

Children's Time – February 12, 2012 (2 Kings 5:1-14)

Good morning. How are you doing today? Thanks for coming up to spend some time with me.

Do you make all the decisions in your house—in your apartment—wherever you live? Do you call the shots? In other words, do you get to say when your bedtime will be, when or if you'll be taking a bath, whether or not you'll be going to school—things like that? (Listen for answers)

Who makes the decisions then? (Listen for answers)

Do you ever feel powerless—helpless—weak—ignored—that you have no say as to what happens from day to day?

Why do you think that is? (Because you are young?)

Today's story isn't like that. In today's story, a young girl is the heroine. She speaks up to a great man—Naaman—commander of the army—and is listened to. He likes her idea so much that he takes it to the king—who in turn writes a letter of introduction to a second king. Naaman then takes a trip to find the prophet the little girl has mentioned. He's able to do that—and from there on in—everything works out just fine.

The POWERFUL people in the story—Naaman and the two kings—save the day by taking advice from the POWERLESS—by taking advice from the young girl.

Do you know what? This story tells us something. It tells us that God works through children—through children just like you.

So—my hope and prayer for you is that you'll remember that God works through you—NOW—not just when you're all grown up. So—if you think God's telling you something about what God wants done, I'd encourage you to speak up and share that with the older girls and the older boys in your lives. Deal?

Let's pray together...and I'd ask that you repeat after me.

Dear God,

We know the story of the young girl and we know you work through us too.
Please let us know when you want something done and we'll do our very best to
get the message out.

Amen.