, God gives us the opportunity to tell others about His power and grace. What opportunities is God giving you as a student, friend, or neighbor to tell others about Him?

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